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**“Promoting security and stability in the OSCE area through sustainable economic recovery from the  
COVID-19 pandemic”**

**Concluding Meeting**

**Prague, 08-09 September 2022**

Venue: Czernin Palace, Loretánské nám. 5, 118 00 Prague

Opening session  
Welcoming remarks

**Moderator: Ambassador Adam Hałaciński, Chairman of the OSCE Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Poland to the OSCE**

Ambassador Hałaciński is a Polish diplomat who was ambassador to Sweden from 2010 to 2014 and is currently serving as permanent representative to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (since 2020).



In 1989, he joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland. Between 1993 and 1999 he was posted at the Permanent Representation to the OSCE in Vienna, including during the 1998 Polish Chairmanship. After the posting he worked at the Department of Central and Southern Europe and, as director, at the Department of Western Europe.

Following his work as deputy ambassador to Austria (2002–2007), he was deputy director of the Department of Europe, then head of the Department of Central and Southern Europe. From 2010 to 2014 Hałaciński served as ambassador to the Kingdom of Sweden. Between 2015 and 2016 he was the Minister's Plenipotentiary for the Preparation of the 2016 NATO Summit.

Ambassador Hałaciński graduated in German studies at the University of Warsaw. He also studied at the Faculty of Journalism and Political Science, the Polish Institute of International Affairs, and the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna.

**H.E. Prof. Zbigniew Rau - OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Minister of Foreign Affairs,  
Poland**

Professor Zbigniew Rau is a Polish lawyer, university lecturer and professor of law.

He served as senator of the 6th term and governor of the Lodz Province in 2015-2019. In 2019, he was elected as an MP of the 9th term.

In 1977, he graduated from the Faculty of Law and Administration at the University of Lodz. He finished his PhD studies in 1982. In 1996, he obtained his post-doctoral degree in law and became professor in 2005. He heads the Department of Political and Legal Doctrines and the Alexis de Tocqueville Centre for Political and Legal Thought at the Lodz University.

In 1980, he joined the Independent Self-Governing Trade Union “Solidarity”, where he was an expert tasked with verifying appointments to the Inter-company Founding Committee of the “Solidarity” trade union of the Lodz region.

In 2005-2007, during his term as a senator, he was a member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. During his term as an MP from November 2019 to August 2020, he chaired the Sejm Foreign Affairs Committee, headed the Polish Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and led the Polish-British Parliamentary Group.



## **H.E. Mr. Jan Lipavský - Minister of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic**

H.E. Mr. Jan Lipavský became the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic on December 17, 2021.

Prior to becoming minister, Mr. Lipavský entered government as a parliamentary representative. He served four years in the Chamber of Deputies as the Vice-Chairman on the Committee on Foreign Affairs and Committee on Defense. Likewise, he was on three other committees: the Standing Committee on Hybrid Threats, the Subcommittee on Migration and Asylum Policy, and the Subcommittee on Defense, Cyber, and Security Policy and Strategic Concepts of the Czech Republic. He specializes primarily in energy and international security and hybrid threats.



Before entering politics, Mr. Lipavský pursued a career in the private sector in the field of banking information technologies. He worked for companies such as McKinsey & Company, Euro RSCG, ZOOT, Total Solutions, and Moro Systems.

Mr. Lipavský was born in Prague, where he grew up and completed grammar school. He went on to graduate with a degree in International Area Studies from Charles University's Faculty of Social Sciences, Institute of International Studies. During his studies, he spent a year abroad at the University of Kent in the United Kingdom.

## **H.E. Helga Maria Schmid - OSCE Secretary General**

Ms. Maria Schmid was appointed to the post of Secretary General of the OSCE in December 2020 for a three-year term.

She first joined the diplomatic service as Assistant Private Secretary to the Minister for European Affairs (1990–1991). Since then she has held several prominent diplomatic positions during her career.

Early on, she was Political Adviser to Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel and Head of Cabinet to Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer; and just prior to her appointment as OSCE Secretary General, she was Secretary General for the European External Action Service.

