

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON MIGRATION

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 17 parliamentarians from 13 countries spanning North America and Europe.



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1. Vice-President Mark Pritchard (United Kingdom), **Chair**
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16. David Stögmüller (Austria)
17. Georgios Varemenos (Greece)

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

THE COMMITTEE AT WORK

Mandate of the Committee

- ➊ **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;
- ➋ **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;
- ➌ **Promote discussion** within the Assembly on issues related to migration, and promote parliamentary **exchanges of best practice** in these fields;
- ➍ **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 irregular migratory flows.** Past field visits include: France (2016), Italy (2016, 2017), Greece (2017, 2022), Turkey (2017), Belgium (2018, 2019), Serbia (2018), Sweden (2018) and Denmark (2018).
- Since February 2022, the Committee has focused on the **Ukraine Refugee Crisis** and its impact on countries in the OSCE region, with the aim to share 'best practice' and identify areas where further support is needed.
- 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.
- The Committee also regularly engages in dialogue with **policy makers at the European and international levels** on the topic of migration management and asylum policy with the aim to identify areas where parliamentarians can make a difference.

Key Achievements



- Field missions to frontline, transit and destination countries with the objective to identify examples of 'best practice' and areas for further improvement.
- 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);
 - "Ensuring a Coherent, Shared and Responsible Governance of Migration and Refugee Flows" (2017).
- Enhanced dialogue with the OSCE, other parliamentary assemblies, the European Commission, as well as relevant international organizations and NGOs on issues of mutual concern such as combatting trafficking in human beings and the protection of unaccompanied minors.