



## **Annual Report on the Activities of the OSCE PA Special Representative on South East Europe**

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Throughout the past year, I have had the honour of serving as the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly's Special Representative on South East Europe. My activities have focused on advancing dialogue, strengthening inter-parliamentary co-operation, and supporting democratic development and regional stability across South East Europe. Below is a summary of my key engagements during the reporting period.

### **4–6 September 2024 – Visit to Belgrade, Serbia**

I conducted an official visit to Belgrade, where I met with a broad range of political, institutional, and civil society actors. My meetings included:

- Ambassador Jan Braathu, Head of the OSCE Mission to Serbia
- Members of the Serbian Delegation to the OSCE PA, Milan Radin and Danijela Vujičić
- Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly, Marina Raguš
- Minister for Human and Minority Rights and Social Dialogue, Tomislav Žigmanov
- Director of the Office for Kosovo and Metohija, Petar Petković
- President of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Academician Zoran Knežević

I also held discussions with representatives of leading civil society organizations, including Transparency Serbia, CRTA, and the Slavko Ćuruvija Foundation. These meetings allowed for an in-depth exchange on democratic processes, media freedom, and regional co-operation.

### **19–21 September 2024 – Second Inter-Parliamentary Forum, Montenegro**

I organized and chaired the **Second Inter-Parliamentary Forum of South East Europe Delegations to the OSCE PA** in Podgorica and Budva, hosted by the Montenegrin Delegation to the OSCE PA with the support of the Parliament of

Montenegro. The forum brought together over 20 parliamentarians from South East Europe and beyond under the theme: **"Regional Co-operation for a Thriving Tourism Sector."**

The discussions explored tourism as a key driver of economic development and addressed issues of sustainability, innovation, and resilience. Participants also examined the role of the OSCE Mission in Montenegro and discussed progress on EU integration and parliamentary co-operation.

## **12 October 2024 – OSCE PA Delegation Visit to Serbia**

As part of a high-level OSCE PA delegation led by President Pia Kauma, I participated in a two-day visit to Belgrade. The delegation held meetings with:

- Speaker of the National Assembly, Ana Brnabić
- Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Interior, Ivica Dačić
- Members of Serbia's OSCE PA Delegation

Ambassador Jan Braathu hosted our delegation, comprising 14 parliamentarians from 12 OSCE participating States. We received detailed briefings from the OSCE Mission to Serbia on democratization, rule of law, and security co-operation.

## **5 December 2024 – EU - Western Balkans Summit**

In my capacity as OSCE PA Special Representative on South East Europe, I participated in the EU - Western Balkans Summit entitled "A renewed approach to the Western Balkans" which was held in Brussels and organized by Friends of Europe, an independent European think tank based in Brussels, which focuses on policy shaping and strengthening public dialogue on critical European and global issues.

In the Summit, I had the honour to be a keynote speaker in the Session "Shared Justice: Building fairer and more inclusive systems in the region of Western Balkans", in which Ministers, EU officials and renowned experts in the field discussed the critical aspects of justice reforms in the Western Balkans.

## **18 December 2024 – Visit to Moldova**

I visited Chişinău for a series of meetings with parliamentarians, government officials, and representatives from the international community. I was joined in several meetings by Ambassador Kelly Keiderling, Head of the OSCE Mission to Moldova.

Discussions covered Moldova's reform trajectory, the Transdniestrian Settlement Process, and the wider regional security context, particularly in light of the ongoing war in Ukraine. I emphasized the importance of sustained international support for

Moldova's institutions and welcomed the country's continued commitment to EU accession.

I also noted concerns regarding foreign interference and disinformation during the recent presidential election and encouraged full engagement with the OSCE/ODIHR's recommendations, especially in preparation for the upcoming parliamentary elections.

### **21 February 2025 – Winter Meeting Side Event, Vienna**

In the lead-up to the OSCE PA Winter Meeting, I hosted a side event focused on planning future activities of the Inter-Parliamentary Forum of South East Europe. The event also included a review of the outcomes from previous forums and was attended by numerous delegations from the region, as well as Ambassadors from Permanent Missions to the OSCE in Vienna.

### **4 March 2025 – Press Release on Incident in Serbian Parliament**

As the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly's Vice-President and Special Representative on South East Europe, I strongly condemned the violent incidents that occurred during the parliamentary session in the Republic of Serbia on 4 March 2025. In my statement, I urged all parliamentarians to uphold a high standard of conduct and to reject violence as a means of political expression.

### **27–30 March 2025 – Third Inter-Parliamentary Forum, Greece**

The **Third Inter-Parliamentary Forum of South East Europe Delegations to the OSCE PA** was held in Kastoria, Greece, with the support of the Hellenic Parliament and hosted by members of the Greek OSCE PA Delegation, Angelos Syrigos and Maria Antoniou.

This year's focus was **energy policy**, a subject of growing strategic importance across the region. In my remarks, I stressed that access to affordable and sustainable energy is a fundamental right and called for stronger regional co-operation and parliamentary advocacy to address the energy transition and regulatory frameworks.

### **5 June 2025 – Fourth Inter-Parliamentary Forum and Organized Crime Conference, Rome**

I co-organized the **Fourth Inter-Parliamentary Forum of South East Europe to the OSCE PA** in Rome as part of the broader **Inter-Parliamentary Conference on Organized Crime**, hosted by the Italian Parliament and led by OSCE PA Special Representative on Combating Organized Crime, Eugenio Zoffili.

During the forum, which included over 80 parliamentarians from more than 25 countries, I moderated the session focused on the nexus between organized crime, corruption, and terrorism. The session featured inputs from experts and legislators, followed by open dialogue on best practices.

The forum concluded with the adoption of a **joint declaration** reaffirming our shared commitment to regional co-operation, democratic institutions, and the rule of law. In my concluding remarks, I underscored that organized crime erodes public trust and economic development, and emphasized the need for close cross-border institutional co-ordination.

## **Conclusion**

The **Inter-Parliamentary Forum of the Delegations from South East Europe to the OSCE PA** has become an important platform for cooperation among delegations from the region. So far, together with delegations from Albania, Montenegro, Greece, and Italy, we have organized four forums focusing on tourism, energy, and organized crime.

Additionally, we hosted a side event on the margins of the Annual Session in Bucharest addressing the issues of depopulation and brain drain from South East Europe. In the near future, we expect to address more topics of concern for the region, with respective delegations from South East Europe hosting upcoming forums.

Over the past twelve months, I have continued to promote dialogue and engagement among South East European partners, advocating for democratic reforms, regional stability, and deeper parliamentary co-operation. I remain committed to fostering inclusive and constructive political engagement in line with the OSCE's core values and look forward to continuing this work in the year ahead.