

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



Composition

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Parliamentarians in Counterterrorism



Act as enablers, shaping national policy & legislative counter-terrorism frameworks and establishing the mandate of security-related bodies.



Serve as controllers, ensuring 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.

Goals of the Committee



- **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.

CCT “Toolkit”

- Committee Meetings and Hearings
- Official Visits & Conferences
- Policy Resolutions
- Oversight Initiatives
- Outreach & Public Messaging
- Partnerships



2023 SPOTLIGHT: Presiding the UN Coordination Mechanism

The OSCE PA was nominated as the first President of the new United Nations Coordination Mechanism among Parliamentary Assemblies on Counter-Terrorism in June 2022, and re-elected in October 2023. Through this platform, the CCT promotes OSCE counter-terrorism commitments across the globe, extending the reach of its actions and fostering greater coherence of parliamentary efforts.



Areas of Focus

- **Promote the successful prosecution, rehabilitation, and reintegration of FTFs** and their families, including women and children, in the OSCE Region.
- **Strengthen border security and information sharing** through sound Advance Passenger Information (API), Passenger Name Records (PNR) and biometric data management systems, in accordance with UNSCR 2396.
- **Foster prevention efforts** and promote sensible guidance to counter radicalization, both offline and online, with a special focus on youth.
- **Support victims of terrorism and strengthen the role of victims' associations** through advocacy and awareness-raising.
- **Explore the intersection of terrorism with other serious threats**, such as bio-terrorism, A.I., nuclear proliferation & hybrid threats.

Upcoming

- **Meeting of the OSCE Focal Points on P/CVERLT and Counter-terrorism**, 6-7 Dec 2023 (Vienna, Austria)
- **17th Meeting of CCT** on the margins of the OSCE PA Winter Meeting, Feb 2024 (Vienna, Austria)
- **Fifth Coordination Meeting of Parliamentary Assemblies**, Spring 2024 - TBC

Key Achievements



Strengthened the engagement of parliamentarians, assessed new trends and shared key lessons learned through dozens of expert meetings (20), international and regional conferences (20) and field visits to OSCE participating States (10).

Developed innovative policy guidance in topical areas of counter-terrorism:

- The Wagner Group's Terroristic Nature and Actions (2023 Vancouver Resolution)
- Victims of Terrorism (2022 Birmingham Resolution).
- Addressing the Threats Stemming From the Return & Relocation of FTFs (2019 Luxembourg Resolution),
- Preventing and Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism and Radicalization that Lead to Terrorism (2018 Berlin Resolution).

Promoted the implementation of relevant international obligations, such as on border security and information sharing stemming from UNSCR 2396 (2019), through parliamentary oversight initiatives and consistent public messaging.

Boosted international co-ordination through a network of partnerships, including with the OSCE, the United Nations and various interparliamentary assemblies. Since June 2022, the OSCE PA has been **chairing the first Co-ordination Mechanism of Parliamentary Assemblies on Counter-Terrorism**.

Encouraged OSCE governments to uphold inclusive and human rights-based responses to counter terrorism & disinformation, especially during the **COVID-19 emergency (2020-2022)**.

