



OSCE Chairmanship Conference
“Dublin Conference on Internet Freedom”
Dublin Castle
18-19 June 2012

Logistical Information

1. VENUE	Dublin Castle The opening session and High Level Panel will take place in St Patrick’s Hall; the Working Sessions will take place in the Castle Conference Centre. Upper Castle Yard, Dublin 2, Ireland, Tel: +353 (0)1 645 8800 Fax: +353 (0)1 679 7831 E-mail: dublincastle@eircom.net www.dublincastle.ie Recommended access: Cork Hill Gate, next to Dame Street (see map below)
2. PARTICIPANTS	The Conference is open to representatives of OSCE participating States; OSCE Partners for Co-operation; OSCE institutions and field presences; representatives of international and regional organizations, the business community, non-governmental organisations and the academic community. There is no fee for participation.
3. DEADLINES	We thank participants for paying attention to the following <u>deadlines</u>: • Registration deadline: <u>1st June 2012</u> • Applications for an Irish visa should be submitted 4 weeks in advance of travel (Ireland is not a member of the <u>Schengen</u> Area). • Hotel bookings: Rooms should be reserved at least 4 weeks in advance to guarantee the special rates, particularly since other large events are taking place in Dublin around the same time as the Conference. A list of hotels with confirmed availability is attached.
4. REGISTRATION, ACCREDITATION & INFORMATION FOR	Participants are requested to register online at: http://meetings.odihr.pl/

PARTICIPANTS	Accreditation will take place from 09:00 on both days of the Conference. Participants are requested to present a valid photo ID (passport, national ID card or driver's licence) at accreditation. Tea and coffee will be available on arrival and during the Conference sessions. The programme will include two buffet lunches and an informal evening event, hosted by Google, on 18 June. An Internet working area with PCs and a Printer will be available for delegates in the Conference Centre in Dublin Castle. Wireless Internet access will also be available in St. Patrick's Hall and the entire area of the Conference Centre.
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5. MEDIA ACCREDITATION	This event is also open to accredited media. Please contact Ms Clare Brosnan, Press Officer, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade: clare.brosnan@dfa.ie in relation to accreditation and other press related queries.
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6. INTERPRETATION	Simultaneous translation into English and Russian will be provided.
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7. HOTELS IN DUBLIN	Delegates are requested to make their own accommodation arrangements. The Chairmanship has negotiated preferential OSCE rates at a number of Dublin hotels. Rooms should be reserved at least 4 weeks in advance to guarantee the special rates, particularly since other large events are taking place in Dublin around the same time as the Conference. A list of hotels with confirmed availability is attached. A map showing the location of Dublin Castle and the location of the closest hotels can be found here: http://www.dublincastle.ie/LocationMaps/ If you would like to research additional accommodation options, please consult the following websites: Discover Ireland: http://www.discoverireland.ie/Where-To-Stay/Accommodation-Guide The Dublin Convention Bureau website: http://www.dublinconventionbureau.com/Conference_and_Congress/Accommodation/Hotels
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8.TOURIST INFORMATION	As the fourth most popular city break destination, you may wish to arrive early and enjoy a weekend in Dublin to explore this beautiful city. Dublin is regarded as one of the friendliest capital cities in the world and it is also extremely attractive with elegant Georgian architecture. From history to culture, shopping, the arts and entertainment, there is something for everyone. The surrounding region is also rich in landscape, nature and history. Whatever you choose, we are sure you will enjoy your stay in Ireland and experience a warm Irish welcome. For information about museums, galleries and tourist attractions in Dublin, please visit the following websites: http://www.discoverireland.com/gb/ireland-places-to-go/areas-and-cities/dublin-city/info/ & http://www.dublinpass.ie/ Dublin has a wide range of top-class restaurants. For advice on where to eat, please explore the following website for a wide selection of options: http://www.visitdublin.com/Dining/Restaurants More information on Dublin's central shopping area, which runs from O'Connell Street to Grafton Street (pedestrianised), can be found at: http://www.visitdublin.com/see_and_do/Shopping If you are considering visiting the rest of Ireland, the following website will be helpful: http://www.discoverireland.com Delegates may also wish to consult a map of Dublin City before arrival: http://www.guidetodublin.com/images/dubmap.pdf http://www.visitdublin.com/pdf/DublinCityStreetMap.pdf
9.TRAVEL INFORMATION (I) TRAVEL TO & FROM DUBLIN AIRPORT	Participants are required to make their own transport arrangements <u>Taxis from Dublin Airport</u> Taxis are available from the forecourts directly outside Terminal 1 and Terminal 2. Passengers should follow taxi signage to the designated taxi ranks. A taxi dispatcher is available at either taxi rank if you require any further information or assistance. The approximate fare to the city centre is €25-30. <u>By bus to & from Dublin Airport</u>

