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**

**Chair**
Reinhold Lopatka (Austria)

**Vice-Chair**
Kamil Aydin (Türkiye)

**Members**
Vilija Aleknaitė-Abramikienė (Lithuania)
Ravshanbek Alimov (Uzbekistan)
Paula Cardoso (Portugal)
Tsogtbaatar Damdin (Mongolia)
Ida Glanzmann-Hunkeler (Switzerland)
Maria Karapetyan (Armenia)
Pia Kauma (Finland)
Sverre Myrli (Norway)
Marc Veasey (United States of America)

**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.

**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.

**Parliamentarians in Counterterrorism**

**CCT “Toolkit”**

- Committee Meetings and Hearings (16)
- Official Visits & Conferences (20)
- Policy Resolutions (4)
- Oversight Initiatives (1)
- 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. 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 global parameters & guidance to counter radicalization, both offline and online.

- 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 bioterrorism, terrorist financing, nuclear proliferation and hybrid threats.

Key Achievements

- Strengthened the engagement of parliamentarians on counter-terrorism and advocated for inclusive, effective human rights-compliant responses & shared lessons learned.

- Developed new policy guidance on preventing and countering terrorism and violent extremism (2018 Berlin Resolution), on addressing the threats stemming from the return & relocation of FTFs (2019 Luxembourg Resolution) and on Victims of Terrorism (2022 Birmingham Resolution).

- Promoted the implementation of key international obligations on border security and information sharing stemming from UNSCR 2396 through parliamentary oversight.

- Improved international co-ordination through a network of partnerships with key stakeholders, such as the OSCE, the United Nations (e.g. 2020 MoU with UNOCT) and various regional interparliamentary assemblies. Since June 2022, the OSCE PA has been chairing the UN Co-ordination Mechanism among Parliamentary Assemblies on Counter-Terrorism.

- Encouraged OSCE governments to uphold human rights-based responses to counter terrorism & disinformation, and lend critical support to the most vulnerable and exposed groups in society during the COVID-19 emergency.

Upcoming

- **Official CCT Visit to Switzerland**, 21-22 March 2023 (Switzerland)
- **Fourth Coordination Meeting of Parliamentary Assembly & Policy Dialogue**, 6-7 June 2023 (Austria)
- **15th Meeting of CCT**, 30 June-4 July 2023 (Canada)

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