



Invitation to the

**Panel Discussion**

**The Challenges for the OSCE and the Role of the  
Parliamentary Assembly**

**Time** Wednesday, 22 February 2017, 6.00 – 7.30 p.m.

**Venue** Parliament, Abgeordneten-Sprechzimmer  
Dr.-Karl-Renner-Ring 3, 1017 Vienna

**Opening Remarks**

**CHRISTINE MUTTONEN**, President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly; Member of the Austrian National Council, SPÖ

**Discussion with**

**VEDRAN DZIHC**, Austrian Institute for International Affairs, Vienna

**KENT HÄRSTEDT**, Vice-President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly; Member of the Swedish Riksdag (*tbc*)

**CHRISTIAN STROHAL**, Austrian Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, Special Representative of the Austrian Chairmanship of the OSCE 2017

**Moderation**

**STEPHANIE FENKART**, Director of the International Institute for Peace (IIP), Vienna

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The recent outbreak of violence in Eastern Ukraine made clear that this conflict will remain one of the most important challenges for the OSCE. The main task is to prevent further escalation and to push for the implementation of the Minsk Agreements. In a broader perspective, it is essential to rebuild trust in the OSCE and between its member states so that the largest pan-European security organisation will be able to play the role that it is assigned for. The Austrian Chairmanship is confronted with these manifold challenges. But what can be expected realistically within the next few months? What can the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly contribute to minimize tensions between member states and to reestablish cooperation and trust between members?

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