



**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
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**Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic
and Environmental Activities**

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Expert Workshop

“Sharing Best Practices to Protect Electricity Networks from Natural Disasters”

2nd July 2014

Vienna, Hofburg/Ratsaal

Annotated Agenda

09.00 – 10.30

Opening Session

H.E. Lamberto Zannier, OSCE Secretary General

Ms. Andrea Rauber Saxer, Minister, Deputy Head of Swiss Delegation,
2014 OSCE Chairmanship

Amb. Urban Rusnák, Secretary General of the Energy Charter Secretariat

Moderator: **Dr. Halil Yurdakul Yigitgüden**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and
Environmental Activities

Statements by Delegations / Discussion

10.30 – 11.00

Coffee Break

11.00 – 12.30

Morning Session: Risk assessment and identification of vulnerabilities

Moderator: **Ms. Viktoriia Kuvshynnykova**, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Ukraine
to the OSCE, 2013 OSCE Chairmanship

Rapporteur: **Dr. Wei Liu**, Executive Director, NGO ‘Human and Environment Linkage
Programme’, USA

Selected topics:

- Single risk versus multi-risk assessment
- Implementation and communication of risk assessment
- Perspective of the private sector
- Experience of Nordic and Mediterranean regions

Speakers:

- **Dr. Nadejda Komendantova**, Senior Research Scholar, International
Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA)
- **Dr. Kevin Fleming**, Project Manager and Senior Researcher, German
Research Centre for Geosciences (GFZ)

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- **Mr. Kurt Misak**, Head, Grid Security Department, Austrian Power Grid AG, Member of the European Network of Transmission Service Operators – Electricity (ENTSO-e)
- **Dr. Farrokh Nadim**, Technical Director, Norwegian Geotechnical Institute
- **Dr. Khadidja Guenachi**, Director, Laboratory for Industrial, Technological and Environmental Risks, University of Oran, Algeria

Discussion

12.30 – 14.00 **Buffet Lunch**

14.00 – 15.30 **Afternoon Session: Risk mitigation and resilience of electricity network systems**

Moderator: **Ms. Desiree Schweitzer**, Deputy Co-ordinator/Head, Environmental Activities, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Rapporteur: **Mr. Thomas Schinko**, Wegener Centre, University of Graz

Selected topics:

- Climate change adaptation policy process in relation to electricity networks
- Resilience of electricity networks
- Risk mitigation mechanisms

Speakers:

- **Mr. Martin König**, Project Manager, Environmental Impact Assessment and Climate Change, Environment Agency Austria
- **Dr. Wei Liu**, Executive Director, NGO ‘Human and Environment Linkage Programme’, USA
- **Mr. Hubert Lemmens**, Senior Advisor at Elia Group and Member of ‘GO15 - Reliable and Sustainable Power Grids’
- **Mr. Lubomír Tomík**, Director, Center for Energy Systems CESys, Slovakia
- **Dr. Oscar van Vliet**, Senior Researcher, Department of Environmental Systems Science, ETH Swiss Federal Institute of Technology

Discussion

15.30 – 16.00 **Coffee Break**

16.00 – 17.30 **Closing Session: Panel discussion**

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Panelists:

- **Ms. Milka Mumovic**, Electricity expert, Energy Community
- **Prof. Friedemann Wenzel**, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT)
- **Dr. Johannes Reichl**, Project Manager, Energy Institute at the Johannes Kepler University Linz
- **Mr. Mario d'Agostini**, Head of Electricity Unit, Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Switzerland

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