

## President Pons addresses Global Conference of Women Parliamentarians in Belgrade



Group photo from the IPU conference in Belgrade, 2 June 2026

OSCE Parliamentary Assembly President Pere Joan Pons (Spain) participated in the Inter-Parliamentary Union's Global Conference of Women Parliamentarians, held from 2 to 4 June in Belgrade, Serbia. The conference focused on the theme "Advancing Parity: Breaking the Barriers of Gender Stereotypes and Negative Social Norms."

As a panelist in the session "Gender-Sensitive Parliaments Advancing Societies Free from Stereotypes," President Pons joined

high-level figures including the Presidents of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the IPU Bureau of Women Parliamentarians. He stressed the need to accelerate gender parity through robust data collection, political will, adequate budgets, legislation, and the voices of those most affected.

On the sidelines, President Pons held several bilateral meetings. He engaged with the Speakers of the Hungarian and Azerbaijani Parliaments on parliamentary co-operation, met OSCE Head of Mission Ambassador Marcel Peško to strengthen ties with the Serbia field mission, and discussed support for oversight, transparency, and election observation. He also met civil society representatives working on gender equality, IPU President Dr. Tulia Ackson on multilateralism and parliamentary diplomacy, and the Serbian delegation to the OSCE PA to review the political situation.

## Senior PA Members contribute to high-level Security Forum in Tirana

OSCE PA Members participated last week in a Security Forum in Tirana, held under the auspices of Niko Peleshi, Speaker of the Parliament of Albania. Focused on strengthening the transatlantic partnership, the high-level event included the participation of OSCE PA officers including Vice-President Eugenio Zoffili (Italy) and First Committee Jevrosima Pejović (Montenegro), as well as Fatmir Mediu (Albania) and former Vice-President Robert Aderholt (United States).

Vice-President Zoffili, who also serves as the PA's Special Representative on Organized Crime, highlighted the special role of parliamentary diplomacy, pointing in particular to the recent Inter-Parliamentary Conference on the Fight against Organized Crime in the OSCE Region, held in Rome, which brought together over 150 parliamentarians and experts to build strategies



Eugenio Zoffili, Jevrosima Pejović and Fatmir Mediu, 27 May 2026

in the fight against drugs.

Pejović underscored the importance of regional co-operation as a key pillar for strengthening security, stability, and collective resilience among neighbouring countries. The Security Forum was held 27-28 May under the theme "The U.S.-Europe Partnership: The Indisputable Role of NATO."

## Webinar highlights youth media literacy

On Tuesday, the PA's Parliamentary Dialogue Platform on Youth, Peace and Security held its third webinar, "Prevention through Education, Media Literacy, and Civic Engagement," organized by Special Representative Lucija Tacer Perlin (Slovenia) in co-operation with the Ad Hoc Committee on Countering Terrorism (CCT).

The event explored how education, media literacy, and civic engagement can build youth resilience against polarization, disinformation, and violent extremism. Participants discussed parliaments' roles in supporting prevention through legislation, oversight, and direct youth engagement. The webinar featured insights from Tacer Perlin, CCT Chair Kamil Aydin, Professor Hilary Pilkington, Akrom Khaydarov, and Marco Bonabello, and reviewed lessons from the OSCE PA School Dialogues.

## Pejović addresses OSCE Security Committee

At the OSCE Security Committee Meeting in Vienna last week, Jevrosima Pejović (Montenegro), speaking on behalf of the OSCE PA's Ad Hoc Committee on Countering Terrorism, addressed the theme "Preventing Radicalization to Violence Online." She highlighted the growing influence of algorithms, gaming environments, encrypted platforms, and AI-generated content in accelerating youth radicalization.

Pejović stressed the need for age-sensitive prevention strategies that combine online safety, media literacy, and meaningful youth participation. Stressing the importance of listening to youth when considering prevention strategies, she drew on the outcomes of OSCE PA School Dialogues in Italy and Montenegro, noting that young people want not only protection but also to be heard and involved in developing solutions.

## Financial team meets with Treasurer in Stockholm



Johan Büser meets with Secretariat financial team, 27 May 2026

Secretary General Roberto Montella, Deputy Security General Gustavo Pallares and Finance Officer Stephen Paul met last week in Stockholm with Treasurer Johan Büser to prepare the PA's budget for Fiscal Year 2026/27. Büser will present the budget at the upcoming Annual Session.

## Secretariat hosts Head of Uzbek Delegation



Sodyq Safoev, Roberto Montella and Gustavo Pallares, 2 June 2026

Sodyq Safoev, Head of Uzbekistan's Delegation to the OSCE PA, visited the International Secretariat in Copenhagen on Tuesday for discussions with SG Roberto Montella. Topics included the upcoming Annual Session, parliamentary co-operation with Uzbekistan and reforms in the country.