

# **2016 OSCE MEDITERRANEAN CONFERENCE ON YOUTH NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE MEDITERRANEAN: FACING SECURITY CHALLENGES AND ENHANCING OPPORTUNITIES**

Vienna, 5 and 6 October 2016  
Hofburg Congress Center

## **DRAFT Annotated Agenda**

### **Introduction**

Recent and current developments demonstrate the inextricable link between comprehensive security in the OSCE area and in the Mediterranean region. Violent extremism, radicalisation and terrorism as well as current migration trends are amongst the most pressing challenges as on-going OSCE discussions have highlighted. Youth is the population group most widely affected by these trends, be it north or south of the Mediterranean. Youth represents the present and the future of our societies and thus needs the continued attention of policy makers.

The 2016 OSCE Mediterranean Conference will therefore focus on the topic of challenges for comprehensive security and youth north and south of the Mediterranean, adopting a cross-dimensional approach.

The two sessions on the first day will delve into this issue in search for lessons learned and best practices as well as ways to shape constructive future perspectives. The high-level segment on the second day of the Conference will allow a broader, political discussion on the challenges related to comprehensive security and youth in the Mediterranean region and beyond.

The Conference will provide a platform to exchange views from north and south of the Mediterranean. OSCE participating States and Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation will have the opportunity to share perspectives and experiences as well as formulate forward-looking recommendations in order to strengthen dialogue and enhance practical co-operation for the sake of common security with a special focus on youth.

## Wednesday, 5 October 2016

*Neuer Saal, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Hofburg (entrance from Heldenplatz)*

9.00-9.30 a.m. Registration of participants

9.30– 10.00 a.m. **Opening Remarks** (*open to the media*)

**H.E. Amb. Lamberto Zannier**, Secretary General of the OSCE

**H.E. Michael Linhart**, Deputy Minister for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, Austria

10.00 – 10.30 a.m. Coffee Break

10.30-12.30 p.m. **Session I: Lessons Learned and Best Practices in Dealing with Challenges for Youth North and South of the Mediterranean: Violent Extremism, Radicalization and Terrorism** (*open to the media*)

Violent extremism, radicalization, and terrorism represent a common challenge to our societies. Strategies to prevent and counter these phenomena may offer the basis for a cooperative security agenda to be jointly developed by countries from the OSCE area and the Mediterranean region to the benefit of all. Success will invariably hinge on involving and empowering youth, the population group which is at higher risk of disenfranchisement and is statistically more prone to fall prey to violent radical ideologies and messages. This session will showcase successful examples of prevention and de-radicalization and will highlight positive stories of youth engagement in the spirit of drawing lessons learnt and exchanging best practices between OSCE participating States and Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation. Youth representatives will share their personal views and experiences and offer specific recommendations on how to tackle the challenge.

Moderator: **Henrik Villadsen**, Director, Office of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities

Keynote Speakers:

**Muriel Domenach**, Secretary General of the Interministerial Committee for the Prevention of Juvenile Crime, France

**Stefan Fercher**, youth coach, Viennese Youth Centres, Austria

**Nor-eddine Benfreha**, Responsible for Regional Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Algeria

**Mohamed Anas Touati**, young leader, Debater in Young Arab Voices, Tunisia

Rapporteur: Ignacio Talegon Campoamor, Youth and Security Focal Point, OSCE Secretariat

12.30 – 2.30 p.m. Lunch hosted by the OSCE Secretariat

Buffet lunch for all participants

1.30 – 2.25 p.m. **Side Event: EU Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN): Bringing together practitioners working on the prevention of radicalisation**

2.30 – 3.45 p.m. **Session II: Lessons Learnt and Best Practices in Dealing with Challenges for Youth North and South of the Mediterranean: Current Migration Trends** (*open to the media*)

As a global phenomenon on the rise, international migration has a prominent Mediterranean element. Of all age groups, youth, including a growing number of under-aged, is the most affected. Indeed, youth north and south of the Mediterranean is increasingly on the move in search for a better future. This movement is mostly driven by lack of opportunity, conflict, or other adverse conditions that make the decision to leave a non-voluntary one. On the other hand, transit and receiving countries are often unprepared to effectively manage migrants and refugees in a way that protects human rights and provides a clear pathway to integration to those who qualify to stay. This session will delve into challenges as well as opportunities of migration across the Mediterranean region. Discussion will aim at sharing lessons learnt and best practices conducive to an effective and sustainable approach to migration management, especially in light of the current migration trends.

