

Head of OSCE PA delegation visits Yerevan ahead of 7 June parliamentary elections

Jevrosima Pejović, the Head of the OSCE PA's election observer delegation, conducted a two-day pre-election visit to Yerevan last week to prepare for observing Armenia's parliamentary elections scheduled for 7 June. The visit aimed to assess the political environment and lay the groundwork for the full deployment of observers.

Pejović, a member of the Parliament of Montenegro and Vice-Chair of the OSCE PA's First Committee, was appointed by Assembly President Pere Joan Pons (Spain) to lead the delegation. She engaged with a broad range of stakeholders, including state authorities, the election administration, political parties and alliances, civil society organizations, media representatives, and the already-deployed OSCE/ODIHR Election Observation Mission.

Stressing that an election isn't just a single day, but rather a complex process involving multiple stakeholders, Pejović welcomed the openness demonstrated by Armenian interlocutors, describing it as a positive sign of willingness to co-operate with the international community. This preparatory work, she noted, is



Jevrosima Pejović meets with Armenian OSCE PA Delegation in Yerevan, 22 May 2026

essential for delivering a constructive assessment that supports Armenia's democratic development.

Farah Karimi (Netherlands) has been appointed Special Co-ordinator and leader of the short-term OSCE observer mission. The effort forms part of a broader joint observation initiative involving the OSCE/ODIHR, the OSCE PA, the PACE, and the European Parliament. More than 100 parliamentarians and staff from over 30 countries are expected to participate in the PA's delegation, ensuring a wide-ranging and balanced international presence during the electoral process.

Special Representative on AI Onori addresses UN-organized forum in Brussels



Federica Onori addresses event in Brussels, 26 May 2026

On Tuesday in Brussels, OSCE PA Special Representative on Artificial Intelligence Federica Onori (Italy) participated in a discussion organized within the framework of the United Nations Internet Governance Forum (IGF) process and hosted at the European Dialogue on Internet Governance (EuroDIG), a regional platform for dialogue on digital policy issues.

Titled "From Deepfakes to 'Nudification': Evolving Threats of Generative AI to Information Integrity and Human Rights," the

event examined growing concerns over harmful AI-generated content and reviewed emerging legislative and policy responses. The discussion also focused on ensuring that rapidly evolving AI technologies remain aligned with human dignity, ethical responsibility and the protection of vulnerable individuals.

Onori framed the challenge as requiring simultaneous action by individuals, platforms and AI developers, stressing that focusing on only one part of the ecosystem leaves critical gaps. She emphasized the importance of stronger co-operation between parliamentarians, youth, academia, civil society and the private sector. Warning that artificial intelligence is increasingly affecting democratic resilience, public trust, and fundamental rights, Onori highlighted how these technologies are already facilitating harassment, manipulation and gender-based violence, disproportionately affecting women, girls and minors.

Special Rep on Youth Engagement participates in ODIHR conference in Warsaw

OSCE PA Special Representative on Youth Engagement Lucija Tacer Perlin (Slovenia) participated this week in the Political Party Peer Network Conference organized by the OSCE/ODIHR in Warsaw. The two-day event convened parliamentarians, political party representatives, civil society, academia, and international organizations to discuss political finance standards, anti-corruption measures, and youth political participation across the OSCE region.

Tacer Perlin spoke about pathways and mechanisms for meaningful youth engagement. Drawing from her experience as a young parliamentarian, she stressed the need to move beyond symbolic consultation and create genuine opportunities for young people to influence policies and decision-making.

She highlighted in particular OSCE PA initiatives aimed at



Lucija Tacer Perlin participates in ODIHR event in Warsaw, 26 May

strengthening youth involvement, including the Network of Young Parliamentarians, the Youth Perspectives initiative, and the Parliamentary Dialogue Platform on Youth, Peace and Security. Parliaments and political actors must actively create spaces where young people can participate meaningfully, Tacer Perlin stated, noting that young people want to contribute, shape policies and take responsibility for the future of their societies.

South East Europe Delegations highlight science diplomacy as tool for regional security

Parliamentarians and academics convened online Tuesday for the Inter-Parliamentary Forum of South East Europe Delegations to the OSCE PA. The meeting, chaired by OSCE PA Vice-President and Special Representative on South East Europe Kyriakos Hadjiyianni (Cyprus), explored the role of science diplomacy in advancing regional co-operation, democratic resilience, and security.

Hadjiyianni highlighted growing political commitment to

integration, describing science diplomacy as a "crucial catalyst" for evidence-based policymaking and the region's European perspective. President Pere Joan Pons (Spain) stressed that science diplomacy is now central to political dialogue, with Secretary General Roberto Montella, Vice-President Gábor Hajdu (Romania) and First Committee Vice-Chair Jevrosima Pejović (Montenegro) echoing the importance of cross-border scientific collaboration and inclusive, evidence-based decision-making.