

**PROGRAMME OF THE
2018 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE
Vienna, 26-28 June 2018**

‘Dialogue, ownership, and responsibility to foster security in the OSCE area’

Tuesday, 26 June 2018

9.30 – 10.30 a.m.

Opening session

The ASRC aims at providing a forum for a deep and wide-ranging discussion on current security threats and challenges for Europe and the role of the OSCE in successfully addressing them.

Under the motto of the Italian OSCE Chairmanship “Dialogue, Ownership, Responsibility”, the opening session - which will count on high level guests and will be open to the media - will set the scene for the overall Conference.

Opening remarks:

- **Guglielmo Picchi**, Italian Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation
- **Amb. Thomas Greminger**, OSCE Secretary General
- **Amb. Rosemary DiCarlo**, UN Under-Secretary General (video message)
- **Amb. Alexander Grushko**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Russian Federation
- **Amb. Thomas Mayr Harting**, EEAS Managing Director

Moderator: **Amb. Alessandro Azzoni**, Chairperson of the Permanent Council

Rapporteur: **Anna-Katharina Deininger**, Italian OSCE Chairmanship Special Representative on Youth and Security

10.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Special session: “Ensuring security and stability in the OSCE region in light of developments with respect to Ukraine”

The crisis in and around Ukraine is one of the main security challenges within the OSCE area and has serious implications on security, stability and co-operation in Europe, jeopardizing the OSCE’s agreed principles and commitments.

Continued military confrontation and the use of heavy weapons on the ground have severe negative consequences for the security of the local population in eastern Ukraine.

The session will look into the Organization's efforts to stabilize the situation on the basis of a durable and verifiable ceasefire, and to achieve progress with regard to a peaceful resolution of the conflict in line with the Minsk agreements. The session will also aim at looking into the wider impact of the crisis in and around Ukraine on security in Europe.

Keynote speakers:

- **Amb. Ertugrul Apakan**, Chief Monitor OSCE SMM
- **Amb. Kurt Volker**, US Special Representative for Ukraine (TBC, video intervention)
- **Amb. Andreas Peschke**, Special Envoy for Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia, German Federal Foreign Office
- **Patrick Vial**, Regional Director for Europe and Central Asia, ICRC
- Representative of the Ukrainian Government (TBC)
- France Representative for the Normandy Format (TBC)

Moderator: **Amb. Thomas Greminger**, OSCE Secretary General

Rapporteur: **Guido Almerigogna**, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Vienna Liaison Office

12.30 p.m.

Buffet lunch hosted by the Italian OSCE Chairmanship,
Venue: Vorsaal, Hofburg

2.30 – 4.30 p.m.

Working session I: “Conflict and crisis situations in the OSCE area: building security and confidence”

Since its early stages, the OSCE has dealt with conflicts and crises in Europe. They are characterized by unique aspects and still remain a significant challenge for the Organization and its participating States nowadays.

Back in 1992, Italy chaired the Preparatory Meeting of the Conference on Nagorno-Karabakh under the auspices of the CSCE, which was decided to be convened in Minsk. Today the Co-Chairs of the OSCE Minsk Group spearhead the OSCE's efforts towards a peaceful settlement of the conflict.

Long-term international engagement has also been crucial in other contexts: the OSCE continues to support the resolution of the conflict in Georgia (Geneva International Discussions), where forced internal displacement remains one of the major challenges.

Developments concerning the Transdniestrian Settlement Process over the past few months have demonstrated that agreements can be reached and implemented, under active OSCE involvement, when there are shared interests and benefits.

Against this backdrop, this session will provide an opportunity to reflect on conflict-related security aspects, the essence of building trust as well as

which measures can be pursued to address the serious humanitarian effects of existing conflicts. Special attention will be paid to the implementation of OSCE norms, principles and commitments and the OSCE's role through its comprehensive approach to security, in particular through more substantial support to the established conflict settlement mechanisms.

Keynote speakers:

- **Amb. Günther Bächler**, Special Representative of the OSCE CiO for the South Caucasus
- **Amb. Toivo Klaar**, EUSR for the South Caucasus and the crisis in Georgia
- **Amb. (rt) William Hill**, Professor Emeritus, Global Fellow at Kennan Institute

Moderator: **Amb. Marco Clemente**, Italian OSCE Chairmanship Focal Point for Protracted Conflicts

Rapporteur: **Annika Pelkonen**, Permanent Delegation of Finland to the OSCE

6 p.m.

Reception hosted by the Italian OSCE Chairmanship
Venue: Volksgarten

Wednesday, 27 June 2018

10 a.m. – 12 noon

Special Session: “Structured Dialogue”

The European security environment is currently marked by unpredictability and a general lack of trust, thus increasing the risk of tensions and unintended incidents.

The Structured Dialogue launched by the OSCE Foreign Ministers in their Hamburg Declaration on the 20th anniversary of the OSCE Framework for Arms Control has proven to be a useful platform to discuss current and future challenges to European security.

In this framework, threat perceptions and risk reduction have been identified by the Chair of the Informal Working Group Structure Dialogue as priority tracks for 2018.

Military activities in the vicinity of borders, as well as large scale and/or non-noticed exercises, have a particular impact on States' threat perceptions, increasing the risk for escalating tensions and military incidents.

The session will therefore focus on military incidents and prevention mechanisms and will also be an opportunity to start bringing the outcomes of the 2nd Expert Level Workshop on military forces and exercises at the political level, in view of further discussions.

