

OSCE parliamentarians gather in Vienna for 25th Winter Meeting

On 19-20 February, hundreds of parliamentarians from across the OSCE region are gathering in Vienna to discuss key issues in security, human rights, democracy, and economic-environmental challenges. The OSCE PA's 25th Winter Meeting will provide an opportunity for interaction between the parliamentary and governmental sides of the OSCE, and for parliamentarians to begin preparing for the OSCE PA's 33rd Annual Session in The Hague this July.

The opening session on Thursday will include addresses by the President of the Austrian National Council, Walter Rosenkranz; Ruslan Stefanchuk, Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine; OSCE PA President Pere Joan Pons, and OSCE Secretary General Feridun Sinirlioğlu.

Speaker of the Parliament of Denmark Søren Gade and Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe President Petra Bayr will deliver keynote addresses at the general debate



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"Human Rights as a Basis for Security" on Friday.

The First Committee will meet for discussions on Ukraine and regional peace, with presentations from OSCE representatives. The Second Committee will hold a debate on geoeconomics, technology, and security. The Third Committee will focus on election integrity and hybrid threats, featuring a keynote by European Commissioner Michael McGrath.

Autumn Meeting final report available online

The final report of the Istanbul Autumn Meeting has been published as a Flipping Book and in PDF format.

To download the report, please click here: <http://bit.ly/3ZFOsWX>

PA leaders engage in high-level dialogue at the Munich Security Conference



Roberto Montella, Roger Wicker and Pere Joan Pons at MSC

OSCE PA President Pere Joan Pons (Spain) and Secretary General Roberto Montella participated last week in the Munich Security Conference, the world's leading forum for debating international security policy. During the conference, President Pons and Secretary General Montella engaged with several high-level officials and attended a series of thematic

sessions, including high-profile panels on topics such as tariffs, rebuilding Gaza, and climate action.

The PA leaders attended the speeches by US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky and Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, sessions featuring Ursula von der Leyen and Sir Keir Starmer, as well as Kaja Kallas, Vice-President and High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy at the European Commission, and Michael Waltz, US Ambassador to the United Nations.

The President's discussions underscored the need to catalyze innovative solutions to complex challenges by bringing together influential leaders and thinkers to drive international security advancements, with a focus on regional stability, democratic resilience, and ongoing efforts to support peace in the OSCE area amid geopolitical tensions.

CCT Vice-Chair Loperfido participates in UN parliamentary training on AI

Vice-Chair of the PA's Ad Hoc Committee on Countering Terrorism Emanuele Loperfido (Italy) participated in a Parliamentary Training Course on "Legislative and Policy Measures to Prevent and Counter the Use of Artificial Intelligence and New Technologies for Terrorism and Violent Extremism Purposes," held 11-13 February at the House of Representatives of the Philippines.

Organized under the framework of the United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism and convening parliamentarians from

different regions, the training focused on the dual-use nature of artificial intelligence, evolving terrorist threats linked to emerging technologies, and legislative and oversight approaches that balance innovation, security, and fundamental rights.

Loperfido contributed to discussions on how parliaments can strengthen legal frameworks, improve parliamentary oversight and accountability, and support rights-based implementation in areas such as online radicalization prevention, border management, and the responsible deployment of AI in sensitive sectors.

Parliamentary Support Team for Ukraine and Migration Committee hold online meetings

Following up on a previous call with the families of Dmytro Shabanov, Maksym Petrov and Vadym Golda – three OSCE officials currently in detention – PSTU Special Rapporteur Boris Dittrich met online Tuesday with Margaryta Shabanova, the wife of Dmytro Shabanov, and Ievgeniia Kapalkina, the lawyer representing the families. Participants discussed the detainees' conditions with concerns raised about the lack of access to independently verify their wellbeing, and the status of communication between the detainees and their families. The meeting provided an important opportunity to express solidarity and re-

affirm the PA's commitment to supporting the detained officials and their families.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Migration met on 11 February for an online discussion focused on the situation in the United States. Chaired by Farah Karimi (The Netherlands), the meeting was addressed by Joe Wilson (United States), who provided an overview of immigration enforcement in the US. Members acknowledged the right of the US to enforce immigration law and secure its borders but also raised concerns about some of the methods.