From 2011 to 2016, she was the Deputy Secretary General for Political Affairs for the European External Action Service. Preceding that, she was the Director of the Policy Planning and Early Warning Unit (Policy Unit) of the High Representative for the CFSP in the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union in Brussels.

Ms. Schmid has an MA in English and Romance languages, literature, history and politics (1980–1987) from Munich University (Ludwig Maximilians Universität) and the Sorbonne in Paris. Her mother tongue is German and she speaks fluent English and French.

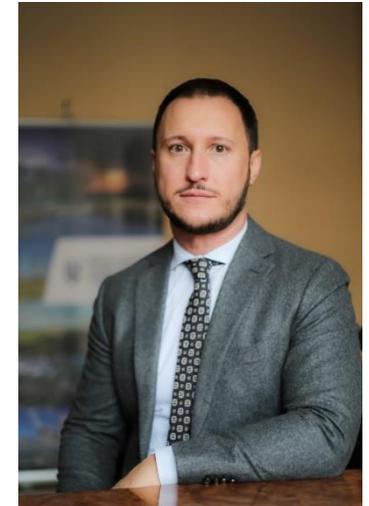


## Keynote Speech

### **Mr. Yaroslav Demchenkov - Deputy Minister of Energy, Ukraine**

The Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine appointed Yaroslav Demchenkov to the position of Deputy Minister of Energy and Environmental Protection of Ukraine on May 27, 2020 and later reappointed to the position of Deputy Minister of Energy for European Integration.

With a master's degree in International Law, Mr. Demchenkov has 20+ years of experience in developing, implementing and managing international projects in energy, green economy, infrastructure and other sectors. He has worked for the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), and the World Bank. His expertise covers the spheres of project management, governmental and international relations, as well as policy making.



Mr. Demchenkov has profound knowledge of the functioning of government authorities, policy analysis and public decision-making. For a long time, he has served as a senior official at the Ministry of Economy of Ukraine, the Presidential Secretariat and the Secretariat of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine, as well as at the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine.

Mr. Demchenkov has experience in the socio-political sphere. He was the founder and active participant in a number of public initiatives, was elected a member of the Chernihiv Oblast Council.

Deputy Minister Demchenkov is in charge of several areas, including international cooperation and European integration

Panel discussion:

“The role of the Economic and Environmental Forum in advancing dialogue and co-operation in the second dimension”

**Moderator: Ambassador Igor Djundev - Permanent Representative of the Republic of North Macedonia to the OSCE**

Ambassador Igor Djundev was appointed Permanent Representative of the Republic of North Macedonia to the OSCE in February 2019.

Prior to that, he served for seven years as Director for Multilateral Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Djundev held the positions of Ambassador at Large, State Secretary, Assistant Minister for Multilateral Affairs as well as Director for Political Relations.



Between 2004-2007, he was Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

Ambassador Djundev graduated in Economics at University "Cyril and Methodius" in Skopje.

## **Ambassador Florian Raunig - Permanent Representative of Austria to the OSCE, Chair of the Economic and Environmental Committee**

Ambassador Florian Raunig is the Permanent Representative of Austria to the OSCE and Head of Department for OSCE, Council of Europe, Inter-Parliamentary Union at the Ministry for European and International Affairs.

Previously, Ambassador Raunig was Austrian Ambassador to Albania and Montenegro. He also served as Head of the OSCE Presence in Albania and as the Head of the Austrian OSCE 2017 Chairmanship Task Force.

Ambassador Raunig holds a Magister philosophiae in political science, philosophy and law studies and is fluent in German, Albanian, English, French, Italian and Montenegrin.



## **Ambassador Christine Fages - Permanent Representative of France to the OSCE**

Ms. Christine Fages is Ambassador and Permanent Representative of France to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe.

As a career diplomat, she has held positions within the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, in which she has dealt with issues related to the European Union, the Balkans, West Africa, the United States, international organizations (NATO) and crisis management.



