

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING Between

The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

And

The Parliament of Luxembourg

I. Preamble

This Memorandum of Understanding is established to formalize the cooperation between the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and the Parliament of Luxembourg, aiming to enhance security, promote human rights, and foster democracy in Eastern Europe and South-Eastern Europe through a series of targeted initiatives.

II. Objectives

1. Strengthen collaborative efforts in parliamentary diplomacy and the promotion of peace, security, and human rights.
2. Support field and fact-finding visits by OSCE parliamentarians to OSCE institutions and field operations, and enhance engagement with national parliaments in the region.
3. Allocate financial resources effectively for supporting regional coordinators, support staff, and programmatic events.

III. Terms of Cooperation

1. Duration: This MOU is effective for a period of four years starting from January 1, 2025 to January 1, 2029, with a possibility of renewal subject to mutual agreement by written consent.
2. Financial Commitment: The Parliament of Luxembourg agrees to provide financial support in the total amount €97,852.43 annually for a period of 4 years as detailed in the attached annex 1.

3. Responsibilities:

- OSCE PA will manage the coordination of activities and oversee the implementation of field visits.
- The Parliament of Luxembourg will ensure timely disbursement of the agreed financial contributions at the beginning of the Luxembourg's Parliaments financial year.

IV. Monitoring and Evaluation

A monitoring and evaluation framework will be established to assess the impact of the activities and ensure transparency and accountability in the utilization of financial resources.

V. Confidentiality and Data Protection

Both parties agree to maintain the confidentiality of any sensitive information exchanged during the term of this MOU.

VI. Dispute Resolution

Any disputes arising out of or in connection with this MOU shall be amicably resolved through mutual consultation.

In the event of non-compliance, non-performance or violation of the obligations assumed by one of the parties, the other party may, after written notification, terminate this MOU with immediate effect.

If events resulting from a case of force majeure (natural disaster, etc.) prevent the performance of this contract, either party may terminate the contract from the moment performance becomes impossible.

Any additions or modifications to this agreement must be made in writing and signed by both parties.

This agreement is governed by Luxembourgish law and the courts of Luxembourg have sole jurisdiction.

This agreement has been drawn up in two copies, one of which will be kept by the OSCE PA and the other by the Parliament of Luxembourg.



VII. Signatures

Luxembourg, June 18th, 2024

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Pia Kauma

President of OSCE PA

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Claude Wiseler'.

Claude Wiseler

President of Luxembourg Chamber
of Deputies

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Roberto Montella'.

Roberto Montella

Secretary General, OSCE PA
delegation

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Gilles Baum

Head of Luxembourg OSCE PA

Annex 1: Detailed Financial Plan and Activity Schedule

1. Overview

This annex provides a comprehensive overview of the financial and programmatic support from the Luxembourg Parliament to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly for initiatives in Eastern Europe and South East Europe. These initiatives are aimed at bolstering security, human rights, and democracy through strategic programmatic activities.

2. Financial Support

- Programmer Officer: €61,452.43 annually, potentially split among various existing positions that cover this portfolio of activities, specializing in Parliamentary Support Team for Ukraine, Eastern Europe and South East European affairs. Adjustments may occur based on changes in the UN Salary Scale.
- Research Assistants: €14,400 annually for one based in Vienna and €12,000 annually for one based in Copenhagen. This funding aims to support the engagement of young professionals in the Assembly's work, enriching its approach to international diplomacy and policy analysis. Accommodation, insurance, and equipment for research assistants will be fully funded by the OSCE PA.
- Operational Expenses: €10,000 annually to cover travel for OSCE PA staff to provide logistical and expert support during visits in the region of Eastern Europe, South East Europe and Ukraine , and other related expenses not limited to but including training, guest expert speakers, transport, security, accommodation and translation and interpretation services.
- Total Annual Funding: €97,852.43, covering remuneration of currently and future employed OSCE PA Staff.

3. Proposed Activities

- **Capacity Enhancement:** Sustain OSCE PA International Secretariat Regional Coordinators and support staff through dedicated funding, ensuring robust analytical and operational capabilities in the region.
- **Engagement Initiatives:** Organize visits by Assembly Officers, regional forums, conferences, and workshops aimed at addressing key challenges such as conflict resolution, economic cooperation, and environmental sustainability. These events are designed to foster knowledge exchange and develop joint initiatives.
- **Logistics Management:** Allocate resources to enhance the OSCE PA staff's ability to manage logistics for parliamentary visits to field missions, aligning these visits with the Assembly's strategic objectives.

4. Implementation and Monitoring

- **Project Start Date:** January 1, 2025, with an initial duration of four years, subject to potential extension based on mutual agreement.
- **Monitoring and Evaluation:** Establish a framework for monitoring and evaluation to assess the effectiveness of the initiatives and their impact on regional stability and development. This will include annual reports detailing progress, participant feedback, and outcomes from field operations.