(II) GETTING TO DUBLIN CASTLE	A number of companies operate frequent services from Dublin Airport to the city centre and stop at many of the major hotels: <u>The Airlink buses</u> are located just outside the Arrivals Halls at both Terminal 1 and Terminal 2. The route connects with Intercity Rail Stations, DART commuter trains, LUAS (trams) and Busáras (National bus services). Departures are every 15 to 20 minutes, depending on the time of day. http://www.dublinbus.ie/PageFiles/7285/Airlink%20Brochure.pdf <u>The Aircoach buses</u> are also located just outside the Arrivals Halls at both Terminal 1 and Terminal 2. At Terminal 1, turn left immediately as you exit the terminal building. At Terminal 2, please follow the signs for buses and coaches, cross the footbridge, and then exit down the escalator on the left hand side. Departures are every 15 to 20 minutes, depending on the time of day. http://www.aircoach.ie/coach.bus.transport.dublin.airport.service.php Dublin Castle is situated in the heart of Dublin City, on the south side of the River Liffey, off Dame Street, en route from Trinity College to Christchurch Cathedral. Participants are asked to arrive via the recommended access route, which is Cork Hill Gate, next to Dame Street (see map). The Chairmanship encourages delegates to avail of public transport to travel to and from the venue. There is no parking at the venue but there are a number of public car parks nearby. The nearest is at Jury's Inn Christchurch, which is located in Werburg Street: Tel. +353 (0) 1 454 0000, Fax +353 (0) 1 454 0012. Bus: • Dublin Bus routes No.'s 77, 77A, 56A and 49 from Eden Quay and No. 123 from O'Connell Street stop at the Palace Street Gate entrance. For further information on Dublin Bus services please see: www.dublinbus.ie • The location of Dublin Bus stops can be found here: http://www.dublinbus.ie/Your-Journey1/City-Centre-Bus-Stops/). Please be advised that exact change in coins is required for the buses (Notes are not accepted).
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10.VISA REQUIREMENTS	VISA REQUIREMENTS Visa applicants are encouraged to submit their applications as soon as possible, at least 4 weeks prior to travelling to Ireland, in order to ensure the timely processing of all visas. The visa fee will be waived. <u>Nationals of the following countries require a visa for entry to Ireland:</u> Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Egypt, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Georgia, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Russian Federation, Serbia, Tajikistan, Thailand, Turkey, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan. <u>Submitting a Visa Application</u> Visa applications should first be made on-line at:
	https://www.visas.inis.gov.ie/avats/OnlineHome.aspx When processing the registration for the visa application: a) select the link “<u>Short Stay</u>” b) and after that, when replying to “What is the reason for travel”, select: <u>conference</u>. Applicants are reminded that completing the on-line application form is only the first step in the visa application process. An application can only be processed when the on-line form is completed AND the required backing documentation and passport photograph are received by the relevant office as indicated by the on-line system. This will usually be the Irish Embassy or Consulate in, or accredited to, the country in which you normally reside. For attendance at OSCE events in Ireland, special arrangements have been put in place to process visa applications. <u>If you are directed by the online system to forward your application to Dublin, please disregard this request and send your documentation to your nearest Irish Embassy or Consulate, or the Irish Embassy in Vienna, which is authorised to process your application in a timely manner.</u> <u>For Diplomatic/Official passport holders</u>, the following documentation is required for a visa application: • <i>Note Verbale</i> from the participant’s Foreign Ministry/Diplomatic Mission indicating his/her name, position and that the purpose of travel is to attend the Dublin Conference on Internet Freedom;

