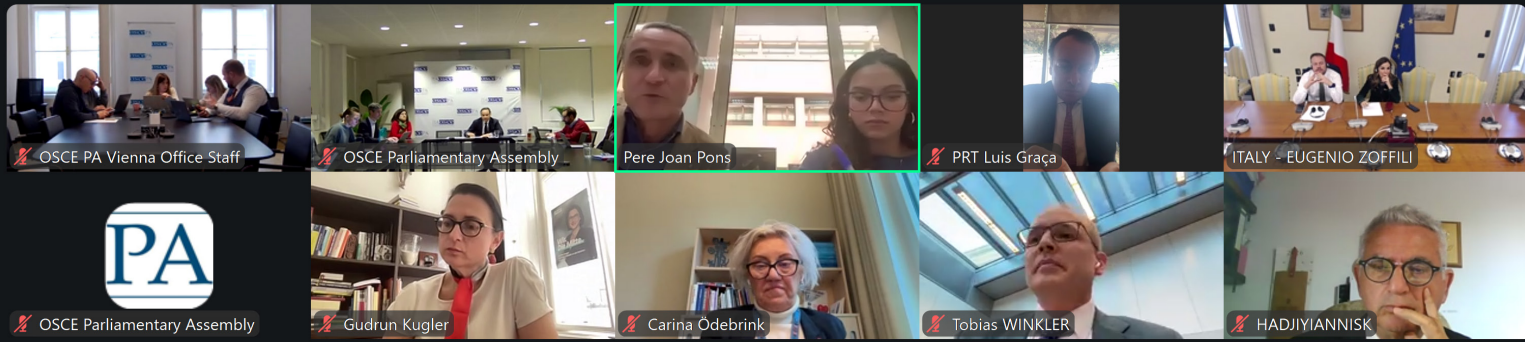


OSCE PA leadership discusses recent escalation in the Middle East



In response to recent developments in the Middle East, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly President Pere Joan Pons (Spain) convened on Tuesday an urgent meeting of the Assembly's Bureau. The online meeting included the participation of 14 Bureau members from 13 countries.

During the discussion, participants expressed wide range of

views regarding the ongoing escalation in the Middle East. It is important for the OSCE PA, Members pointed out, to continue monitoring the situation and using all tools at its disposal to support peace and security in the OSCE area. Following the meeting, the OSCE PA published a press release summarizing some of the key takeaways.

Humanitarian Gesture of Solidarity: Letters to detained OSCE officials

Following the recent Parliamentary Support Team for Ukraine meeting in Vienna, participants were invited to join a humanitarian initiative launched by Special Rapporteur Boris Dittrich (Netherlands), aimed at expressing solidarity with the three detained OSCE officials – Dmytro Shabanov, Maksym Petrov and Vadym Golda – by sending them letters of support and encouragement. This gesture, Dittrich emphasized, carries profound symbolic weight, offering a moment of human connection to individuals who have endured prolonged detention, coinciding also with the fourth anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine.

Several parliamentarians have already taken this initiative, and other Members of the Assembly are invited to do so as well. For more information, please reach out to Chief Political Advisor Francesco Pagani at francesco@oscepa.dk .

Special Representative Onori meets Ukrainian experts on AI

While in Kyiv marking the fourth anniversary of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine, OSCE PA Special Representative on Artificial Intelligence Federica Onori (Italy) met with the Institute for National Resilience and Security (INRS) to discuss AI's role in strengthening resilience, security, and information integrity. The discussion covered AI-driven media monitoring and research approaches across Ukraine, Italy, and the EU, including comparative discourse analysis, examination of media actors and opinion leaders, and methods to assess external information influence on public discourse.

The meeting emphasized structured, evidence-based analysis to understand influence operations and narrative dissemination patterns, recalling the powerful tools AI offers



In Kyiv: INSR Director Rena Marutian, Special Representative Federica Onori, and INSR Scientific Consultant Natalia Kryda

for supporting media monitoring, analyzing information ecosystems, and detecting trends that threaten democratic institutions and societal resilience. This reflects the OSCE PA's commitment to advancing AI applications in national security, societal resilience, and countering information manipulation, Onori said.

National Action Plans on Youth, Peace and Security in focus

On 26 February, the OSCE PA held the second webinar in its Parliamentary Dialogue Platform on Youth, Peace and Security (YPS), focusing on "National Action Plans on Youth, Peace and Security: From Commitments to Implementation – Parliamentary Roles and Good Practices." The online event, chaired by OSCE PA Special Representative on Youth Engagement Lucija Tacer (Slovenia) brought together parliamentarians and experts to examine how National Action Plans (NAPs) can translate political commitments into concrete national policies and measurable

outcomes.

In her opening remarks, Tacer underlined that NAPs are not merely technical policy documents, but political commitments that require sustained parliamentary engagement. Other speakers presented lessons learned from national experiences developing and implementing NAPs. The webinar also featured interventions from youth civil society organizations and youth networks.

The discussion emphasized the importance of linking YPS NAPs with broader national peace, security and development strategies in order to enhance policy coherence.

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