

## AD HOC COMMITTEE ON MIGRATION

The Ad Hoc Committee on Migration was established at the 2016 Winter Meeting to act as the focal point for the OSCE PA's work in the field of migration. It currently consists of 18 parliamentarians from 15 countries spanning North America and Europe.



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1. Margareta Cederfelt (Sweden), **Acting Chair**
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17. Gwen Moore (United States of America)
18. Georgios Varemenos (Greece)

The Committee has been chaired since February 2020 by Vice-President Margareta Cederfelt (Sweden), succeeding Nahima Lanjri (Belgium) and Filippo Lombardi (Switzerland).

# THE COMMITTEE AT WORK

## Mandate of the Committee

- 🌀 **Serve as a focal point for the OSCE PA's work in the field of migration** in all three dimensions of the OSCE: political and security affairs; economic and environmental issues; and human rights and humanitarian questions; and report back to the President and the Standing Committee;
- 🌀 **Develop policy recommendations** aimed at enhancing OSCE work in the field of migration and at improving the treatment of, and prospects for, migrants in OSCE countries;
- 🌀 **Promote discussion** within the Assembly on issues related to migration, and promote parliamentary **exchanges of best practice** in these fields;
- 🌀 **Work closely with the OSCE Secretariat and Institutions as well as with relevant outside actors** on issues related to migration to promote understanding among the members of the Assembly.



## Implemented Activities

➤ **The Committee regularly undertakes field missions to countries impacted by migratory flows** to assess implementation of asylum and migration policies and conditions in reception facilities. Past visits include: France (May 2016), Italy (Sept. 2016 & Oct. 2017), Greece (May 2017), Turkey (May 2017), Belgium (Feb. 2018 & April 2019), Serbia (June 2018), Sweden and Denmark (Oct. 2018).

➤ The Committee also meets regularly with **key policy makers at the European and international level**, to engage in dialogue on migration and asylum policy and to identify areas where parliamentarians can make a difference.

➤ Committee members take an active part in OSCE PA statutory meetings, putting forth **recommendations for action** to ensure that the topic of migration remains high on the Assembly's agenda.

➤ **Enhanced co-operation and co-ordination within the OSCE as well as with other relevant international organizations, parliamentary assemblies and non-governmental organizations** through briefings and joint initiatives is also a key aspect of the Committee's work.

## Key Achievements



➤ **Ten field missions to frontline, transit and destination countries.**

➤ **Promoted the adoption of three resolutions including detailed recommendations on:**

- **“Effective Migration Governance based on Promoting Inclusive Societies and Dignified Returns” (2019);**
- **“Minors on the Move: The Role of the OSCE and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly in Building an Effective Protection Framework” (2018);**
- **“Ensuring a Coherent, Shared and Responsible Governance of Migration and Refugee Flows” (2017).**

➤ **Enhanced dialogue with the OSCE, other parliamentary assemblies (PACE, EP, IPU, PAM), European Commission, international organizations (UNHCR, IOM, ICRC) and non-governmental organizations.**