

Guliyev addresses OSCE Environmental and Economic Dimension Implementation Meeting



Azay Guliyev delivers remarks at the EEDIM's closing session, 29 Oct. 2025 (Photo: Micky Kroell/OSCE)

Second Committee Chair Azay Guliyev (Azerbaijan) spoke today at the 2025 OSCE Environmental and Economic Dimension Implementation Meeting in Vienna, urging parliamentarians to lead resilience-building efforts amid growing challenges and emphasizing that resilience is not just a matter of recovery — it means prevention, preparedness, and good governance.

Highlighting the climate crisis as an escalating security threat, Guliyev pointed out that unprecedented heat has intensified extreme weather, eroded biodiversity, and exposed energy vulnerabilities. This demands immediate mitigation, adaptation, and financing solutions, he stressed.

Conflicts further exacerbate existing challenges, acting as a disaster multiplier, Guliyev argued, recalling that in its recently adopted Porto Declaration, the OSCE PA strongly condemned Russia's ongoing war of aggression against Ukraine, which has caused environmental devastation, disrupted connectivity, and increased emissions. Furthermore, regional conflicts have led to the destruction of critical infrastructure and eroded communities' ability to respond to natural disasters, while corruption weakens institutions' capacity to address natural and man-made disasters,



Azay Guliyev meets with Bakyt Dzhusupov, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, Vienna, 28 Oct. 2025

which further hampers the effectiveness of state responses. Breaking this vicious cycle must be a top priority, Guliyev said.

He highlighted several cases demonstrating positive momentum, including diplomatic breakthroughs in the South Caucasus and the initialling of the Azerbaijan-Armenia peace agreement on 8 August in Washington. He stressed the need to enhance transboundary resource management in vulnerable regions such as Central Asia, Caspian and the Mediterranean, and urged OSCE participating States to scale up co-operation in shared early warning systems, hazard mapping and data sharing, disaster preparedness, and contingency funds for climate shocks.

"To better translate commitments into impactful action, we need to duly leverage the role of legislators," Guliyev concluded. Looking ahead, he highlighted opportunities such as the upcoming OSCE PA Autumn Meeting in Istanbul to strengthen rule-based global trade and the 2026 Winter Meeting in Vienna to deepen government-parliament collaboration.

While in Vienna, Guliyev held a number of bilateral meetings with OSCE partners, focusing on areas of common interest and opportunities for enhanced co-operation.

Deadline reminder to observe Kyrgyzstan's elections on 30 November

OSCE PA delegations are kindly reminded that the deadline for registering to the Election Observation Mission to Kyrgyzstan for next month's early parliamentary elections is **Thursday, 30 October**. Delegations wishing to nominate members to participate in this mission should return completed registration documents to the International Secretariat at eom@oscepa.dk as soon as possible.

Second Committee leaders and Special Representatives co-ordinate activities

Today, the Bureau of the OSCE PA's Second Committee and Special Representatives convened online for discussions on current and upcoming work. Chair Azay Guliyev (Azerbaijan) opened the consultation, welcoming Vice-Chair Artur Gerasymov (Ukraine), Rapporteur Paula Cardoso (Portugal), and OSCE PA Special Representatives on youth and AI, as well as Farah Karimi (Netherlands), Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee on Migration. Participants engaged in an open exchange on priorities and plans within the economic and environmental security dimension, sharing insights on economic resilience, environmental security, and technological co-operation.



Secretary General Roberto Montella addressed the meeting, thanking the members for their active engagement and reinforcing the importance of co-ordinated parliamentary action ahead.

OSCE PA Conference Team visits The Hague ahead of Annual Session

In preparation for next year's Annual Session, hosted by the Dutch Parliament (Staten-Generaal), several members of the International Secretariat are on an assessment visit this week to The Hague. Gustavo Pallares, Odile Lelarge, Stephen Paul, Anzhelika Ivanishcheva, and Dimitrije Todoric are meeting with staff of the parliament to discuss logistical, technical and security aspects of the meeting, and have visited the venue for the Annual Session.



The Conference Team visits the venue of the 33rd Annual Session in The Hague, 28 October 2025

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