

President Pons visits Kyiv and Bucha, meets Zelenskyy reaffirms support for Ukraine



Bucha Summit, Ukraine, 31 March 2026

OSCE Parliamentary Assembly President Pere Joan Pons visited Kyiv and Bucha on 31 March, participating in the Bucha Summit and holding high-level meetings, including with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. The visit underscored the Assembly's continued political support for Ukraine and its commitment to accountability, justice, and international solidarity.

At the Summit, participants heard testimonies from survivors of the 2022 atrocities in Bucha, highlighting the importance of preserving the memory of victims and ensuring accountability for war crimes. Pons stressed the need for sustained international efforts to uphold international law and support Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

During a meeting of Heads of Delegation hosted by President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, participants exchanged views on the current security situation and Ukraine's most pressing needs. Zelenskyy emphasized the importance of sustained international political support and engagement, while welcoming continued parliamentary efforts to keep Ukraine's situation high on the global agenda.

Discussions in Kyiv focused on the current security situation and Ukraine's ongoing needs, with Pons reaffirming the Assembly's role in mobilizing political support across its member parliaments. Particular attention was also given to the deportation of Ukrainian children and the detention of three OSCE officials by Russia.

The Summit concluded with a joint statement condemning Russia's war of aggression and calling for full accountability through international mechanisms, as well as the return of deported children. The visit brought together parliamentary leaders from across Europe, reflecting broad international backing for Ukraine.

OSCE PA parliamentarians strengthen cybersecurity co-operation in Ohrid



Fifth Inter-Parliamentary Forum, Ohrid, North Macedonia, 27 March 2026

Some 20 OSCE parliamentarians met in Ohrid, North Macedonia, on 26–28 March for the fifth Inter-Parliamentary Forum on South East Europe, focusing on enhancing regional co-operation in cybersecurity. Organized by Special Representative Kyriakos Hadjiyianni (Cyprus) and hosted by Head of Delegation Monika Zajkova (North Macedonia), the meeting brought together lawmakers and experts to address growing

cyber threats.

Opening remarks were delivered by Speaker Afrim Gashi, OSCE PA Secretary General Roberto Montella, OSCE PA Vice-Presidents Eugenio Zoffili (Italy) and Kyriakos Hadjiyianni, alongside contributions from OSCE officials and cyber experts. Discussions focused on challenges related to cyberattacks, cybercrime, disinformation, and the protection of critical infrastructure, as well as the role of cybersecurity in combating organized crime.

Participants emphasized the need for stronger legislative frameworks, institutional capacity, and information-sharing, as well as enhanced regional co-operation. The forum concluded with the adoption of a joint declaration reaffirming commitment to improving resilience against cyber threats, strengthening protection of democratic institutions and digital infrastructure, and advancing practical co-operation across South East Europe.

OSCE PA prepares election observation mission ahead of Hungary vote

Leaders of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly's election observation mission to Hungary visited Budapest on 25–26 March to assess the pre-election environment ahead of the country's parliamentary elections on 12 April.

Special Co-ordinator Sargis Khandanyan (Armenia) and Head of Delegation Rupa Huq (United Kingdom) met with a broad range of stakeholders, including election authorities, government officials, parliamentarians, political parties, civil society, media representatives, and ODIHR experts. Discussions focused on the campaign environment, media landscape, and public confidence in the electoral process.

The observation will be conducted as a joint international mission with ODIHR and the Parliamentary Assembly of the



Khandanyan and Huq with National Election Office and National Election Committee representatives, Budapest, 25 March 2026

Council of Europe, bringing together more than 350 observers, including around 140 from the OSCE PA.

The visit highlighted the importance of comprehensive and impartial assessment efforts, as well as strong international engagement in supporting transparent and inclusive elections in Hungary.

SR Onori highlights AI, energy, and security risks at sustainability conference

At the conference on Artificial Intelligence and Sustainability hosted by the University of Chieti-Pescara, OSCE PA Special Representative on Artificial Intelligence Federica Onori (Italy) spoke on the link between AI's growing energy demands and international security, arguing that access to AI infrastructure is increasingly shaping geopolitical competition among states.

She also highlighted how AI-generated content is rapidly lowering the barriers to large-scale information manipulation, posing a growing threat to democratic institutions and public trust. Onori mentioned that these challenges cannot be addressed by individual countries alone, and stressed the need for stronger coordination among states to develop shared frameworks on responsible AI development.