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OSCE PA President

**Mr. Ignazio Cassis**  
OSCE Chairman-in-Office 2026

Brussels, 30 March 2026

**Ms. Daria Boyarskaya's participation in the Election Observation Mission to Hungary**

Dear Mr. Pons, dear Mr. Cassis,

We, 56 Members of the European Parliament from across political groups and Member States, as well as Members of the OSCE PA Election Observation Mission to Hungary and Members of the German Bundestag are writing to express our grave concerns regarding the participation of Ms. Daria Boyarskaya in the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Election Observation Mission to Hungary for the parliamentary elections scheduled on 12 April 2026.

Ms. Boyarskaya's documented professional background raises serious questions as to her suitability for a role at the heart of this international election observation mission. She has in the past served as a personal interpreter to Russian President Vladimir Putin. It is widely understood that individuals entrusted with such roles undergo stringent security vetting by Russian authorities and are considered highly reliable by the Russian state. Furthermore, Ms. Boyarskaya has been designated an undesirable person by the Polish Internal Security Agency and independent reporting and open-source findings also suggest continued ties to Russian state structures and frequent travel to Russia.<sup>1</sup>

These concerns are compounded by the current context in Hungary. Credible reporting by investigative journalists and international media points to a potential Russian influence operation targeting the upcoming parliamentary elections. Allegations include coordination by senior Kremlin officials and the presence of actors linked to Russian intelligence services in Budapest.<sup>2</sup> In such a context, the presence of an individual with Ms. Boyarskaya's background in a central organisational role within the OSCE PA mission is deeply troubling.

We wish to underline that this is not a marginal or technical position. As Chief Advisor, Ms. Boyarskaya is responsible for organising and coordinating the mission of approximately 150

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<https://vsquare.org/goulash-putins-interpreter-monitors-hungarys-election-ukraine-bank-cargo-raid-was-a-provocation/>

<sup>2</sup> <https://vsquare.org/putins-gru-linked-election-fixers-are-already-in-budapest-to-help-orban/>

parliamentarians, preparing and participating in meetings with political actors, public authorities, journalists and civil society representatives, and overseeing key logistical and operational aspects. This grants her broad access to sensitive information and direct interaction with stakeholders whose trust is essential for the credibility of the mission.

Independent and credible election observation is a cornerstone of democratic accountability and a core strength of the OSCE. Its legitimacy rests on the confidence of all stakeholders involved. It is therefore particularly alarming that leading Hungarian civil society organisations have already raised concerns about Ms. Boyarskaya's involvement and have restricted their cooperation with the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly mission.<sup>3</sup> The opposition is also reluctant to cooperate. If key domestic actors feel unable to engage fully with the mission, its effectiveness and credibility risk being fundamentally undermined.

**In light of the above, we respectfully urge you to assess this matter with the utmost seriousness and relieve Ms. Boyarskaya of her duties related to the Hungarian elections with immediate effect.**

We remain at your disposal for any further information and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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Niclas Herbst, MEP EPP, Germany

Michał Wawrykiewicz, MEP EPP, Poland

Maria Walsh, MEP EPP, Ireland

Chloé Ridel, MEP S&D, France

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<sup>3</sup> <https://helsinki.hu/magyar-civil-szervezetek-ebeszkgy/>

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