

David Stögmüller highlights youth empowerment and civic participation at Vienna events



David Stögmüller at event on "Empowering Youth to Safeguard the Civic Space," Vienna, 7 July 2024

Chair of the OSCE PA Network of Young Parliamentarians David Stögmüller (Austria) addressed two events in Vienna this week: "Empowering Youth to Safeguard the Civic Space," organized by the OSCE Secretariat, the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, in co-operation with the Maltese Chairpersonship of the OSCE; and the Seminar on "Youth in Politics and Decision-making," hosted by the Permanent Delegation of Norway to the OSCE.

In his speeches, Stögmüller highlighted the significance of the times we live in, marked by political extremism, gender-based violence, and the potential misuse of artificial intelligence, all of which disproportionately affect young people.

He stressed the importance of giving young people a bigger seat and a louder voice in decision-making processes. "Insti-

tutionalizing youth political participation is a way of reengaging a generation that feels left behind by politics. And, as crisis looms, it will be the innovative ideas of young people that will bring about the changes that we know must be made," he said.

Stögmüller shared the success of the Young Parliamentarian Network's recent project, which culminated in the resolution titled "Youth Perspectives on the Future of International Relations, Multilateralism, and Sustainable Development," adopted last week at the Annual Session in Bucharest. This resolution, shaped by the perspectives of university and school students from various countries, calls for closer co-operation in security policy, strengthened democratic institutions, ambitious climate co-operation, and a deepening of youth political participation.

Bucharest Annual Session online media resources

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Ad Hoc Committees meet at the Annual Session for discussions on Ukraine, migration and terrorism



Parliamentary Support Team for Ukraine



Ad Hoc Committee on Migration



Ad Hoc Committee on Countering Terrorism

At the Bucharest Annual Session, the PA's Ad Hoc Committees on countering terrorism, migration and Ukraine convened to discuss ongoing activities.

Chaired by OSCE PA's President Pia Kauma (Finland), the meeting of the Parliamentary Support Team for Ukraine (PSTU) included reports from members of the Ukraine PA's Delegation, discussing the latest developments in the country, such as electricity shortages, displacement of people, war crimes, and electronic warfare advancements. Key topics included security challenges, the need for increased air defenses and drone production, and the importance of utilizing Russian frozen assets for Ukraine's reconstruction. The meeting underscored the necessity of international support and vigilance in the face of ongoing threats.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Migration, chaired by Vice-President Daniela De Ridder (Germany), featured a presentation by Dr. Guido Tintori from the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities on the OSCE's work on migration. Members reviewed activities from recent field visits to Italy and Türkiye and discussed potential upcoming visits to Morocco, Spain, Cyprus, Middle East and other regions. Key topics included the complexities of international migration governance,

rising racism and intolerance, their impact on migration policies and addressing the drivers of migration. In addition, the committee discussed the Supplementary Item on "Strengthening Safe and Regular Pathways for Migration", sponsored by De Ridder. The meeting emphasized the importance of comprehensive approaches, international co-operation, and addressing both the causes and effects of migration.

Chaired by Vice-Chair Kamil Aydin (Türkiye), the meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on Countering Terrorism included the presentation of a Parliamentary Handbook on Promoting the Implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1373 on Countering Terrorism by David Alamos Martinez from the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism. A key agenda item was the discussion of the Supplementary Item "AI and the Fight against Terrorism," sponsored by Emanuele Loperfido (Italy). Other topics included the ongoing fight against terrorism, the significance of field visits, the role of women, and protection against sexual violence in conflict zones. The committee also discussed the upcoming activities including the renewal of the MoU with UN-OCT, and the December counter-terrorism meeting in Doha. The meeting highlighted the significance of international co-operation and comprehensive strategies in countering terrorism.

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