Keynote speaker:

- **Dr. David Winkler**, Director of Programs and Development, Naval Historical Foundation, Washington, DC

Moderator: **Amb. Paul Huynen**, Permanent Representative of Belgium and Chairman of the IWG Structured Dialogue

Rapporteur: **Ruben van Opstaele**, Permanent Representation of Belgium to the OSCE

12 noon

Buffet lunch hosted by the Italian OSCE Chairmanship
Venue: Vorsaal, Hofburg

2 – 3.30 p.m.

Working session II: “Early warning, conflict prevention, crisis management, conflict resolution and post-conflict rehabilitation: lessons learned and the way ahead”

Along the years, the OSCE has developed important tools to address the “conflict cycle”, from early warning mechanisms to conflict prevention, crisis management, conflict resolution and post-conflict rehabilitation.

The session will focus on the opportunities to enhance the effectiveness of the OSCE toolbox and the OSCE capacities to react swiftly to emerging conflict and crisis situations. It will also take into account the increasingly complex nature of today’s crises and the need for tailored responses and context-specific tools.

The session will also explore how to optimize current instruments, while looking into possible additions to the toolbox that would further enhance the Organization’s capabilities to address the different phases of the conflict cycle. Special attention will be paid to the role of civil society, youth and women in conflict prevention and resolution.

Keynote speakers:

- **Prof. Hans J. Giessmann**, Executive Director, Berghof Foundation
- **Laura Davis**, Senior Associate for Gender Peace and Security, European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO)
- **Nicoletta Pirozzi**, Institutional Relations Manager and Head of IAI Program “EU, politics and institutions”, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

Moderator: **Paul Picard**, Deputy Director for Operations Service, OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre

Rapporteur: **Zsofia Elek**, Permanent Mission of Hungary to the OSCE

3.30 – 5 p.m.

Working session III: “Conventional arms control and confidence- and security-building measures: challenges and opportunities”

Conventional arms control and CSBMs have crucially contributed to the Post-Cold War European security order. However, the existing mechanisms need to be reinvigorated and fully implemented to restore trust and confidence among participating States and reverse the erosion of the European security architecture.

Increasing transparency and predictability through the enhancement of CAC and CSBMs is essential to ensure comprehensive and co-operative security throughout the OSCE area.

The session will focus on challenges as well as opportunities for reinvigorating CAC and CSBMs in Europe, including by updating and modernizing existing mechanisms, such as the Vienna Document.

Chairperson: **Amb. Andrej Benedejčič**, Permanent Representative of Slovenia and FSC Chairman in Office

Keynote speakers:

- **Dr. Ulrich Kühn**, Senior Research Associate, Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation
- **Col. Hans Georg Lüber**, FSC Coordinator for the Vienna Document

Moderator: **Amb. Radomir Bohac**, Permanent Representative of Slovakia

Rapporteur: **Tiphaine Jouffroy**, Permanent Representation of France to the OSCE

Thursday, 28 June 2018

10 a.m. – 12 noon

Working session IV: “The OSCE and its neighbourhood: challenges and opportunities arising from migration”

Ensuring a safe and orderly migration requires a comprehensive, long-term approach to large-scale movements and solutions based on the principles of shared responsibility and cooperation among countries of origin, transit and destination.

Specific attention will be devoted to the opportunities for cooperation between OSCE participating States and with Asian and Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation, with a view to discuss best practices and to further operationalize the Hamburg Ministerial Council Decision 3/16 on the role of the OSCE in the governance of large movements of migrants and refugees.

A special focus will also be devoted to prevention, early identification and prosecution of trafficking and smuggling in human beings along migration routes, and in border management, especially police co-operation.

Keynote speakers:

- **Amb. Madina Jarbussynova**, OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordination, Combatting Trafficking in Human Beings
- **Christine Mary Hirst**, ODIHR Deputy Head of Democratization Department, Chief of Migration Unit
- **Cesare Zucconi**, Secretary General of the Community of Sant’Egidio

Moderator: **Amb. Lotfi Bouchaara**, Permanent Representative of Morocco to the OSCE

Rapporteur: **Emiliano Alessandri**, Office of the Secretary General of the OSCE

12 noon

Lunch Break – buffet lunch offered by the Italian OSCE Chairmanship, Vorsaal, Hofburg

2 – 4 p.m.

Working session V: “Transnational threats – current and future trends in the OSCE area and beyond”

Emerging transnational threats challenge the security and stability of the OSCE area and beyond. Addressing them require enhanced international co-operation, social and community level resilience and a holistic approach, based on the protection of human rights and the promotion of fundamental freedoms, as well as on the empowerment of women and youth.

The session will address the linkages to transnational organized crime groups, international money laundering, corruption networks, financing of terrorism, illicit trafficking, with a special focus on illicit trafficking in cultural property, one of the major source of funding for international terrorist networks and an often underestimated transnational security threat affecting the OSCE area.

Discussions will explore current and future trends with regard to illicit trafficking, as well as the role and impact of international and interregional cooperation activities implemented by international experts, government representatives, border and customs official and police in the OSCE area and beyond.

Keynote speakers:

- **Xihagong Li** , Chief of Section in the Organised Crime Branch, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)
- **Mechtild Rössler**, Director of the Section for Movable Heritage and Museums, Division for Heritage, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) (TBC)

Moderator: **Amb. M. Victoria Gonzales Roman**, Permanent Representative of Spain and Chair of the Security Committee

Rapporteur: **Alessandro Nanni** Transnational Threats Department (TNTD), OSCE Secretariat

4 – 4.30 p.m.

Closing session

- **Amb. Alessandro Azzoni**, Chairperson of the Permanent Council