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## OSCE LABORATORY PROGRAM

“The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)  
as a model for multilateral regional diplomacy of the 21st century”

Online cycle of Seminars  
March - May 2022

# The idea

- **Make the OSCE better known in the academic world**
- Involve University students
- Use online tools to maximize outreach
- Involve practitioners in lecturing activities
- Use simulations and case studies
- Present opportunities in OSCE for young and motivated people
- Increase knowledge of and promote dialogue on security issues relevant for the OSCE



## The Cycle of Seminars

- **Seminars** focused on the OSCE institutions, their functioning and on the main activities of the Organization.
- The seminars were complemented by a series of **Case studies and Simulations** related to specific activities.
- For some universities the programme was part of the official Academic curriculum (with credits)

# Some examples

## Seminars

- OSCE conflict prevention tools and procedures
- The OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) and the Human Dimension
- The fight against transnational threats
- The Second Dimension of the OSCE: Economic and Environmental activities
- The OSCE Mediterranean Partnership for Cooperation
- The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

## Case studies

- Simulation: Request for an Electoral Observation Mission
- Case Study of an OSCE Field Mission: the OSCE Presence in Albania

# The numbers

- 10 Days (in 2.5 months period)
- 20 hours course (2 hours per day)
- **9 Italian Universities** involved: Università Roma Tre, Università Pavia, Università Bocconi Milano, Università Cà Foscari Venezia, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna di Pisa, Università degli Studi di Trieste, LUISS-Guido Carli, Università di Bologna, Università di Trento
- **61 selected participants**
- **22 lecturers** involved, including Matteo Mecacci (Director ODIHR), Roberto Montella (Secretary General OSCE PA), Lamberto Zannier (Former Secretary General OSCE)
- Special interventions by IT Deputy Foreign Minister Benedetto Della Vedova and SG Helga Schmid

# Results and Future developments

- Results of the **Final Evaluation Questionnaire**:
  - overwhelming support from students and universities who appreciated the initiative and the opportunity to engage with high-level practitioners
  - strong interest in understanding the work and functioning of the OSCE, with common request to increase the number of simulations and case studies
  - created a cohort of young professionals interested in and knowledgeable about the OSCE, whose role and contribution to peace and security remains otherwise under-explored in University courses
- The cycle will be **repeated next year**
- **It can be easily replicated by other countries**