
OSCE FACING LEADERSHIP CRISIS

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The Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) is facing an unprecedented leadership crisis, after failing to agree an extension of its four most senior posts, leaving many in Europe worried about how it will continue to work until successors are chosen in December.

The 57 member states failed to reach a consensus on extending the mandates of four of the OSCEs top officials last week, as of Saturday (18 July), the body has been de facto leaderless.

Swiss diplomat Thomas Greminger was appointed OSCE Secretary General in 2017, for a three-year term, with the four posts being a political package deal struck under the Austrian OSCE chairmanship, thus ending a leadership vacuum in the OSCE. All four are now vacant.

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