Within the central administration, she was Ambassador and coordinator of the international Ebola Task Force (2014-2016) in charge of the French response to the Ebola epidemic in West Africa, deputy director for press and communication, deputy spokesperson (2009-2011) and head of the West Africa department (2007-2009).

Abroad, Christine Fages was first counselor (2012-2014) and political counselor at the French Embassy in the United States (2011-2012) during the 2012 American elections. Prior to that, she was Operations Advisor at the Permanent Representation of France to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (2003-2007), during the resumption by NATO of the military operation in Afghanistan, and Operations Advisor of the military transition in Bosnia and Herzegovina from NATO to the European Union.

Ambassador Fages is a graduate of the Institute of Political Studies of Bordeaux (major "public services") and of the Faculty of Public Law of the Universities of Bordeaux and Grenoble. She was an exchange student at Concordia University (Montreal, Canada). She is a member of the "Cadres Dirigeants de l'État" pool.

## **Mr. Pere Joan Pons - Vice-President, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Spain**

Mr. Pere Joan Pons (Spain) was elected Vice-President of the Assembly at the 2022 Annual Session in Birmingham. Prior to this, he served as Chair of the OSCE PA General Committee on Economic Affairs, Science, Technology and Environment.

With a background in law and journalism, Mr. Pons was elected to the Congress of Deputies in 2016 as a member of the Socialist Party. In parliament, he serves on the Foreign Affairs, EU, Development and Economy Committees.

Prior to being elected to parliament, he worked at the Paris-based think tank Droit International 90, European broadcaster EuroNews, and Médecins Sans Frontières. In 2007 he started to work for the Balearic Islands' Regional Government, and from 2011 to 2015 he served as Gabriel Alomar's Political Foundation Director.

Mr. Pons also worked as a Senior Political Advisor for the Socialist Party in the Parliament of the Balearic Islands. He has taught several courses on International Cooperation and Humanitarian assistance at the University of the Balearic Islands and since 2012, he has been a Member of the Executive Board of the Socialist Party in the Balearic Islands.

In 2015, he was appointed as Chief of Staff of the President of Balearic Regional Government.



## **Dr. Volker Frobarth - Head of the OSCE Programme Office in Nur-Sultan**

Dr. Volker Frobarth from Germany is the Head of the OSCE Programme Office in Nur-Sultan from 1 April 2021.

Prior to this, he served as Representative of the OSCE Chairpersonship to the Latvian-Russian Joint Commission on Military Pensioners. Further, Dr. Frobarth had been seconded by Germany to the OSCE field operations in Tajikistan, Georgia, Latvia and Ukraine.

Within the Ministry of Economy of the German State of Hessen, Dr. Frobarth held the positions of Director, Foreign Trade with CIS and Baltic States, as well as Head of Economy, Infrastructure and European Affairs Division at the Hessen State Representation in Berlin. From 2009 to 2021, Dr. Frobarth held executive positions in the German agency for international co-operation (GIZ) in Central Asia, Germany and Afghanistan.

Dr. Frobarth holds a Master's Degree, as well as a PhD from the University of Kiel, Germany, with specializations in Political Science, Eastern European History, Public Law and Law of the Eastern European States. He has been dealing with security, democratization, environmental and economic affairs in the former Soviet Union for more than 20 years. He speaks English, Russian and German.



## **Ambassador Igli Hasani - Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities**

Ambassador Igli Hasani is the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities.

Before joining the OSCE Secretariat in October 2021, Ambassador Hasani served since 2018 as the Permanent Representative of Albania to the OSCE and other International Organizations in Vienna. As Permanent Representative, he was the Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council and the Economic and Environmental Committee during the 2020 Albanian Chairmanship; and chaired the OSCE Mediterranean and Asian Partners for Co-operation Groups in 2019 and 2021 respectively, as part of OSCE Troika.

