

OSCE PA Special Rapporteur on Digital Agenda Miladinovic visits Denmark



Miladinovic meeting with MP Christoffer Aagaard Melson, 21 January

The Special Rapporteur on Digital Agenda, Stefana Miladinovic, visited Denmark on 20-22 January to explore and study the country's digital strategies and action plans.

Miladinovic, Head of the Serbian delegation to the OSCE PA, held meetings with Christoffer Aagaard Melson who serves as his party's spokesperson on IT and telecommunications in the Danish Parliament, as well as with officials from the Danish Agency for Digitisation, the Confederation of Danish Industry, Copenhagen City Hall administration and the Danish Parliament.

Discussions focused on Denmark's digital path over recent decades and efforts to provide more efficient digital solutions and services for citizens. Officials outlined the digital strategies implemented by the government, local administration and the private sector. Exchanges also touched upon future challenges, in particular digital security, data protection and the need to safeguard the widespread confidence and trust in the public sector.

"Denmark continues to be a digital frontrunner, making it a role model for other countries," said Miladinovic. She continued: "While we must remain mindful of potential threats and continue efforts to strengthen our common efforts to mitigate security risks, it is clear that digital transformation is having a positive impact not only on business and trade but also on the individual and society as a whole. Denmark is teaching us that digitalization is unavoidable, and I am eager to continue working on facilitating co-operation and discussions among parliamentarians internationally aimed at increasing awareness and information exchange."

Miladinovic also held bilateral meetings with OSCE PA Secretary General Roberto Montella and Serbian Ambassador to Denmark Jasmina Mitrovic-Maric.

From the International Secretariat, the visit was supported by Communications and Press Officer Anna Di Domenico and Research Assistant Roberto Ferrari.

Kazakh and Dutch ambassadors visit the International Secretariat

On 28 January Secretary General Roberto Montella welcomed at the International Secretariat in Copenhagen the Kazakh Ambassador to Denmark Kairat Abdrakhmanov, former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Chair of the Permanent Council during the 2010 Kazakh OSCE Chairmanship. They discussed the role of Kazakhstan in the OSCE and the strengthening of regional co-operation in Central Asia, as well as current challenges in East-West relations and opportunities for parliamentary diplomacy to foster dialogue at all levels.

On Friday 24 January Roberto Montella also held a meeting with the Ambassador of the Netherlands to Denmark Rob Zaagman on the role of parliamentarians within the OSCE.



Amb. Abdrakhmanov at the International Secretariat, 28 January

Winter Meeting to focus on anti-Semitism, protracted conflicts, climate change, human rights co-operation



Hofburg Congress Centre in Vienna

Preparations are ongoing for the upcoming OSCE PA 19th Winter Meeting that will take place in Vienna on 20-21 February. Nearly 300 OSCE parliamentarians are foreseen to participate alongside OSCE executive structures.

Keynote addresses are expected by the President of the Austrian National Council Wolfgang Sobotka, as well as OSCE PA President Tsereteli, the OSCE Albanian Chairmanship, and the OSCE Secretary General.

In the three general committees members will hear from OSCE representatives and hold special debates on protracted conflicts, climate change and international human rights co-operation.

The closing joint session will feature a special debate on combatting anti-Semitism, discrimination and intolerance in the OSCE region.

Registration is open for members of the media interested in covering the meeting. The registration form can be found online at www.oscepa.org