

PA President and Treasurer meet with Danish Parliament Speaker in Copenhagen



Pere Joan Pons meets with Søren Gade at the Folketing in Copenhagen, 20 January 2026

OSCE PA President Pere Joan Pons (Spain) met Tuesday with Søren Gade, Speaker of the Danish Parliament (Folketing), joined by Head of the OSCE PA's Danish Delegation Peter Juel-Jensen, Deputy Head of Delegation Søren Søndergaard, Treasurer Johan Büser (Sweden), Secretary General Roberto Montella, and Deputy Secretary General Gustavo Pallares. Discussions focused on the heightened security concerns surrounding Greenland and the broader implications for Arctic stability and transatlantic relations.

Pons and Gade underlined the fundamental importance of respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of the Kingdom of Denmark, emphasizing the validity of international law including the UN Charter, and reaffirmed the democratic rights and

self-determination of the people of Greenland. President Pons noted that Greenland sits at a crossroads of strategic interests and fundamental democratic principles, highlighting Arctic security issues as increasingly serious and requiring a multilateral response.

During the meeting the lawmakers also discussed Denmark's very strong and continuous support for the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, including by hosting the International Secretariat in Copenhagen. They agreed to further explore possibilities for high-level Danish participation in upcoming Assembly meetings and exchanged views on other key activities of the OSCE PA.

The meeting formed part of President Pons's ongoing series of high-level consultations with OSCE PA participating States at a time of serious challenges to the rules-based international order and multilateral co-operation. Also today, President Pons met at the International Secretariat with Treasurer Büser, Secretary General Montella and the PA's financial team for discussions on the budget.

The Denmark trip was President Pons's first visit of the new year. Pons travels to Vienna today for a number of bilateral meetings and his regular address to the OSCE Permanent Council on Thursday.

PA Launches Parliamentary Dialogue Platform on Youth, Peace and Security

On Monday, OSCE PA Special Representative on Youth Engagement Lucija Tacer (Slovenia) hosted a webinar marking the launch of the Parliamentary Dialogue Platform on Youth, Peace and Security. The event brought together parliamentarians, youth experts, and representatives from international organizations to discuss the evolving Youth, Peace and Security (YPS) agenda.

In her welcoming remarks, Tacer underscored the timely importance of strengthening youth participation in peace and security policymaking and reiterated the Assembly's commitment to supporting practical parliamentary engagement with the YPS agenda. She highlighted the Parliamentary Dialogue Platform as an ongoing space to exchange knowledge and experience, where parliamentarians across the OSCE region can engage with experts and work jointly on translating global commitments into legislation, oversight, and policy.

In his welcome remarks, Dr. Felipe Paullier, United Nations Assistant Secretary-General for Youth Affairs, highlighted the

normative foundations of the YPS agenda and its significance for sustainable peace and security, stressing the importance of engaging both civil society and politicians.

The event also featured keynote presentations by Saji Prelis, Co-Chair of the Global Coalition on Youth, Peace and Security and Briona Collins, Advocacy Lead at the United Network of Young Peacebuilders. Prelis provided insights into the origins of the agenda, emerging trends affecting young people, and opportunities for strengthening future commitments through national actions and financing initiatives. Collins focused on the parliamentary dimension of the YPS agenda, including the roles parliaments can play in policy, legislation, oversight, and engagement.

Parliamentarians participating in the webinar exchanged views on how parliaments can advance youth-focused peace and security policies, enhance institutional co-operation with youth groups, and integrate youth priorities into national action plans.

SG Montella, PA staff participate in opening of the Swiss OSCE Chairpersonship



Family photo of the OSCE Chairpersonship opening in Vienna, 15 January 2026

OSCE PA Secretary General Roberto Montella was in Vienna on 15 January for the opening of the 2026 Swiss OSCE Chairpersonship. Meeting with a wide range of counterparts from OSCE executive structures, as well as diplomats and Permanent Representatives to the OSCE, Montella highlighted areas of co-operation between the par-

liamentary and governmental sides of the OSCE. He welcomed Chairperson-in-Office Ignazio Cassis and expressed interest in working together on all issues where the parliamentary dimension can add value to Switzerland's priorities.

The PA's Special Representative in Vienna, Amb. Miodrag Pančeski, participated in a number of bilateral meetings, while other staff members took part in regional and thematic working group sessions related to the Chairpersonship opening events.

Chief Political Advisor Francesco Pagani took part in a meeting with OSCE Secretary General Feridun H. Sinirlioğlu and a parliamentary delegation from Japan, an OSCE Partner for Co-operation. The delegation expressed interest in co-operation with the PA, particularly on the Ukraine dossier, which Pagani welcomed. He also encouraged their future participation at OSCE PA statutory meetings, and highlighted other avenues for co-operation including election observation.