



497th Plenary Meeting

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AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL
MODALITIES OF THE OSCE CONFERENCE ON ANTI-SEMITISM**

(Berlin, 28 and 29 April 2004)

I. Agenda

1. Opening of the Conference
2. Opening plenary: Keynote interventions
3. Discussions in plenary sessions and workshops
4. Closing plenary: Summing up and closing of the Conference

II. Timetable and other organizational modalities

1. The Conference will open in Berlin on Wednesday, 28 April 2004. It will close on Thursday, 29 April 2004. The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany will host the Conference at the Conference Centre at the German Foreign Office.
2. All plenary sessions and workshops will be open.
3. Standard OSCE rules of procedure and working methods will be applied at the Conference.
4. Discussions in the plenary sessions will be interpreted from and into all six working languages of the OSCE.

Opening: Presenting the context

- Presenting the problem of anti-Semitism and its manifestations throughout the OSCE region;
- A discussion on measures which participating States can take to fight anti-Semitism.

Session 1: Legislative and Institutional Mechanisms and Governmental Action, including Law Enforcement

Topics may include, *inter alia*:

- Implementation of the Ministerial Council Decision on tolerance and non-discrimination (MC.DEC/4/03);
- Best practices for law enforcement and experience with criminal prosecution of violence;
- Key elements of legislation designed to prevent and combat hate crimes.

Session 2: The Role of Governments and Civil Society in Promoting Tolerance

Topics may include, *inter alia*:

- Additional ways to strengthen the promotion of tolerance and non-discrimination;
- Inter-faith and intercultural dialogue;
- The role of the OSCE and its institutions in co-operation with UNESCO and other bodies in strengthening the promotion of tolerance;
- How can the role of NGOs in promoting tolerance and dialogue be supported?
- Additional ways to strengthen a culture of respect for diversity.

Session 3: The Role of Education

Topics may include, *inter alia*:

- Key elements and development of school curricula and teacher-education programmes;
- Teaching of history;
- How can the OSCE and its institutions, in co-operation with other international organizations and actors, assist participating States in developing educational programmes?

Session 4: Information and Awareness Raising: The Role of the Media in Conveying and Countering Prejudice

Topics may include, *inter alia*:

- The role of the media in promoting tolerance and preventing hate crimes;
- How best to avoid anti-Semitic messages in the media and internet;

- The role of the media as part of a comprehensive strategy for actions at national level;
- The role of the OSCE and its institutions.

Closing: Conclusions

Conclusions and recommendations.

5. The plenary sessions will take place in accordance with the work programme below. Workshops will take place in plenary free slots.

WORK PROGRAMME

	Wednesday 28 April 2004	Thursday 29 April 2004
Morning	Opening session Session 1	Session 4 Closing Plenary
Afternoon	Session 2 Session 3	