Moderator: **H.E. Amb. Claude Wild**, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the OSCE and Chair of the Informal Working Group Focusing on the Issue of Migration and Refugee Flows

Keynote speakers:

**Hassan Abdel Moneim Mostafa**, Senior Regional Adviser for Senior Regional Adviser for North Africa, the Middle East and the Gulf States, International Organization for Migration

**Johanna Nyman**, President of the European Youth Forum

**Ghanem Al Shmer**, Austrian Integration Ambassador and Refugee from Syria

Rapporteur: Andrea De Bono Sant Cassia, Policy Officer, EU Delegation to the OSCE

3.45-4.15 p.m. Coffee break

4.15 – 5.45 p.m. **Session III: The Way Forward: Enhancing Opportunities** (*open to the media*)

Youth represents both the present and the future of our societies. This is particularly true for the Mediterranean and neighboring regions in light of respective demographic outlooks. These countries and their youths face similar challenges in the economic, social, and political realms. This session will allow for a forward-looking exchange of perspectives and experiences with a view to turning challenges related to youth into opportunities for increased prosperity, stronger cooperation, and enhanced security. The discussion will specifically focus on the nexus between security challenges, empowerment and youth, in a cross-dimensional way, providing concrete examples of how the aspirations and needs of youth north and south of the Mediterranean can be met by adequate responses strengthening the cohesion of societies as a whole.

Moderator: **H.E. Amb. Alessandro Azzoni**, Permanent Representative of Italy to the OSCE

Keynote speakers:

**Fathallah Sijilmassi**, Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean

**Samia Hathroubi**, European Director, Foundation for Ethnic Understanding, France

**Itay Weiss**, social activist and entrepreneur, Israel

Rapporteur: Johanna Bischof, Delegation of Germany to the OSCE

- 6:15 p.m. **Evening Reception and Panel Discussion**, following Session III, Dachfoyer Hofburg – entrance from Josefsplatz
- 6:30 p.m. Opening by H.E. **Michael Linhart**, Deputy Minister for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, Austria
- 6:35 p.m. **Panel Discussion on Youth Radicalisation:**  
Moderator: **Gudrun Harrer**, Senior Editor, Der Standard, Austria  
Discussants: youth representatives from Western Europe and North Africa

## **Thursday, 6 October 2016**

*Großer Redoutensaal, Hofburg (entrance from Josefsplatz)*

- 9.00-10.00 Registration of participants
- 10.00-10.30am **Opening Remarks** (*open to the media*)
- H.E. Sebastian Kurz**, Federal Minister for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, Austria  
**H.E. Nasser Judeh**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Expatriate Affairs, The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan  
**H.E. Vincenzo Amendola**, Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy  
**H.E. Mohammed Taher Siala**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Government of National Accord, Libya  
**H.E. Martin Kobler**, UN Secretary General’s Special Representative and Head of the UN Support Mission in Libya
- Rapporteur: Raphaël Bez, Political Advisor, Delegation of Switzerland to the OSCE
- 10:30 -11.00am Coffee Break
- 11.00 -12.30 a.m. **High-level Segment on Youth North and South of the Mediterranean: Facing Security Challenges and Enhancing Co-operation** (*open to the media*)
- This high-level segment will aim to frame youth-relevant observations and recommendations within the larger context of a fast-evolving Mediterranean

security agenda. The discussion will allow a range of national and regional perspectives on enhancing the dialogue and co-operation between OSCE participating States and Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation, regarding security-related concerns and youth. The session will provide an opportunity to re-affirm the relevance of the OSCE Mediterranean Partnership as a platform for forward-looking and action-oriented dialogue between countries from around the Mediterranean region and beyond.

Moderator: **H.E. Amb. Lamberto Zannier**, Secretary General of the OSCE

Rapporteur: Ms. Nevena Jovanovic, Second Secretary, Delegation of Serbia to the OSCE

12.30 – 1.00 p.m.      **Closing Session** (*open to the media*)

**H.E. Amb. Lamberto Zannier**, Secretary General of the OSCE

**H.E. Sebastian Kurz**, Federal Minister for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs, Austria