

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



## SPOTLIGHT: Presiding the UN Coordination Mechanism

From June 2022 to December 2024, the OSCE PA held the inaugural presidency over the global Coordination Mechanism of Parliamentary Assemblies on Counter-Terrorism. Under the OSCE PA's leadership and in co-operation with the UN, the Mechanism held four official meetings and four Parliamentary Policy Dialogues in Doha, Vienna, Istanbul, and Rome, and has grown to now include 18 Assemblies worldwide, reflecting a shared commitment to strengthening the parliamentary role in counter-terrorism.



### 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

- **20th CCT Meeting** on the sidelines of the OSCE PA Winter Meeting, 20-21 February 2025, (Vienna, Austria)
- **Renewal of MoU** with the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism, TBC
- **21st CCT Meeting** on the sidelines of the OSCE PA Annual Session, 29 June - 03 July 2025, (Porto, Portugal)

### 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, from June 2022 to December 2024, the OSCE PA presided over 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)**.

