

## President Pons and Secretary General Montella visit OSCE headquarters in Vienna



Roberto Montella, Feridun Sinirlioğlu, Pere Joan Pons and Miodrag Pančeski, Vienna, 10 September 2025

OSCE PA President Pere Joan Pons (Spain) and Secretary General Roberto Montella are in Vienna this week, holding a series of bilateral meetings ahead of the Permanent Council meeting on Thursday. Meeting with OSCE Secretary General Feridun Sinirlioğlu and a number of OSCE Permanent Representatives, Pons and Montella have underlined the PA's readiness

to engage with and support the governmental side of the OSCE. Preserving the functionality and effectiveness of the Organization is essential to tackle the myriad challenges facing the OSCE region, the OSCE PA leaders said.

President Pons also highlighted the OSCE PA's Porto Declaration, adopted in July, noting that at a difficult time for geopolitics and multilateral work, OSCE parliamentarians continue to stand up for OSCE principles. Pons noted that the debates in Porto touched on key political topics, including on Ukraine and the situation in the Middle East.

In addition to SG Sinirlioğlu, meetings were also held with Amb. Raphael Nägeli (Switzerland) for discussions on shared priorities ahead of the 2026 Swiss OSCE Chairpersonship, as well as Amb. Žarko Obradović (Serbia) and Amb. Cristobal Valdez (Spain). On Thursday, following Pons's first address to the Permanent Council as PA President, he is expected to meet with the Ambassador of Ukraine, as well as the Charges d'Affaires of the Finnish Chairpersonship and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

## OSCE PA pre-election visit to Moldova highlights key issues ahead of vote



Paula Cardoso and Linnéa Wickman at the CEC in Chisinau, 4 September 2025

The leaders of the OSCE PA's election observation mission to the 28 September parliamentary elections in Moldova were in Chisinau on 4-5 September to prepare for the full deployment of observers later this month. OSCE PA Second Committee Rapporteur Paula Cardoso (Portugal), who has been appointed by the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office as Special Co-ordinator and leader of the short-term OSCE observers, and Linnéa Wickman (Sweden), who has been appointed by the OSCE PA President as Head of the PA's delegation of observers, met with a wide range of interlocutors to learn more about the pre-election environment.



Paula Cardoso and Linnéa Wickman at the OSCE Mission to Moldova in Chisinau, 4 September 2025

Cardoso and Wickman held extensive discussions with representatives of Moldova's election administration bodies, political parties and candidates, civil society, and the media. They also met with the OSCE PA's election observation partners from the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, and representatives of the OSCE Mission to Moldova. Cardoso and Wickman stressed the importance of ensuring a comprehensive, balanced and fair assessment of the electoral process. More than 100 OSCE parliamentarians and staff are expected to participate in the election observation mission to Moldova.

## Zoffili highlights PA's role at Ukraine recovery conference in Rome

OSCE PA Vice-President and member of the Parliamentary Support Team for Ukraine (PSTU) Eugenio Zoffili participated in the Fourth International Conference on Ukraine's Recovery (URC2025), held on 11 July in Rome.

Zoffili reaffirmed that the Assembly will continue to mobilize parliamentary resources to support Ukraine's reconstruction, long-term stability and democracy. He highlighted key elements of the Porto Declaration, including its designation of Ukraine's recovery as a strategic priority for European security and democratic resilience.

Zoffili also underscored the PSTU as the primary mechanism through which the PA channels its support, recalling the PSTU's recent activities, including the OSCE PA Bureau Meeting in Kyiv in February. He commended the work of the PSTU, noting that it has been vital in co-ordinating parliamen-



Vice-President Eugenio Zoffili at the Fourth International Conference on Ukraine's Recovery, Rome, 11 July 2025

tary engagement, fostering unity among national responses, and sustaining international support for Ukraine's recovery.

The URC2025, held 10-11 July, was the fourth high-level international summit uniting governments, business, and civil society to mobilize funding, investment, and reforms for Ukraine's sustainable recovery.