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“Promoting economic progress and security in the OSCE area through innovation, human capital development, and good public and corporate governance“

CONCLUDING MEETING

Prague, 5-7 September 2018

Venue: Czernin Palace, Loretánské nám: 5, 118 00 Prague

ANNOTATED AGENDA

Wednesday, 5 September 2018

14:30 – 16:30 Opening Session

Welcoming remarks

- **H.E. Mr. Tomáš Petříček**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic
- **Ambassador Vuk Žugić**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Keynote speeches

- **H.E. Mr. Guglielmo Picchi**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italian 2018 OSCE Chairmanship
- **Dr. Roberto Viola**, Director General, Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology, European Commission

Moderator: Ambassador Vinicio Mati, Italian 2018 OSCE Chairmanship Coordinator

Rapporteur: Ms. Giulia Manconi, Advisor for the Economic and Environmental Dimension, Permanent Mission of Italy to the OSCE, Italian 2018 OSCE Chairmanship

Statements by Delegations

16:30 – 17:00 **Coffee/Tea break**

17:00 – 18:30 **“The Way to Milan”**

Moderator and Introduction: Ambassador Alessandro Azzoni, Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Italy to the OSCE, Italian 2018 OSCE Chairmanship

Rapporteur: Mr. Anthony Myers, First Secretary, Directorate-General for Political Affairs and Security, Office for the OSCE, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy

Discussion

19:00 **Reception hosted by the Italian 2018 OSCE Chairmanship**
(Italian Cultural Institute, Šporkova 14 118 00 Praha 1 – Entrance from adjacent Vlasska 34)

Thursday, 6 September 2018

09:30 – 11:00 **Session I: Fostering a multi-stakeholder approach to leverage the opportunities of digital economy**

Selected topics:

- Private-public co-operation to govern digital transition
- The role of local authorities
- International co-operation and the contribution of multilateral organizations
- Innovative human capital development policies

Speakers:

- **Dr. Rudolf Gridl**, Head of Division for Internet Governance and International Digital Dialogue, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy, Germany
- **Mr. Lukas Ott**, Head of Cantonal and City Development Unit, President’s Department, Canton Basel, Switzerland
- **Dr. Malcolm Johnson**, Deputy Secretary General, International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
- **Ms. Nigina Anvari**, Deputy Chairperson, State Committee on Investments and State Property Management, Tajikistan

- **Mr. Paul Marca**, Associate Vice Provost, Strategy, Programs and Development, Office of the Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning, Stanford University, The United States of America

Moderator: Ambassador Kairat Sarybay, Chairperson of the OSCE Economic and Environmental Committee, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the International Organizations in Vienna

Rapporteur: Mr. Gafgaz Adigozalov, Economic and Environmental Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Discussion

11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee/Tea break**

11:30 - 13:00 **Session II: Promoting digital security in the business sector**

Selected topics:

- Strengthening resilience of the business sector to mitigate cyber threats
- Fostering digital security risk management in SMEs
- Digital economy security infrastructure to protect digital information
- Economic opportunities and security challenges of blockchain technology

Speakers:

- **Dr. Allan Friedman**, Director of Cybersecurity Initiatives, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce, The United States of America
- **Dr. Claudia Biancotti**, Senior Advisor, Department of Economics, Statistics and Research, Bank of Italy (Central Bank of the Republic of Italy)
- **Ms. Gabriella Schitteck**, Global Stakeholder Engagement Senior Manager, Nordic and Central Europe, Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)
- **Prof. Elina Sidorenko**, Department of Criminal Law, Moscow State Institute of International Relations, The Russian Federation

Moderator: Dr. Daniela Battisti, International Affairs, Digital Transformation Team, Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Italy

Rapporteur: Mr. Daniel Kroos, Senior Programme Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Discussion

13:00 – 14:30 **Lunch break**

14:30 – 16:00 **Session III: Digital innovation as a tool to strengthen good public and corporate governance**

