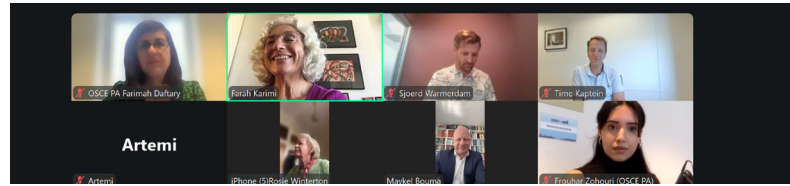


Migration Committee convenes online meeting ahead of Annual Session

The OSCE PA's Ad Hoc Committee on Migration, chaired by Farah Karimi (The Netherlands), held an online meeting today on the experience of The Netherlands with migration, with a focus on the role of local authorities, as well as recent developments. The meeting featured expert presentations on Dutch migration and asylum policy.

Sjoerd Warmerdam, Deputy Director of Services and Director of Public Affairs at the Dutch Council for Refugees, outlined the challenges as a result of recent developments at the national level as well as in connection with implementation of the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum. He also highlighted positive initiatives by some local authorities to promote access to housing. Time Kaptein and Maykel Bouma from the Director-



ate-General for Migration at the Ministry of Asylum and Migration provided an overview of recent changes in Dutch policy, with a focus on the new asylum border procedures as a result of the EU Pact on Migration and Asylum.

A lively discussion followed the presentations, allowing committee members to exchange views and highlight areas that require further attention.

Reports and op-eds available online

The OSCE PA President, Secretary General and Rapporteurs of the OSCE PA's three general committees have published reports and op-eds ahead of the Annual Session kicking off Saturday. The materials are available here: <https://bit.ly/44EUnhm>

Pons holds bilateral meetings in Paris while attending death penalty conference



Pere Joan Pons with French Delegation members in Paris, 1 July

On the margins of the World Congress Against the Death Penalty taking place in Paris this week, OSCE PA President Pere Joan Pons (Spain) has held a series of meetings with international and French interlocutors, focusing on human rights, the rule of law, security, and the importance of multilateral co-operation.

President Pons met with Dr. Patsilí Toledo Vásquez, Member of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and Co-Chair of CEDAW's Working Group on Gender-based Violence against Women. The discussion

addressed the advancement of gender equality, the protection of women's rights, and international efforts to prevent and combat gender-based violence. During a meeting with Claire Raulin, Director for Strategic Affairs and Disarmament at the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, President Pons exchanged views on current international challenges and the need to reinforce multilateral approaches.

President Pons also met with Mattias Guyomar, President of the European Court of Human Rights, for discussions on the protection of fundamental freedoms and upholding the rule of law. The programme further included an exchange with members of the French Delegation to the OSCE PA, as well as a working meeting with Senator Pascal Allizard and the Ambassador of Egypt. Discussions highlighted the role of parliamentary diplomacy in supporting dialogue, financial contributions and co-operation.

CCT Vice-Chair Loperfido attends UN high-level conference in New York

This week, OSCE PA Ad Hoc Committee on Countering Terrorism (CCT) Vice-Chair Emanuele Loperfido (Italy) is attending the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism's High-Level Conference of Counter-Terrorism Agencies in New York. Held under the theme "A Future Free from Terrorism: Consolidating the Global Commitment to Multi-Stakeholder Approaches to Counter Terrorism through Member States' Leadership and Action," the conference provides a platform for Member States, UN bodies, international and regional

organizations, civil society, academia and the private sector to exchange information, experiences, and good practices, as well as to explore avenues for further co-operation.

On Tuesday, Loperfido intervened during a thematic working session on countering the misuse of AI and will deliver remarks at a side event later today on the role of parliaments in applying frameworks for effective counter-terrorism. While in New York, Loperfido also had the opportunity to meet with Giorgio Marropodi, Permanent Representative of Italy to the UN.

Vice-President Zoffili participates in an international roundtable on disability policies

OSCE PA Vice-President Eugenio Zoffili (Italy) participated on 26 June in EXPOAID 2026 in Rimini, taking part in a roundtable on the international dimension of disability policies organized by Italy's Minister for Disabilities Alessandra Locatelli. The session, entitled "The Ministry for Disabilities as a Protagonist in International Relations," brought together representatives of government institutions, international organizations and development agencies to discuss international co-operation in advancing the rights and inclusion of persons with disabilities.

Speaking in his capacity as Vice-President, Zoffili highlighted

the contribution of parliamentary diplomacy to promoting inclusive public policies through dialogue and the exchange of legislative experiences. He underlined that sharing good practices is often the first step towards identifying effective and replicable solutions for common challenges.

Zoffili presented the Assembly's work in fostering co-operation among parliamentarians across the OSCE region and explained how parliamentary dialogue can facilitate the exchange of national experiences and strengthen international co-operation.