



OSCE PA - PARLIAMENTARY WEB DIALOGUES

In light of the cancellation of the Annual Session and other planned activities, and acknowledging the desire and need to maintain the political parliamentary dialogue alive among PA Members, the International Secretariat is launching a cycle of **Parliamentary Web Dialogues** on the effects and challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic in areas of particular focus and priority for the OSCE PA, such as the political and security dimension, the economic dimension, democracy and human rights, as well as migration and countering terrorism. The Parliamentary Dialogues are online meetings on the model of a seminar, giving the opportunity to Members to actively engage on topical issues, similar to OSCE PA conferences. They will be organized by the Secretariat in close consultation with Assembly and Committee leadership and are intended to provide input which can inform subsequent findings and recommendations.

The first one, on *the Economic Security Fallout of the COVID-19 Pandemic*, has already successfully taken place on 22 April.

Upcoming dialogues:

- Friday 8 May, 15:00 CET: **Respecting human rights and maintaining democratic control during states of emergency**
- Friday 15 May, 15:00 CET: **COVID-19 response in diverse societies: threats for security or path for social cohesion**
- Date TBC: 20 or 22 May, 15:00 CET: **COVID-19: a turning point for environmental protection?**
- Wednesday 26 May, 16:00 CET: **Protecting refugees and migrants during the pandemic: Camps and closed centres under lockdown**

The International Secretariat will send out a short concept note with the agenda, guest speakers and the WEBEX link invitation prior to each webinar.

Please note that other Parliamentary Web Dialogues will be scheduled in the coming months. Topics will be considered against the backdrop of the evolving situation and priorities, and will be communicated in due course.