

OSCE PA Young Parliamentarians visit Cyprus to discuss regional issues



OSCE PA Network of Young Parliamentarians visit to Cyprus, 19 September 2025



The Young Parliamentarians heard from local officials about a range of issues, including affordable housing.

Fifteen members of the OSCE PA's Network of Young Parliamentarians, representing nine countries – Armenia, Austria, Cyprus, Croatia, Italy, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, and Poland – were in Cyprus last week for a visit focused on regional security, youth participation, and socio-economic challenges. The initiative seeks to strengthen interparliamentary dialogue among young legislators, promote exchange of experiences, and support the OSCE PA's work on the Youth, Peace and Security agenda.

The programme on 17-19 September included meetings with the President of the House of Representatives, Annita Demetriou, national and local authorities, as well as various youth organizations. These exchanges provided opportunities for young MPs to learn more about Cyprus's priorities and perspectives, while also sharing experiences from across the OSCE area.

"Coming to Cyprus gives young parliamentarians a unique opportunity to hear directly about regional realities and the aspirations of young people here," said OSCE PA Special Representative on Youth Engagement Lucija Tacer (Slovenia). "By bringing together young MPs from across the OSCE area, we are not only exchanging ideas but also building a common vision for how youth can play a stronger role in shaping peace, security, and prosperity."

In addition to official meetings, the delegation participated in two sessions at the House of Representatives. The first marked the tenth anniversary of UN Security Council Resolution 2250 on Youth, Peace and Security, exploring how parliaments can further integrate youth perspectives into peace and security policies. The second session was focused on challenges and opportunities for affordable housing for young people, highlighting national experiences and innovative policy approaches.

Michalis Yiacoumi, Vice-Chair of the Network of Young Parliamentarians and the host of the visit, highlighted the importance of transforming the discussion into concrete actions. "Focusing on the youth, peace and security agenda as well as on the issue of affordable housing, the visit of the Network of Young Parliamentarians in Cyprus has a clear aim: debates and exchange of best practices must yield concrete results on issues that matter to our youth," Yiacoumi said.

OSCE PA Secretary General Roberto Montella underlined the broader significance of the initiative: "Young parliamentarians are an essential part of our Assembly's work. Through visits like this, they demonstrate the value of interparliamentary diplomacy in practice – identifying shared challenges, showcasing innovative solutions, and fostering mutual understanding. This is precisely what the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly was created to achieve."

Op-ed published ahead of OSCE PA's election observation mission to Moldova

Ahead of the deployment of more than 100 OSCE PA observers this week to Chisinau for the 28 September parliamentary elections, Special Co-ordinator Paula Cardoso (Portugal) and Head of the OSCE PA delegation Linnea Wickman (Sweden) have published an op-ed, which is available here: <http://bit.ly/46gimVX>

Bureau members discuss President's priorities and governance in online meeting

Chaired by President Pere Joan Pons (Spain), the OSCE PA's Bureau met online Tuesday for discussions on the governance and priorities of the Assembly, including pressing issues on the political agenda, the Istanbul Autumn Meeting, possible reforms, and upcoming activities.

President Pons presented an overview of his thoughts on enhancing Assembly governance to the Bureau, stressing the importance of ensuring gender and regional balance in the Assembly's structures. Bureau members also discussed various proposals including possible working groups focused on regional and thematic issues. The President stressed that his programme would focus on broad themes of security in the 21st century, including climate change as a global emergency and security threat, as well as the importance of dialogue and mediation to address peace and democracy challenges.

Other topics discussed during the Bureau meeting included ensuring diverse political representation in the Assembly's work, partnering with other international organizations, and maintain-



ing unity within the Assembly on issues of common concern. In particular, members stressed the need to concentrate efforts on ending the Russian Federation's war against Ukraine and countering a range of hybrid threats facing Europe.

Discussions on governance and President Pons's proposals are expected to continue including at the Standing Committee meeting at the OSCE PA Autumn Meeting in Istanbul on 17-19 November 2025.

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