

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



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



2024 SPOTLIGHT: Presiding the UN Coordination Mechanism

In June 2022, the OSCE PA was elected to preside over the new Coordination Mechanism of Parliamentary Assemblies on Counter-Terrorism - which convenes under UN *aegis* - and subsequently re-elected for a second term in October 2023. Through this platform, the CCT promotes OSCE commitments across the globe and fosters collaborative efforts well beyond the region.



Areas of Focus

- **Promote the successful prosecution, rehabilitation, and reintegration of FTFs** and their families, including women and children.
- **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 on-line radicalization 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 challenges**, such as those posed by organized crime, artificial intelligence, nuclear proliferation, hybrid threats, migration and climate change.

Upcoming

- **4th Parliamentary Policy Dialogue**, 5 December 2024 (Rome, Italy)
- **6th Coordination Meeting of Parliamentary Assemblies on Countering Terrorism**, 6 December 2024 (Rome, Italy)
- **Side-event on Parliamentary approaches to ICT and UN SC Resolution 1373 at the 2024 Internet Governance Forum**, 15-19 December 2024 (Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia)

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 to boost legislative convergence in topical areas of counter-terrorism:

- Resolution on Artificial Intelligence and the Fight against Terrorism (2024 Bucharest Resolution)
- 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 those on border security and information sharing stemming from UNSCR 2396 (2019), through parliamentary oversight initiatives, consistent public messaging and contribution to numerous publications, including the Parliamentary Handbook on Promoting the Implementation of UN Security Council 1373 (2001) on Countering Terrorism (2024)

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

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