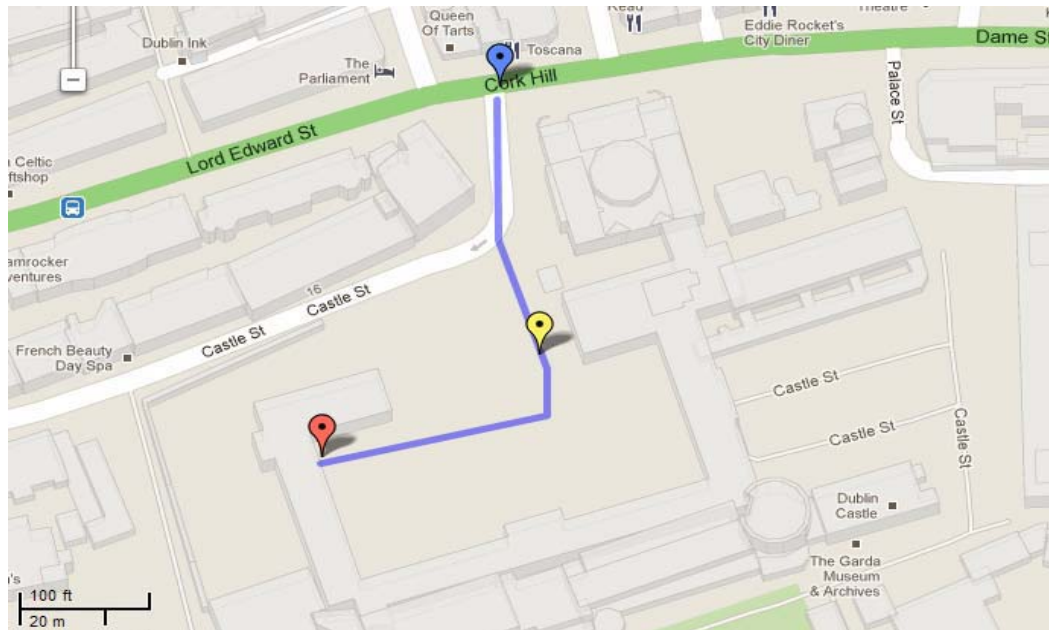
	• <i>Letter of support from ODIHR</i> (generated as part of the online conference registration process); • <i>Passport</i>, valid for six months after your intended departure date from Ireland. <u>For all other passport holders</u>, the following documents are required for a visa application: • <i>Passport</i>, valid for six months after scheduled departure date from Ireland. • Printed and <i>signed</i> copy of the <i>summary of the online visa registration</i> • <i>ODIHR letter of support</i> (generated as part of the online conference registration process) • A copy of the <i>Agenda</i> of the conference • 2 passport photos • <i>One letter from your employer</i> which confirms the following: - Attendance at the conference; - Evidence of who will be responsible for all costs including travel, accommodation and expenses; - Evidence of your date of expected return. For further information on visa requirements and visa applications: http://www.dfa.ie/home/index.aspx?id=8605 For further information on applying for your visa: http://www.dfa.ie/home/index.aspx?id=37633 For further information on your nearest Irish Embassy or Consulate: http://www.dfa.ie/home/index.aspx?id=285#T
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11.	GENERAL	Currency: Euro
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INFORMATION	Exchange offices and Banks: available at Dublin Airport and throughout Dublin city. Most internationally accepted bank cards are accepted in Irish ATMs. Business hours: Banks are open Monday to Friday from 10:00 – 16:00. Shops open Monday to Saturday from 10:00 – 18:00. Credit cards, such as American Express, Master Card and Visa are widely accepted in Ireland. Electric current: the standard voltage in Ireland is 220V. Please note that three-pin plugs are used in Ireland. Insurance: The Irish Government is not responsible for the loss of property or personal injury. Medical: A First Aid medical kit is located on the ground floor of Dublin Castle. The nearest hospital is St. James's Hospital: http://www.stjames.ie/ Car Hire: It is not advisable to rent a car to visit Dublin. Several major rental companies operate services out of the airport and the city centre, however, should you wish to travel further afield. Trains: Iarnród Éireann/Irish Rail has a nationwide rail network. The Intercity routes cover major cities and towns around the country. DART serves the Dublin Bay area from Greystones to Howth/Malahide. For more information and booking see: www.irishrail.ie Time: Dublin time is Greenwich Mean Time (currently GMT + 1), therefore one hour behind Austria (GMT + 2). Climate: For June, the average minimum temperature in Dublin is 9 °C and the average maximum temperature is 18°C. The climate in Ireland is often changeable. To check weather conditions in Dublin for the days of the Conference, see: http://www.met.ie/
12. CONTACTS	<i>For logistical queries please contact the Conference Secretariat:</i> Internet Freedom Conference Secretariat OSCE Taskforce Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade 80 St. Stephen's Green Dublin 2 Ireland Tel: + 353 1 408 2812/2943/2033/2098/2097/2095

