

News from Copenhagen

OSCE PA President Tsereteli takes part in NATO PA seminar in Batumi

OSCE PA President George Tsereteli participated last week in the NATO PA's 97th Rose-Roth Seminar in Batumi, held under the theme "Georgia and the Black Sea Region in the New Geopolitical Order." In co-operation with the Parliament of Georgia and with the support of the Swiss government, the seminar on 23-25 April dealt with topics such as Euro-Atlantic integration in the Black Sea area, the security situation in Georgia, Georgian reforms and consolidation of democracy, the state of Georgian civil society, and regional issues.

President Tsereteli met with NATO PA President Paolo Alli and discussed opportunities for closer co-operation between the two partner assemblies to enhance security in the Black Sea region. Tsereteli also offered remarks during the seminar, discussing in particular the importance of the event for Georgia and the wider region, the role of parliamentarians



in promoting security, the undermining of Helsinki principles in conflict zones, the crisis in and around Ukraine, the state of Russian-Western relations, soft power, and new security threats.

PA participates in meeting of OSCE gender focal points to promote collaboration



Marc Carillet, Deputy Director of the Vienna Liaison Office, represented the PA at the Annual Meeting of OSCE Gender Focal Points on 25-26 April near Vienna. Gender focal points from all OSCE field operations and executive

structures gathered to build capacity, share knowledge and increase collaboration amongst the Focal Points Network. Carillet actively participated in workshops and highlighted the role of OSCE PA Special Representative on Gender Issues Hedy Fry in contributing to promoting gender equality in the OSCE.

A training on gender analysis and gender impact assessment of projects took place at the meeting and participants discussed topics such as gender mainstreaming in the conflict cycle, the preparation and evaluation of gender action plans, and human resources issues. The event also featured a presentation of the Italian OSCE Chairmanship's priorities for 2018 and the participation of the Permanent Representative of Canada to the OSCE.

Head of Norwegian Delegation meets OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media



of local media as an element of democracy in Norway, the recently issued World Press Freedom Index, and the role of parliament in promoting freedom of the media.

Siv Mossleth, Head of Norway's Delegation to the OSCE PA, met on 26 April with Harlem Desir, the OSCE's Representative on Freedom of the Media, in the Norwegian Parliament. Mossleth and Desir discussed ways to support media diversity, as well as the importance

New team of Research Assistants joins OSCE PA International Secretariat

New research assistants have joined the OSCE PA International Secretariat's offices in Copenhagen and Vienna in recent weeks. The spring intake of research assistants includes:

- Daria Shumilova from the Russian Federation
- Charlie Rutter from the United Kingdom
- Anzhelika Ivanishcheva from the Russian Federation
- María Teresa Yagüe from Spain
- Corinna Lensch from Germany

The new group joins Guido Almerigogna from Italy, Juliana Lindell from Austria and the United States, Stephanie Koltchanov from France, and Katerina Koci from Albania.

Research assistant positions are granted for six month periods. More information is available at www.oscepa.org.