Selected topics:

- Combating corruption and enhancing accountability in the public sector
- Transparency of public sector through e-governance
- The future of corporate governance in the digital era
- Fostering an enabling environment, including regulatory frameworks for innovation

Speakers:

- **H.E. Ms. Teuta Vodo**, Deputy Minister of Justice, Albania
- **Mr. Enkhbaatar Balkhaajav**, Investigator, Independent Authority against Corruption of Mongolia, Mongolia
- **Mr. Zurab Sanikidze**, Head of the Analytical Department, Ministry of Justice, Georgia
- **Mr. Mihailo Vesović**, Adviser to the President, Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Serbia

Moderator: Ambassador Claude Wild, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the OSCE, the United Nations and to the International Organizations in Vienna

Rapporteur: Ms. Brigitte Krech, Economic and Environmental Affairs Adviser, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Discussion

16:00 – 16:30 **Coffee/Tea break**

16:30 – 18:00 **Session IV: Boosting innovative business models and economic connectivity in the digital era**

Selected topics:

- Entrepreneurship and innovation in the digital era
- Boosting economic connectivity through digital innovation
- The future of SMEs in the digital economy
- Promoting new forms of access to credit

Speakers:

- **Mr. Rakhim Oshakbayev**, Director, Center for Applied Research, "Talap", Kazakhstan
- **Ms. Giovanna Barni**, President, Coopculture, Italy
- **Dr. George Windsor**, Head of Research, Tech Nation, The United Kingdom
- **Mr. Marco Vianello**, International Projects Manager, InfoCamere, Electronic Business Register, Chamber of Commerce, Italy

Moderator: Mr. Riccardo Pozzi, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Youth and Security

Rapporteur: Mr. Kurban Babayev, Associate Anti-Corruption Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Discussion

18:30 **Reception hosted by the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities** (Gardens of the Czernin Palace)

Friday, 7 September 2018

09:30 – 11:00 **Session V: Harnessing opportunities and addressing challenges for human capital development in the digital era**

Selected topics:

- Aligning industrial, trade and VET policies (vocational education and training) to ensure the right skills in the digital economy
- Opportunities for skills development through digital technologies
- Labour and welfare standards in digital business models
- The global competition for talent

Speakers:

- **Dr. Gert Zinke**, Senior Project Manager, Department for Structure and Regulation of VET, Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training, Germany
- **Ms. Marieke Vandeweyer**, Economist, Employment, Labour and Social Affairs Directorate, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- **Prof. Alessandro Bogliolo**, Full Professor of Computer Systems, University of Urbino, Italy
- **Ms. Zarine Budaghyan**, Senior Project Manager, TUMO Center for Creative Technologies, Armenia

- **Mr. Ravshan Atabaev**, Head, International Relations Department, Agency for External Labour, Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations, Uzbekistan

Moderator: Ambassador Andrej Benedejčič, Permanent Representative, Permanent Representation of the Republic of Slovenia to the UN, OSCE and other International Organisations in Vienna

Rapporteur: Ms. Teresa Albano, Economic Affairs Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Discussion

11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee/Tea break**

11:30 – 13:00 **Concluding Session**

- Wrap-up Discussion
- Presentation of the 2019 OSCE Slovak Chairmanship's priorities in the Economic and Environmental Dimension

Closing Statements by Delegations

Concluding Remarks:

- **Ambassador Thomas Greminger**, OSCE Secretary General
- **Ambassador Vinicio Mati**, Italian 2018 OSCE Chairmanship Coordinator
- **Ambassador Radomír Boháč**, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Slovakia to the OSCE, Incoming Slovak 2019 OSCE Chairmanship

Moderator: Ambassador Alena Kupchyna, Head of Delegation, Permanent Delegation of the Republic of Belarus to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Mr. Anthony Myers, First Secretary, Directorate-General for Political Affairs and Security, Office for the OSCE, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy