

## OSCE PA President Tsereteli, Secretary General Montella in Serbia this week

OSCE PA President George Tsereteli and Secretary General Roberto Montella are in Belgrade this week for a series of meetings and engagements. The PA President and Secretary General met with President of the Serbian National Assembly Maja Gojković, Prime Minister Ana Brnabić, Foreign Minister Ivica Dačić, representatives of the political opposition, civil society, and the Serbian Delegation to the OSCE PA. President Tsereteli has participated in the Inter-Parliamentary Union's 141st Assembly, which he addressed.

In a meeting with Prime Minister Brnabić, Tsereteli emphasized the excellent co-operation with the OSCE Mission to Serbia, notably in the field of legislative reform. Brnabić highlighted the efforts made by the authorities in view of the upcoming elections, with the adoption of a number of noteworthy decisions.

Tsereteli and Montella visited the OSCE Mission to Serbia, meeting with Head of Mission Ambassador Andrea Orizio, senior staff, and representatives of civil society organizations. Discussions touched on challenges in the rule of law, the fight against corruption, and organized crime.

Tsereteli and Montella also met opposition party leaders, including Boris Tadić, President of the Social Democratic Party (SDS); Nebojša Zelenović, President of the Together for Serbia Party; Čedomir Jovanović, President of Liberal Democratic Party (LDP); and Zoran Živković, MP and President of the New Party. Opposition leaders raised the lack of political dialogue, media-related challenges and the need to fulfill conditions to ensure elections in accordance with international standards



Speaker Maja Gojković meets with Andrea Orizio, George Tsereteli and Roberto Montella in Belgrade, 15 Oct. 2019

and that meet the expectations of the people.

In a meeting with Speaker Gojković, the sides discussed co-operation between the OSCE Mission and OSCE PA and the important role of the Serbian Delegation to the OSCE PA, notably with the appointment of Stefana Miladinović as the new Special Rapporteur on Digital Agenda.

Tsereteli, Montella and Orizio also visited Serbia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs on Tuesday. Meeting with Foreign Minister and former OSCE Chair-in-Office Ivica Dačić, the President and the Secretary General underscored the PA's commitment to the region including through the activities of the Special Representative on South East Europe Mark Pritchard. Montella encouraged the interlocutors to make the best use of the OSCE Mission as it provides valuable expertise across many areas subject of reforms.



## OSCE PA report seeks to enhance counter-terrorism co-operation

A new report issued by the OSCE PA's Ad Hoc Committee on Countering Terrorism provides a detailed look at the state of implementation of a key UN Security Council Resolution on addressing the threat posed by foreign terrorist fighters returning or relocating from conflict zones. The report details more than 20 responses from parliaments on efforts at the national level to develop Advance Passenger Information, Passenger Name Records and biometric data management systems. It recommends that comprehensive legislation should be adopted by national parliaments to ensure full democratic control over the process.

Download the report at [www.oscepa.org](http://www.oscepa.org).

## Eidsheim represents PA at Arctic Circle

OSCE PA Special Representative on Arctic Issues Torill Eidsheim (Norway) took part on 9-13 October in the Arctic Circle Conference, in Reykjavik, Iceland. She took the opportunity of the Conference to establish contacts with several relevant stakeholders, including the Arctic Circle Secretariat and Chairmanship-in-Office, government representatives and researchers, to discuss ways the OSCE PA can add value to international efforts on the Arctic, first and foremost on climate change, as well as to explore possible avenues of co-operation.

Interlocutors welcomed the decision of the OSCE PA leadership to appoint a Special Representative on the Arctic and encouraged a stronger role of our organization in addressing social and security concerns stemming from the dire environmental situation in the region.

Eidsheim discussed her work as Special Representative in a recent video interview available on the OSCE PA's YouTube channel: [www.youtube.com/oscepa](http://www.youtube.com/oscepa)

## Pritchard attends NATO PA Annual Session



Head of the UK's Delegation Mark Pritchard represented the OSCE PA at the NATO PA Annual Session in London on 11-14 October, noting the importance of the parliamentary assemblies of NATO, Council of Europe and the OSCE working closely together on shared areas of interest to help advance the common good and build resilience against threats.

Second Committee Chair Sofio Katsarava (Georgia) also attended the NATO PA Session.