

North Macedonia's parliamentarians and ambassador visit Secretariat



North Macedonia's delegation visiting the International Secretariat, 12 April 2023

The Parliamentary Group of the Assembly of the Republic of North Macedonia for Cooperation with the Parliament of the Kingdom of Denmark, chaired by Marija Georgievska, visited the OSCE PA's International Secretariat on Wednesday. The group of parliamentarians was accompanied by North Macedonia's Ambassador to Denmark, Faton Bejta.

The visit included a tour of the office and a meeting with Secretary General Roberto Montella, with discussions focusing mainly on North Macedonia's Chairmanship of the OSCE and the challenges facing the organization related to the Russian Federation's war against Ukraine.

The sides also discussed the important work of the OSCE Mission to Skopje, which works in the country to guarantee the participation of all ethnic communities in political, social and cultural life, as well as to promote police and legislative reforms, rule of law and good governance.

The delegation expressed appreciation for the OSCE PA's contribution to election observation in North Macedonia. Secretary General Montella praised North Macedonia's leadership of the OSCE in these challenging times and noted the active engagement of North Macedonia's OSCE PA Delegation, led by Igor Janushev.

Türkiye EOM deadline reminder

The OSCE PA is deploying an Election Observation Mission to Türkiye for the parliamentary and presidential elections taking place 14 May 2023. Michael Georg Link (Germany) has been appointed by the OSCE Chairman-in-Office as Special Co-ordinator and Farah Karimi (Netherlands) will serve as Head of the OSCE PA Delegation.

National Delegations wishing to nominate their members to participate in this mission are kindly asked to complete and return registration documents to the International Secretariat at (eom@oscepa.dk) no later than Friday, 14 April 2023.

President and Treasurer discuss Assembly finances ahead of upcoming Bureau meeting

OSCE PA President Margareta Cederfelt (Sweden) and Treasurer Peter Juel-Jensen (Denmark) met with OSCE PA Secretary General Roberto Montella, Deputy Secretary General Gustavo Pallares, Finance Officer Stephen Paul, Presidential Advisor Loic Poulain, and Advisor to the Secretary General Freyja Koci on Wednesday to prepare the OSCE PA's draft budget for 2023/2024. The discussion focused on the preparation of the budget ahead of the Bureau meeting in Copenhagen on 24 April, the challenging circumstances facing the organization, and ensuring that the Assembly's finances are managed efficiently. The Treasurer will present a detailed report to the Assembly's Bureau meeting.



Roberto Montella, Gustavo Pallares, Stephen Paul, Margareta Cederfelt, and Peter Juel-Jensen in Copenhagen, 12 April 2023

The draft budget will be presented to the Standing Committee for approval on 30 June 2023.

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Responding to a decision on Tuesday by the Russian Federation's General Prosecutor's Office to designate the EU-Russia Civil Society Forum as an "undesirable organization," the OSCE PA's Special Representative on Civil Society Engagement, Kyriakos Hadjiyianni (Cyprus), tweeted that the decision is the latest in a long line of attacks on independent civil society in the country. "As [@oscepa](#) Special Rep on Civil Society Engagement, I strongly object to this decision and urge authorities to reconsider," Hadjiyianni wrote.