

OSCE parliamentarians prepare for a busy springtime of activities

The OSCE PA is gearing up for a busy springtime of activities, with more than 100 Members participating in the election observation mission to Hungary this week, several planning to attend an environmental summit in Astana, Kazakhstan, later this month, and following that, a Bureau meeting taking place in Copenhagen, Denmark.

For the observation mission to the Hungarian parliamentary elections, which is one of the largest ever to be deployed by the OSCE PA, Sargis Khandanyan (Armenia) has been appointed by the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office as Special Co-ordinator and leader of the short-term OSCE observers, and Rupa Huq (United Kingdom) has been appointed by the OSCE PA President as Head of the OSCE PA's delegation of observers.

At the Regional Ecological Summit 2026 in Astana, taking place 22-24 April under the theme "Shared vision for a Resilient Future," the OSCE PA plans to hold a dedicated roundtable on climate change, bringing together parliamentarians and stakeholders to advance practical solutions at the intersection of climate, security, and sustainable development. A high-level OSCE PA delegation will include President Pere Joan Pons (Spain), Second Committee Chair Azay Guliyev (Azerbaijan), Special Representative on Central Asia Angelos Syrigos (Greece), Special Representative on Climate Change Ainur Argynbekova (Kazakhstan), and Secretary General Roberto Montella.

OSCE PA Vice-President and Special Representative on Combating Organized Crime Eugenio Zoffili (Italy) plans to attend and contribute to the 2026 OSCE Alliance Conference, which will focus on human trafficking for the purpose of forced criminality, to be held in Vienna on 20-21 April.

On 26-27 April, the OSCE PA Bureau will hold its regular annual meeting in Copenhagen, where the Treasurer will present the draft budget for the coming 2026-2027 financial year, and the general committees' rapporteurs will present their preliminary



Secretary General Roberto Montella and staff members meet with Treasurer Johan Büser for discussions ahead of this month's Bureau meeting in Copenhagen, 7 April 2026.

ideas for the reports and draft resolutions being prepared for the Annual Session. The theme of the Annual Session, which will take place 4-8 July 2026 at the World Forum Convention Center in The Hague, Netherlands, is "International Law and Shared Principles: Foundations for Security and Co-operation in the OSCE Area."

In preparation for the Bureau meeting, Treasurer Johan Büser (Sweden) met online with the OSCE PA's financial team on Tuesday.

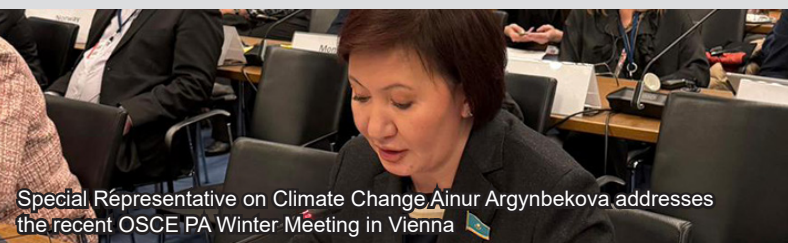
On 14-15 May, the Italian Parliament will host the second Rome Interparliamentary Conference on the Fight Against Organized Crime, with a focus on drug trafficking.

Also in May, Parliamentary Support Team for Ukraine Special Rapporteur Mati Raidma (Estonia) is planning a fact finding visit to Ukraine. Today, Special Rapporteur Boris Dittrich (Netherlands) is meeting with relatives of the three OSCE officials in detention – Dmytro Shabanov, Maksym Petrov and Vadym Golda – as well as the lawyer representing the families. OSCE PA Chief Political Advisor Francesco Pagani is also attending and will provide an update on the PA's co-ordination with the Office of the OSCE Secretary General. Later this month Pagani will brief the Norwegian Delegation on the work of the PSTU and Ukraine.

New Research Assistants join the OSCE PA International Secretariat

Two new Research Assistants began working at the OSCE PA International Secretariat this week. Frouhar Zohouri and Alice Chauprade have joined Jonathan Brouwer and Eugenia Fabbri at the Copenhagen office to provide the OSCE PA research, language and administrative support, particularly in the work of the general and ad hoc committees. The Vienna team of Research Assistants consists of Felix Daiber, Connor Farrington, Veysel Akyildiz, and Thuy Vu.

Special Representative on Climate Change marks World Health Day 2026



Special Representative on Climate Change Ainur Argynbekova addresses the recent OSCE PA Winter Meeting in Vienna

On the occasion of World Health Day 2026, the OSCE PA's Special Representative on Climate Change, Ainur Argynbekova (Kazakhstan), underscored on Tuesday the growing impact of climate change on public health and reaffirmed the need for science-based, collaborative and co-operative action across the OSCE region.

"Climate change, together with human-driven pressures such as pollution, is increasingly affecting health outcomes across our

region," the Special Representative stated. "Rising temperatures, extreme weather events, air pollution, water scarcity, and climate-sensitive diseases are already impacting communities and straining health systems, especially for those most at risk."

The OSCE PA, Argynbekova emphasized, has over the years consistently called for urgent, co-ordinated, and science-based action, including through stronger international co-operation, enhanced resilience, and the alignment of policies with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

This year's World Health Day, observed under the theme "Together for health. Stand with science," highlights the importance of evidence-based policymaking, international co-operation, and trust in science in addressing complex global challenges, including the interconnected risks posed by climate change.

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