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“STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY ON THE BASIS OF CLOSE INTERCONNECTION BETWEEN EUROPE AND ASIA”

(Vienna, 11 and 12 November 2025)

OSCE Conference Centre, Hofburg/Ratsaal (5th floor)

Draft Annotated Agenda

DAY 1: Tuesday, 11 November 2025

15:00 – 16:00 Opening remarks moderated by Ms. Deborah M. Borg, Chargé d’ Affaires, Permanent Mission of Malta to the OSCE, Chair of the OSCE Asian Partners for Co operation Group

Welcoming addresses by:

- H.E. Mr Christopher Cutajar, Permanent Secretary at the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister and Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Tourism, Malta, Chairperson of the OSCE Asian Partners for Co-operation Group
- H.E. Mr. Kweon Ki-hwan, Deputy Minister for Multilateral and Global Affairs, Republic of Korea

Opening addresses by:

- H.E. Feridun H. Sinirlioğlu, Secretary-General of the OSCE
- Dr. Petri Hakkarainen, Director General for Political Affairs at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, OSCE Chairpersonship
- H.E. Ambassador Raphael Nägeli, Permanent Representative of Switzerland, Chairperson of the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation Group

Floor statements by the OSCE Asian Partners for Co-operation:

- Afghanistan
- Australia
- Japan
- Thailand

Rapporteur Ms. Marion Belsvik, Permanent Mission of Norway to the OSCE

16:00 – 17:30

Session 1: New Technological Developments and Cybersecurity: The Role of Confidence-Building Measures

Amidst rapid technological developments and the growing complexity of cyber threats, the importance of confidence-building measures (CBMs) is increasingly underscored as an essential tool to mitigate risks and prevent misperceptions, with the OSCE's pioneering role as the first regional organization to establish cyber/ICT CBMs. This session will focus on:

- Assessing emerging cyber threats stemming from rapid technological developments and their implications for international security;*
- Exploring the impact of new risks deriving from AI and other disruptive technologies;*
- Sharing best practices and innovative approaches to strengthening transparency and information-sharing mechanisms.*

Moderator: Mr. Erik Kurzweil, Director for Indo-Pacific Policy, South Asia and Afghanistan, Germany

Panelists:

1. Ambassador Marek Szczygieł, Permanent Representative of Poland to the OSCE and Chair of the OSCE Informal Working Group on Cyber/ICT Security
2. Dr. Shin So-Hyun, Adjunct Professor, Korea University Law School, Republic of Korea
3. Mr. Bart Hogeveen, Senior Fellow, Director Europe, Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI) (online)
4. Dr. Samuele Dominioni, Researcher Security and Technology, UNIDIR (online)

Discussion

Rapporteur: Mr. Erol Ozakcay, Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the OSCE

DAY 2: Wednesday, 12 November 2025

10:00 – 11.30

Session 2: Protecting Critical Infrastructure and Economic Security in the Digital Era

Digital transformation has increased the reliance of critical infrastructures—such as energy, finance, transportation, and communications—on digital technologies and networks, thereby exposing them to new types of vulnerabilities. This session will focus on:

- Digital transformation and structural vulnerabilities in Critical Infrastructure;*
- Strengthening resilience and protection of critical infrastructure in Europe and Asia;*
- Exploring ways to promote public-private partnerships for infrastructure security.*

Moderator: H.E. Ambassador Eglantina Gjermeni, Permanent Representative of Albania to the OSCE

Panelists:

1. Mr. Ryuichi Funatsu, Director of the Economic Security Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (online)
2. Mr. Vasyl Ananyev, Head of Unit, Department of Critical Infrastructure Protection, Administration of the State Service of Special Communications and Information Protection, Ukraine
3. Police Lt. Col. Narin Phetthong, Cybersecurity Expert, Cyber Coordination Office National Cyber Security Agency, Thailand
4. Mr. Jonghyun Baek Chief Researcher, Korean Internet and Security Agency (KISA), Republic of Korea
5. Mr. Mark Pfeiffer, Director of International Business Development, IABG, Germany

Discussion

Rapporteur: Mr. Connor Creeley, Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom to the OSCE

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 – 13:30 Session 3: The Role of Youth in Building Sustainable Peace

Youth are recognized as important agents of change and key enablers of sustainable peace due to their community influence and innovative capacities. Inclusive youth participation helps prevent radicalization, strengthens social resilience, and makes peacebuilding efforts more effective and sustainable. This session will focus on:

- *Sharing successful cases of youth-led peace initiatives (post-conflict reconstruction, disarmament, social engagement, etc.);*
- *Facilitating youth networking and engagement through OSCE youth platforms (e.g. Pool of Young Experts);*
- *Broadening inter-regional co-operation to strengthen youth participation in peace and security issues.*

Moderator: H.E. Ambassador Florian Raunig, Austria's Permanent Representative to the OSCE

Panelists:

1. Ms. Botagoz Kozhakhmetova, Member of the OSCE Pool of Young Experts, Kazakhstan
2. Ms. Somaye Mahmodi, Student at the OSCE Academy in Bishkek (online)
3. Mr. Joon Baek, Co-founder of Youth for Privacy
4. Mr. Santeri Leinonen, OSCE Chairperson-in-Office's Special Representative on Youth, Peace and Security

Discussion

Rapporteur: Ms. Orlaith King and Mr. Tom Lolcama, Permanent Mission of the Netherlands to the OSCE

13:30 – 14:00 Closing remarks

- Ms. Deborah M. Borg, Chargé d' Affaires, Permanent Mission of Malta to the OSCE, Chair of the OSCE Asian Partners for Co-operation Group
- H.E. Ambassador HAM Sang Wook, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the OSCE
- Ms. Malgorzata Twardowska, Head of External Co-operation, Office of the OSCE Secretary General

Rapporteur: Mr. Roman Oroszi, Permanent Mission of Slovakia to the OSCE