

Report of the OSCE Parliamentary Support Team for Ukraine (PSTU)

Winter Meeting 19-20 February 2026

Overall Framework

- Policy implementation: The PSTU continues to function as the Assembly's central coordination mechanism on Ukraine, guided by the Assembly's Declarations adopted since 2022.
- Chairing: It remains under the leadership of Chair Hodgson (United Kingdom), together with Co-Chairs Poturaiev (Ukraine) and Wilson (United States).
- Membership: It comprises 17 Members of Parliament, with Jacobsen (Norway) joining as the most recent member.
- Coordination: The PSTU maintains strong cooperation with the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine as its primary parliamentary counterpart, with the President, and with OSCE PA bodies, including the Bureau, the Standing Committee and relevant committees, as well as with the OSCE Secretariat, Ambassador Mareš, the Support Program for Ukraine, the OSCE Office of the Secretary General and the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre, alongside broader engagement with other international and national organisations, including the United Nations.

Key Activities (2025)

- February: Conducted a visit to Ukraine by President Emerita Kauma, members of the Bureau, the PSTU and Secretary General Montella. Held a joint Bureau / PSTU Meeting in Kyiv, marking the first meeting of an international organization in Ukraine since February 2022.
- April: Undertook a visit to Ukraine by Special Rapporteur Raidma, focusing on recovery, reintegration and resilience including at the grassroots levels.

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- October: Led a high-level visit to Ukraine by President Pons with participation of the Special Representative on Youth, Tacer, and Secretary General Montella). Programme included inter-alia a meeting with President Zelensky. President Pons also addressed the Verkhovna Rada.
- October: President Pons appointed Hodgson as Chair of the PSTU.
- November: President Pons and Chair Hodgson participated in the Fourth Parliamentary Summit of the International Crimea Platform.
- November: With the Election Department, held an event on electoral preparedness (co-organized with the ODIHR) at the margins of the Autumn Meeting in Istanbul. Discussions covered legal and institutional readiness, security, voter registration, participation of IDPs and citizens abroad, hybrid threats, disinformation, and international observation. Emphasis was placed on early planning, political consensus and coordination with partners.
- November: Joined the International Coalition for the Return of Ukrainian Children. President Pons appointed Ödebrink as Special Envoy, who represented the Assembly at several international events.
- November: President Pons and Chair Hodgson appointed Dittrich as Special Rapporteur on the release of the three OSCE officials (Dmytro Shabanov, Vadym Golda, Maksym Petrov). Special Rapporteur Dittrich maintained regular contact with their families and legal representative, in coordination with the OSCE Secretary General's office.
- December: Contributed through Special Envoy Ödebrink to the High-Level Side Event on abducted Ukrainian children during the OSCE Ministerial Council Meeting in Vienna.
- Year-round: Maintained regular contact with the families of the three OSCE officials and continued advocacy on their cases.
- Year-round: Issued consistent public messaging on humanitarian protection, accountability, justice, reconstruction and compensation mechanisms. The January 2026 PSTU statement focused on critical civilian and energy infrastructure.

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Main Activities and Plans (2026)

Throughout 2026, engagement will remain at a similar level, ensuring continuity with 2025 activities.

- 16 January: International Secretariat presented the activities of the PSTU at the OSCE Regional Working Group on Eastern Europe.
- 22 January: President addressed the OSCE Permanent Council, including references to Russia's aggression and full-scale invasion of Ukraine.
- 23 January: President received the Order of Merit from President Zelensky.
- 17 February: Special Rapporteur Dittrich held an online meeting with the relatives and lawyer of the three OSCE officials in detention.
- 18 February – Special Rapporteur Dittrich held an online meeting with the OSCE Office of the Secretary General.
- 19–20 February: The Winter Meeting will convene in Vienna, with participation of Verkhovna Rada Chairman Stefanchuk.
- 20 February: The PSTU Meeting will include a thematic discussion on the safety of journalists and media organisations operating in Ukraine.
- 24–25 February – Special Envoy Ödebrink will participate in a Konrad Adenauer Stiftung event in Berlin, serving as keynote speaker on Ukrainian children. Meetings with the Bundestag, the German MFA and civil society representatives will also form part of the programme.
- March: PSTU members will continue writing letters of support to the three OSCE officials in detention (Shabanov, Petrov, Golda) to be sent directly to their places of detention.
- 9–19 March: Special Envoy Ödebrink will participate in the UN Commission on the Status of Women at UN Headquarters in New York, with a possible side event on Ukrainian children and meetings with relevant stakeholders.

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- March: A coordination meeting will take place between Special Envoy Ödebrink and Council of Europe Special Envoy Gylfadottir.
- 31 March – 1 April: Participation is planned in the Bucha Commemorative Event in Ukraine, with the President considering participation.
- March–April: Special Rapporteur Raidma will conduct a follow-up fact-finding visit to Ukraine.
- June: Preparations will continue for the Summit of the International Coalition for the Return of Ukrainian Children. Venue and OSCE PA participation remain to be confirmed.
- July: A side event will be held on the three OSCE officials in detention on the margins of the 2026 Annual Session in The Hague, under the guidance of Special Rapporteur Dittrich.
- Year-round: Regular contact will continue with the families of the three OSCE officials in detention, alongside ongoing advocacy on their cases.

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