

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON COUNTERING TERRORISM

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly established the Ad Hoc Committee on Countering Terrorism in July 2017 to strengthen the contribution of OSCE parliamentarians in addressing violent extremism and radicalization.

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Parliamentarians in Countering Terrorism

- **Act as enablers**, whereby they shape the national policy & legislative counter-terrorism frameworks and establish the mandate of security-related bodies.
- **Serve as controllers**, whereby they ensure that all counter-terrorism measures fully respect fundamental freedoms, including through the oversight of national counter-terrorism bodies.
- **Bridge diverging views** at all levels, whereby they promote constructive exchanges between civil society and state authorities, as well as inter-parliamentary dialogue and co-operation.



The Committee at Work

Short-Term Goals

- Consolidate its strategic partnership with the OSCE governmental structures.
- Determine the most pressing needs & gaps through visits, meetings and expert debates.
- Raise awareness about OSCE counter-terrorism efforts in parliaments and international fora.

Long-Term Goals

- Advocate for inclusive, effective and human rights-compliant counter-terrorism responses.
- Contribute to the timely implementation of the international counter-terrorism framework.
- Develop forward-looking policy guidance based on identified loopholes and new approaches.

Implemented Activities

- Conducted official visits and met with local stakeholders in Morocco, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, United States of America and France to determine the key challenges on the ground and identify promising practices.
- Contributed to international high-level and expert events - including parliamentary conferences in Lisbon, Madrid and St. Petersburg, OSCE-wide conferences in Vienna, Rome and Bratislava and regional events in Rabat, La Valletta, Tirana and Washington DC - to share lessons learned.
- Liaised with global and regional stakeholders to promote goal-oriented partnerships in the fight against terrorism and violent extremism (e.g. United Nations, the International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean)
- Held official sessions of the Committee in Andorra, Vienna (2), Berlin, Luxembourg and Marrakech to discuss policy trends and coordinate future actions.



Key Achievements

- Strengthened parliamentary engagement on counter-terrorism and identified several thematic areas where parliaments could add value.
- Improved co-ordination with the OSCE and built partnerships with other international stakeholders, including the United Nations and relevant Interparliamentary Assemblies.
- Developed innovative policy guidance on preventing and countering terrorism and violent extremism (2018 Berlin Resolution) and on addressing the threats stemming from the return & relocation of Foreign Terrorist Fighters (2019 Luxembourg Resolution).
- Promoted the full implementation of key obligations on border security and information sharing (i.e. API/PNR/Biometrics) stemming from UNSCR 2396 by building on the oversight power of national Parliaments.