



PARLIAMENT
OF FINLAND

PROGRAMME

CALL FOR ACTION – HELSINKI + 50 SEMINAR

THE ROLE OF THE OSCE AND ITS PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY IN THE CHANGING EUROPEAN SECURITY ARCHITECTURE

23 September 2022

Parliament of Finland, Helsinki

Auditorium of the Finnish Parliament Annex, Arkadiankatu 3, 00100 Helsinki

Thursday, 22 September 2022

Arrival of participants

Participants are requested to make their own way from the airport to the hotels

19.15 **Departure of the bus for the dinner venue from Hotel Scandic Simonkenttä**
The bus will be out by the street, Simonkatu 9, 00100 Helsinki

19.30 **Departure of the bus for the dinner venue from Sokos Hotel Presidentti**
Eteläinen Rautatienkatu 4, 00100 Helsinki

20.00 **Welcome dinner hosted by Mr. Vilhelm Junnila, Chair of the Finnish OSCE PA
Delegation**
*“Meri” hall at Hilton Helsinki Kalastajatorppa, Kalastajatorpantie 1, 00330
Helsinki*

Friday, 23 September 2022

09.15 **Arrival of participants to the Annex of the Parliament building**
Arkadiankatu 3, 00100 Helsinki

A reception desk will provide badges and information after the security check

Coffee available

09.30 **Opening addresses**
Ms. Pia Kauma, OSCE PA Vice President and Member of the Finnish OSCE PA
Delegation, will invite the speakers to take the floor.

Mr. Matti Vanhanen, Speaker of the Parliament of Finland

Ms. Margareta Cederfelt, President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly
Mr. Erik Lundberg, Deputy Director General, Political Department, Foreign
Ministry of Finland

10.00 **Coffee break**

10.20 **Introduction**

Mr. Roberto Montella, Secretary General of the OSCE PA

10.25 **SESSION 1: The Role of the OSCE in Addressing Security Challenges**

Brief opening remarks by the moderator, Ms. Pia Kauma, OSCE PA Vice
President and Member of the Finnish OSCE PA Delegation

Panelists:

Ms. Tuula Yrjölä, Director of the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre and Deputy
Head of the OSCE

Mr. Sergey Utkin, Associate Professor at the University of Southern Denmark –
Russia and its foreign policy

Mr. Bradley Reynolds, Doctoral researcher at University of Helsinki - evolution
and prospects of the OSCE and the Spirit of Helsinki

Panel discussion

Exchange of views

*The purpose of this session is to reflect on **the OSCE's key strengths in comparison to other international organizations** working to promote dialogue and peace, as well as **the main impediments** for the organization to meet its full potential in the changed international environment. These topics will be reflected on looking at the OSCE's existing toolbox for conflict prevention, resolution and post-conflict rehabilitation and the OSCE's decision-making processes.*

12.30 **Lunch break**

A buffet lunch will be served in the lobby of the auditorium

13.30 **SESSION 2: Where to start? The elements for updating and revitalizing the OSCE**

Brief opening remarks by the moderator, Ambassador Lamberto Zannier, OSCE
PA High-Level Expert

Panelists:

Mr. Walter Kemp, Director of Global Strategy against Transnational Organized
Crime on the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime

Mr. Tacan Ildem, Chairman of EDAM, Centre for Economics and Foreign Policy Studies

Panel discussion

Exchange of views

*Building on the outcomes of Session 1, this session focusses on how to preserve and further capitalize on the OSCE's strengths on the one hand and what can be done to reform the elements hindering the organization to play an effective role in the current context on the other hand. The focus is on **internal reform**. The aim is to generate **actionable insights and recommendations** on elements that require updating to revitalize the OSCE and particularly the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly.*

Issues that have attracted attention in previous discussions on reforming the OSCE and further improving the effectiveness of the organization include inter-institutional dialogue and cooperation within the OSCE, working methods of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, the OSCE decision-making processes as well as cooperation with other international organisations.

- 16.00** **Concluding remarks**
Ambassador Lamberto Zannier, OSCE PA High-Level Expert
- 16.30** **Closing of the meeting**
Mr. Vilhelm Junnila, Chair of the Finnish OSCE PA Delegation
- 16.35** Optional guided tour of the Parliament main building

Saturday, 24 September 2022

- 10.00–12.00** Optional: A guided tour in Helsinki