

Dutch Prime Minister and Foreign Minister to address 33rd Annual Session



The 33rd Annual Session will take place in The Hague, Netherlands, from 4-8 July 2026

The Prime Minister of the Netherlands, Rob Jetten, and the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Tom Berendsen, are confirmed as speakers at the OSCE PA's 33rd Annual Session in The Hague, scheduled to address the Assembly on 4 and 6 July, respectively. Prime Minister Jetten and Foreign Minister Berendsen join a number of high-level speakers who will address more than 250 lawmakers from 54 OSCE countries.

In addition to Prime Minister Jetten, the opening plenary session on 4 July will feature speeches by President of the Senate of the Netherlands Mei Li Vos, President of the House of Representatives Thom van Campen, Head of the Dutch Delegation to the OSCE PA Farah Karimi, OSCE PA President Pere Joan Pons (Spain), and the Chairperson-in-Office of the OSCE, Ignazio Cassis.

On 7 July, the Assembly will hold a general debate that will be opened with keynote introductions by President of the International Criminal Court Tomoko Akane and Chair of the Board on Relations with Partners of Eurojust Boštjan Škrlec.

In the plenary session on 8 July, OSCE parliamentarians will hear an address by OSCE Secretary General Feridun H. Sinirlioglu, followed by Q&A session and reports on OSCE PA

activities. Following the adoption of The Hague Declaration, OSCE PA Secretary General Roberto Montella will present his report to the Assembly before the announcement of the elections of Assembly Officers.

The Annual Session will take place in The Hague from 4 to 8 July under the theme "International Law and Shared Principles: Foundations for Security and Co-operation in the OSCE Area."

During several days of committee work, parliamentarians will debate and amend resolutions dealing with the Russian Federation's war against Ukraine, arms control, hybrid threats, strategic competition in the Arctic, and developments in the Middle East. Resolutions will also cover climate change, resource competition, and the relationship between conflict and geoeconomics, as well as the "democratic recession" in the OSCE area.

Other important topics expected to be debated include artificial intelligence governance, international law, demographic change in the OSCE region, drug trafficking, and cybersecurity.

The session will also include a meeting of the Standing Committee on 4 July to consider reports by the OSCE PA President, Treasurer and Secretary General.

Special Representative Onori discusses Denmark's AI approach in Copenhagen visit



Federica Onori held meetings in Copenhagen on 19 June

OSCE PA Special Representative on Artificial Intelligence Federica Onori (Italy) visited Copenhagen last week to engage with government representatives, researchers and experts on issues related to artificial intelligence governance, evidence-based policymaking, and the societal impact of emerging technologies.

Onori met with representatives of the Danish Ministry of Digital Affairs and the Danish Task Force for Artificial Intelligence to discuss Denmark's approach to AI governance and its efforts to support the responsible adoption of artificial intelligence across the public sector. Discussions focused on opportunities and challenges associated with the practical implementation of AI, including digital transformation, public-sector innovation,

governance considerations, and the conditions necessary for scaling AI solutions responsibly and effectively.

A central component of the visit was Onori's participation in the Annual Research Day of the Faculty of Law at the University of Copenhagen, held under the theme "Research for the Benefit of People and Society." During a workshop with researchers and innovation experts, discussions focused on the role of academic research in informing public debate and supporting evidence-based policymaking, particularly in the field of artificial intelligence.

Participants also explored how researchers can engage more effectively with society and decision-makers while preserving the independence, credibility, and authority that underpin public trust in research. Particular attention was given to the growing importance of trusted expertise in an era increasingly shaped by AI-generated content and rapidly evolving technologies.

The Copenhagen visit highlighted the importance of evidence-based policymaking and multi-stakeholder engagement as governments increasingly move from AI strategies and principles towards practical implementation.

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