The Ad Hoc Committee on Migration was established at the 2016 OSCE PA Winter Meeting to act as the focal point for the OSCE PA’s work in the field of migration. It currently consists of 18 parliamentarians from 13 countries spanning North America and Europe.

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The Committee has been chaired since July 2022 by Vice-President Rt. Hon. Mark Pritchard, succeeding Kristian Vigenin (Bulgaria), Margareta Cederfelt (Sweden), Nahima Lanjri (Belgium) and Filippo Lombardi (Switzerland).
Mandate of the Committee

Serve as a focal point for the OSCE PA’s work in the field of migration in all three dimensions of the OSCE: political and security affairs; economic and environmental issues; and human rights and humanitarian questions; and report back to the President and the Standing Committee;

Promote discussion within the Assembly on issues related to migration, and promote parliamentary exchanges of best practice in these fields;

Develop policy recommendations aimed at enhancing OSCE work in the field of migration and at improving the treatment of, and prospects for, migrants in OSCE countries;

Work closely with the OSCE Secretariat and Institutions as well as with relevant outside actors on issues related to migration to promote understanding among the members of the Assembly.

Implemented Activities

- The Committee regularly undertakes field missions to countries impacted by migratory flows to assess implementation of asylum and migration policies and conditions in reception facilities. Past Committee visits include: France (2016), Italy (2016, 2017), Greece (2017, 2022), Turkey (2017), Belgium (2018, 2019), Serbia (2018), Sweden (2018) and Denmark (2018).
- The Committee also meets regularly with key policy makers at the European and international level, to engage in dialogue on migration and asylum policy and to identify areas where parliamentarians can make a difference. During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Committee remained highly active, hosting a number of virtual discussions on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on migrants and refugees as well as other situations of concern.
- Committee members take an active part in OSCE PA statutory meetings, putting forth recommendations for action to ensure that migration remains high on the Assembly’s agenda.
- Enhanced co-operation and co-ordination within the OSCE as well as relevant international organizations, parliamentary assemblies and NGOs is also a key aspect of the Committee’s work.

Formulation of three resolutions containing detailed recommendations on:

- “Effective Migration Governance based on Promoting Inclusive Societies and Dignified Returns” (2019);
- “Minors on the Move: The Role of the OSCE and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly in Building an Effective Protection Framework” (2018);

Key Achievements

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- Enhanced dialogue with the OSCE, other parliamentary assemblies (PACE, EP, IPU, PAM), European Commission, international organizations (UNHCR, IOM, ICRC) and non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

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