

OSCE Parliamentarians push for unity and reform in Bosnia and Herzegovina



OSCE PA delegation at the Srebrenica Memorial Centre, 7 November 2025



Meeting with OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo, 6 November 2025

OSCE PA President Pere Joan Pons Sampietro (Spain) led a delegation of parliamentarians on an official visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina on 5-8 November with the aim of promoting reconciliation, human rights, and justice in the Western Balkans. The OSCE parliamentarians underscored the Assembly's commitment to strengthening parliamentary engagement, promoting democratic institutions, and supporting stability in the South East European region.

The delegation of 15 parliamentarians from 14 OSCE countries held meetings in Sarajevo focused on domestic and regional developments, fostering dialogue on key policy issues, and enhancing co-operation with the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, headed by Amb. Rick Holtzaple. The delegation received an in-depth briefing on the OSCE Mission's work, and engaged with a broad spectrum of state authorities and leaders of the parliament, including from BiH's Delegation to the OSCE PA, Minister of Foreign Affairs Elmedin Konaković, and representatives of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The parliamentarians were also received by the Office of the High Representative and briefed about its work and activities.

On 7 November, the parliamentarians visited Srebrenica, where they laid wreaths and paid tribute to the victims of the 1995 genocide. The delegation toured the museum exhibition and met with representatives of the Memorial Centre, survivors, and families of the victims, who shared their experiences. At the Memorial Centre, President Pons reflected on the importance of remembrance, justice, and accountability as pillars of lasting peace.

"Today, we stand in this place of immense sorrow to honour

the memory of more than 8,300 innocent men and boys who were brutally killed in July 1995," he said. "Thirty years on, Srebrenica remains a tragic reminder of where hatred and division can lead. We must never allow such atrocities to happen again."

The delegation was briefed about the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina's Field Office in Srebrenica's ongoing support to inter-community dialogue, local governance, and initiatives fostering social cohesion and the rule of law. The delegation expressed appreciation for the Mission's ongoing efforts to strengthen democratic practices and promote reconciliation. The parliamentarians also met with the Mayor of Srebrenica, Miloš Vučić, and the Speaker of the Municipal Assembly, Almir Dudić.

Discussions focused on local challenges, opportunities for economic recovery, youth participation, and efforts to build mutual trust within the community. Delegation members stressed their support for continued international engagement and parliamentary co-operation in advancing these goals. President Pons also emphasized that the OSCE PA will continue to support BiH in advancing its democratic institutions, strengthening the rule of law, and fostering reconciliation among all its citizens.

The delegation consisted of four Vice-Presidents including the Assembly's Special Representative on South East Europe, Kyriakos Hadjiyianni (Cyprus), and parliamentarians from Belgium, Cyprus, Estonia, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Montenegro, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Spain, and the United Kingdom, as well as Secretary General Roberto Montella. The visit was part of a wider series of engagements in South East Europe designed to strengthen regional co-operation and promote the role of parliamentarians in advancing OSCE objectives.

Porto Annual Session report, Autumn Meeting resources available online

The final report of the 32nd Annual Session, which took place 29 June to 3 July in Porto, is available online in PDF and Flipping-Book format. To download the report, please click here: <https://bit.ly/486Nk3z>

Also available at the OSCE PA website is the latest information about the 23rd Autumn Meeting taking place in Istanbul next week.

For all programmatic and logistical information on the Autumn Meeting, please click here: <https://bit.ly/4hVUXNB>

Special Rep Tacer highlights PA's youth engagement efforts at OSCE event

Special Representative on Youth Engagement Lucija Tacer participated in the OSCE WIN Academy – Youth Edition on 4 November, discussing with participants how to involve young people in decision-making and bring ideas of youth to reality. She shared the PA's experience of incorporating youth perspectives in its work, in particular through the engagement of the OSCE PA Network of Young Parliamentarians, and discussed the importance of ensuring the representation of women and fostering an inclusive environment.

The event, which took place in Ljubljana, brought together 16 students for a programme filled with interactive workshops and discussions on advancing gender equality as a prerequisite



Lucija Tacer at the OSCE WIN Academy -- Youth Edition in Ljubljana, 4 November 2025

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