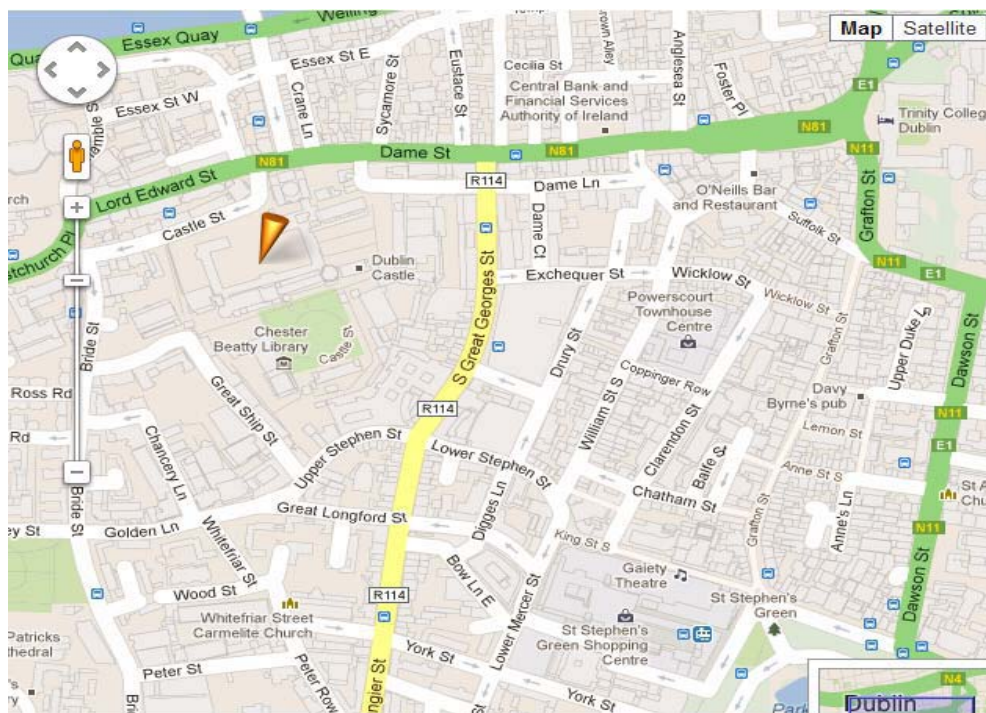
	Or email: Claire.Martinez@dfa.ie
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Dublin Castle Conference Centre – directions on where the conference will take place



- Route to conference venue
- Entrance from Dame St/Cork Hill/Lord Edward St
- Dublin Castle main entrance (Cork Hill Gate)
- Conference Centre

Map of the city centre of Dublin around Dublin Castle



Morrison Hotel	****	W: www.morrisonhotel.ie E: reservations@morrisonhotel.ie	OSCE	Ormond Quay, Dublin 1	8872499	8744039	€125 (B&B)
Burlington	****	W: www.burlingtonhotel.ie E: info@burlingtonhotel.ie	OSCE Conference	Upper Leeson Street, Dublin 4	6185600	6185693	€105 (B&B)
Stillorgan Park Hotel (7.5km from Dublin Castle)	****	W: www.stillorganpark.com E: reservations@stillorganpark.com	OSCE	Stillorgan Road, Co. Dublin	2001800		€87 (B&B)
Beacon Hotel (10km from Dublin Castle)	****	W: www.thebeacon.com E: sales@thebeacon.com	OSCE	Beacon Court, Sandyford, Dublin 18	2915000	2915005	€120 (B&B)
***		Three Star Hotels					
Jury's Christchurch	***	W: http://www.jurysinns.com	OSCE	Christchurch Place, Dublin, 8	4540000		€120 (B&B)
Jury's Parnell Street	***	E: http://www.jurysinns.com	OSCE	Parnell Street, Moore Street Plaza, Dublin 1	878 4900		€120 (B&B)
Temple Bar Hotel	***	W: www.templebarhotel.com E: reservations@tbh.ie	OSCE	Fleet St., Dublin 2	6129200	6773088/ 8129291	€99
Blooms Hotel	***	W: www.blooms.ie E: info@blooms.ie	OSCE	Anglesea Street, Temple Bar	6715622	6715997	€89

Camden Court Hotel	***	W: www.camdencourthotel.com E: mlepak@camdencourthotel.ie	OSCE	Camden Street, Dublin 2	4759666	4759677	€93.50 (B&B)
Grand Canal Hotel	***	W: www.grandcanalhotel.ie E: reservations@grandcanalhotel.com	#143230	Grand Canal Street, Dublin 4	6461000		€97 (B&B)
Mespil	***	W: www.mespilhotel.com E: reservations@leehotels.com	OSCE170612	Mespil Road, Dublin 4	4884600	6671244	€105 (B&B)
Bewley's Ballsbridge 10km from Dublin (astle)	***	W: www.BewleysHotels.com E: Ballsbridge@bewleyshotels.com	OSCE	Merrion Road Ballsbridge Dublin 4	6473300	6681999	€159 (B&B)
Sandymoun Hotel 1.5km from Dublin (astle)	***	W: www.sandymounthotel.ie E: info@sandymounthotel.ie	OSCE	At AVIVA Stadium Herbert Road Lansdowne Road Dublin 4	6142000	6607077	€105 (B&B)
Bewley's Leopardstown (10km from Dublin (astle)	***	W: www.bewleyshotels.com/leopardstown E: leopardstown@bewleyshotels.com	OSCE	Central Park, Leopardstown, Dublin 18	2935000	2935099	€85 (B&B)