

High-level OSCE PA delegation wraps up visit to Kazakhstan



OSCE PA Delegation with President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, Astana, 23 April 2026

Following its participation in the Regional Ecological Summit in Astana, an OSCE PA delegation wrapped up a visit to Kazakhstan last week with a series of high-level meetings and engagements. Led by President Pere Joan Pons (Spain), the OSCE PA delegation consisted of Second Committee Chair Azay Guliyev (Azerbaijan), Special Representative on Central Asia Angelos Syrigos (Greece), Special Representative on Climate Change Ainur Argynbekova (Kazakhstan), and Secretary General Roberto Montella.

On 23 April, the PA delegation met with President Kassym-Jomart Tokayev, Chairman of the Senate of the Parliament of

Kazakhstan Maulen Ashimbayev, and Chairman of the Mazhilis Yerlan Koshanov, focusing on strengthening inter-parliamentary co-operation, supporting ongoing political and economic reforms, and addressing shared regional challenges. Discussions were also held with Minister of Water Resources and Irrigation Nurzhan Nurzhigitov, Minister of Energy Yerlan Akkenzhenov, and Vice Minister of Artificial Intelligence and Digital Development Bakhtiyar Mukhametkaliyev on climate policy, water security, energy transition and regional co-operation.

On 24 April, the OSCE PA President visited the OSCE Programme Office in Astana to exchange views on regional developments and highlight the OSCE's important work in Kazakhstan. He also delivered a lecture at Maqst Narikbayev University, reinforcing the Assembly's engagement with both OSCE institutions and the next generation of leaders. Underscoring the Assembly's commitment to strengthening co-operation with Kazakhstan and the wider Central Asian region, President Pons emphasized that parliamentarians must act not only as legislators, but also as drivers of accountability.

OSCE PA Bureau meets in Copenhagen for discussions on Assembly work



The OSCE PA Bureau meeting in Copenhagen, 27 April 2026

Meeting at the Danish Parliament (Folketinget) on Monday, the OSCE PA's Bureau held a wide-ranging discussion on Assembly activities, including the recent visit to Georgia, priorities and finances. Following the reports by the President Pere Joan Pons (Spain) and Treasurer Johan Büser (Sweden), Members exchanged views on the OSCE PA budget, financial practices, governance and recent activities, and heard presentations from

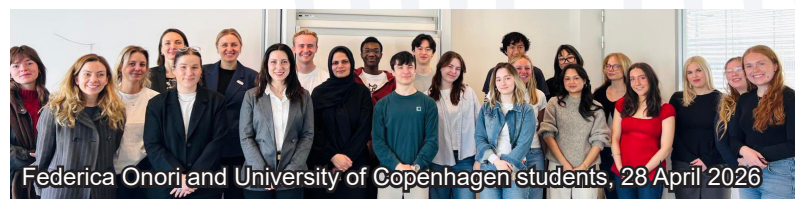
the three committee rapporteurs on their draft reports and resolutions to be considered at this summer's Annual Session in The Hague. Tobias Winkler (Germany) presented the First Committee report, Paula Cardoso (Portugal) presented the Second Committee report, and Carina Ödebrink (Sweden) presented the Third Committee report, followed by comments from other Bureau members.

Chaired by President Pons, the meeting also included previews of upcoming activities such as next month's Inter-Parliamentary Conference on Combating Organized Crime in the OSCE Region in Rome. As customary, the April meeting of the Bureau also included Special Representatives, Chairs of the Ad Hoc Committees and hosts of the OSCE PA's upcoming statutory meetings.

Special Representative Onori engages Danish students and academics on AI governance

OSCE PA Special Representative on Artificial Intelligence Federica Onori (Italy) was in Copenhagen on Tuesday, engaging with students, academics, and leading experts on artificial intelligence. The visit, organized in connection with the Special Representative's attendance at the OSCE PA Bureau meeting on Monday, highlighted the Assembly's commitment to fostering international dialogue on responsible AI development and its implications for human rights and democratic institutions.

The programme began at University of Copenhagen, where the Special Representative delivered an address to students enrolled in the course "Human Rights, Democracy, and Digital Technology." The session provided an opportunity for a direct and interactive exchange with the next generation of professionals, with students actively engaging on the challenges and



Federica Onori and University of Copenhagen students, 28 April 2026

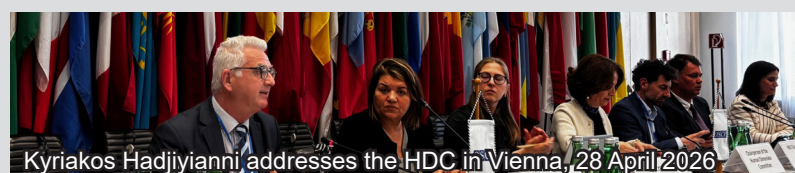
opportunities posed by AI. Onori's lecture focused on the intersection of emerging technologies and fundamental rights.

This was followed by a discussion centered on key challenges in AI governance, ethical frameworks, regulatory approaches, and the practical implementation of AI-related policies across jurisdictions, further reinforcing the importance of dialogue between policymakers and the academic community.

Vice-President Hadjiyianni addresses OSCE Human Dimension Committee in Vienna

At Tuesday's OSCE Human Dimension Committee meeting in Vienna, OSCE PA Vice-President Kyriakos Hadjiyianni (Cyprus) highlighted ongoing gaps in access to justice across the OSCE region, especially affecting vulnerable groups such as minorities, persons with disabilities, and migrants.

Hadjiyianni stressed the need for stronger legal aid systems, resilient and inclusive justice frameworks, and greater oversight to ensure laws are effectively implemented,



Kyriakos Hadjiyianni addresses the HDC in Vienna, 28 April 2026

particularly in times of crisis. "Justice must be a right for all, not a privilege for the few," Hadjiyianni said.