

News from Copenhagen

OSCE PA, NATO PA and PACE SGs discuss areas of common interest



L-R: Roberto Montella, Wojciech Sawicki and David Hobbs. Copenhagen, 17 May 2018

OSCE PA Secretary General Roberto Montella met in Copenhagen with counterparts from the NATO PA and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe on 17 May for the latest in a series of regular consultations between the three Secretaries General held since 2013. NATO PA Secretary General David Hobbs, PACE Secretary General Wojciech Sawicki and Montella shared experiences on a variety of topics of mutual concern, including budget and finance, staff rules and regulations, and administrative procedures.

The meeting focused on ways to better serve the assemblies' parliamentarians and promote practical co-operation between the three assemblies, including by co-ordinating issues concerning meetings and election observation missions. They also discussed ways to develop synergy on areas of common interest such as counter-terrorism and migration.

OSCE PA hosts Special Representative for 2019 Slovak OSCE Chairmanship



Roberto Montella and PA staff meet with Lukas Parizek and staff in Copenhagen, 17 May 2018.

On 17 May, the International Secretariat hosted Slovakia's State Secretary Lukas Parizek, who is serving as Special Representative for the 2019 Slovak Chairmanship of the OSCE, for discussions on challenges facing the OSCE area and plans for future co-operation between the Chairmanship and the Assembly. Secretary General Roberto Montella briefed Parizek on the work of the OSCE PA, with particular focus on election observation, migration and counter-terrorism. Other topics included the OSCE PA's upcoming Annual Session in Berlin, the high-level visit to Ukraine on 11-15 May, and discussions on the value of the OSCE as a facilitator of dialogue in times of growing mistrust.

The representatives of the PA and the incoming Chairmanship agreed to continue building lines of communication to facilitate co-ordination.

President Tsereteli holds talks in Lisbon and Madrid on OSCE activities and priorities



George Tsereteli with Teresa Ribeiro and OSCE PA Vice-President Isabel Santos in Lisbon, 9 May 2018

OSCE PA President George Tsereteli (Georgia) held discussions on 9-10 May in Lisbon and Madrid, meeting, respectively, with Portuguese Secretary of State of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation Teresa Ribeiro and the Spanish Delegation to the OSCE PA. Topics included the upcoming



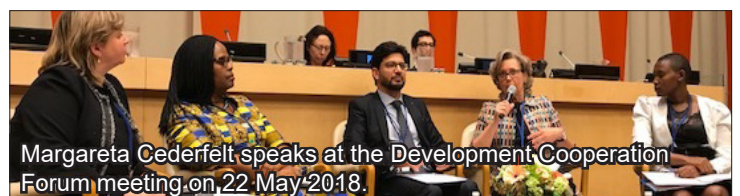
Spanish OSCE PA Delegation members with George Tsereteli in Madrid, 10 May 2018

27th Annual Session in Berlin, being held 7-11 July under the theme "Implementing OSCE Commitments: The Role of Parliaments," as well as protracted conflicts, cybersecurity, gender mainstreaming, the OSCE PA's work on counter-terrorism, and the crisis in and around Ukraine.

At UN, VP Cederfelt underlines parliamentarians' role in building sustainable societies

Speaking at the High-level Meeting of the Development Cooperation Forum at UN Headquarters in New York on Tuesday, OSCE PA Vice-President Margareta Cederfelt (Sweden) discussed the role of parliamentarians in building sustainable societies. She addressed issues of democracy, anti-corruption, and improving inclusiveness of society as a whole, particularly for women, youth and LGBT people. She

also spoke about the work of the PA in pursuing these goals.



Margareta Cederfelt speaks at the Development Cooperation Forum meeting on 22 May 2018.