Overview

• OSCE Commitments
• Frameworks for Environmental Governance
• Implementation of OSCE Commitments
• Policy Gaps and Challenges
• Recommendations of Follow-up in OSCE area
OSCE Commitments in the field of good environmental governance

Among others:

• **2003 Maastricht** Strategy Document for the OSCE Economic and Environmental Dimension
• **2007 Madrid** Declaration on Environment and Security
• **2014 Basel** Ministerial Decision on Enhancing Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)

Framework for Good Environmental Governance: Global

• **Global Conferences** (Stockholm, Rio, Jo’burg, Rio+20, trade/development conferences)
• **2015 SDGs** – Sustainable Development Agenda for 2030
• **Paris Agreement**
• **Sendai Framework** on DRR
Framework for Good Environmental Governance: Regional

- UNECE Multilateral Environmental Agreements:
    - Protocol on Pollutant Release and Transfer Registers (Kyiv, 2003)
  - Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo, 1991)
    - Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (Kyiv, 2003)
  - Convention on Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (Helsinki, 1992)
  - Convention on the Protection and Use of Transboundary Watercourses and International Lakes (Helsinki, 1992)
Framework for Good Environmental Governance: National

• **EU acquis communautaire** – relevant for a large part of the OSCE area
• High level of performance of OSCE participating States on the Environmental Democracy Index (EDI)

Implementation of OSCE Commitments: participating States

• **Adherence** to international legal instruments
• Enhancing environmental governance on the national level
  – Strategic planning
  – Implementation of Information and Participation laws
  – Reporting/compliance mechanisms
  – Influence of EU acquis
  – Public-private partnerships
Implementation of OSCE Commitments: OSCE projects

- Environmental governance related *projects* of OSCE
  - The Environment and Security (ENVSEC) Initiative
  - Network of Aarhus Centres

Policy Gaps and Challenges

- Problematic sectors (mining, energy, waste)
- Corporate accountability
- Inspection powers, monitoring capacities
- Public awareness
- Zero sum versus win-win
Recommendations for OSCE follow-up

• Good environmental governance
• Public participation and transparency
• Confidence building and conflict prevention
• Support to implementation of multilateral environmental agreements
• Implementation of environment-related SDGs
• Adaptation to climate change
• Environment for Europe
• Engaging Youth
• Gender Mainstreaming
• Coordination and Cooperation with Partners

THANK YOU!

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