Prior to joining the Albanian Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Hasani served for 17 years at the Albanian Defence Ministry in various high-level managerial roles: as Secretary General; Director General for Defence Policy; Director of NATO, EU and Foreign Relations; Director General of Supporting Services and Legal Director; Chief of Department for Security and International Relations, National Centre for Security and Defence; Director of Euro-Atlantic Integration and Defence Policy; Policy and Media Advisor to the Minister of Defence; Director of Press and Information and Deputy Director of Press and Information.



From 1997 to 2001, Ambassador Hasani worked as Chief of Public Relations for the Secretariat for Refugees at the Ministry of Local Government and Decentralization and as a journalist and editor with several media outlets.

He is a graduate from the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Tirana, Albania, with a degree in Sociology and Philosophy; Faculty of Law, University of Tirana, Albania; King's College London, United Kingdom, with a Master in International Relations and the Royal College of Defence Studies, London, United Kingdom.

Session I

“Sustainable economic recovery and green growth”

**Moderator: Mr. Aleksander Siemaszko, Deputy Director, Department for Trade and International Cooperation, Ministry of Economic Development and Technology, Poland**

Mr. Siemaszko is Deputy Director of the Department for Trade and International Cooperation of the Ministry of Economic Development and Technology of Poland, responsible for international organizations and bilateral economic cooperation.

Between 2014-2017, he served as advisor in European Parliament on foreign policy and energy security. He also worked for the European Commission and Security & Defence Agenda think-tank.

Mr. Siemaszko graduated from the University of Warsaw, Warsaw School of Economics and the College of Europe in Bruges, and studied at Northeastern Illinois University and Sciences-po Paris.



**Ms. Fernanda Ferreira  
Dias**



**Director General, Ministry  
of Economy and Maritime  
Affairs, Portugal**

Ms. Fernanda Ferreira Dias currently serves as Director-General for Economic Activities at the Ministry of Economy and Maritime Affairs of Portugal.

Previously she served as Diplomatic Advisor to the Minister of Economy and she served as Principal Counsellor at the Permanent Representation of Portugal to the European Union, and at the European Commission, both in Brussels.

Throughout her career, Ms. Ferreira Dias coordinated and accompanied the negotiation of European dossiers and represented Portugal in legislative negotiations at the level of the European Union and meetings of the OECD, United Nations and other bilateral or multilateral forums.

Ms. Ferreira Dias worked in all Portuguese Presidencies of the Council of the European Union. She supports female entrepreneurship and the WinB - Women in Business Association

**Ambassador Henrik  
Villadsen**



**Head of Mission, OSCE  
Project Co-ordinator in  
Ukraine**

Ambassador Henrik Villadsen, from Denmark, was appointed OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine in November 2018. Most recently, he was Director of the office of the High Commissioner on National Minorities since December 2014.

He holds a master's degree in law with a specialization in human rights under armed conflicts and is a qualified barrister with the Danish Ministry of Justice since 1997.

As a commissioned officer in the Danish Armed Forces, Ambassador Villadsen served with the EU Monitoring Mission to the former Yugoslavia in 1993–1994 and later with various intergovernmental organizations, such as the OSCE, the UN and the EU in the former Yugoslavia.

In Kosovo, Ambassador Villadsen held management positions in the EU and the Kosovo Trust Agency. He also served as Special Assistant to the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General for Kosovo.

**Ms. Mariam Galstyan**



**Commissioner, Corruption  
Prevention Commission,  
Armenia**

Ms. Mariam Galstyan is an anti-corruption specialist, lawyer, currently serving as a member to the Corruption Prevention Commission (CPC) of the Republic of Armenia, a newly established independent body that implements the country's corruption prevention policies.

She previously led the anti-corruption policy development and monitoring department of the Ministry of Justice. She has more than 10 years of experience working in state institutions, from which 8 in anti-corruption sphere. During that period Ms. Galstyan was always actively involved in all ongoing anti-corruption reforms in Armenia and was coordinating the process of anti-corruption policy development.

Ms. Galstyan was also engaged in various projects carried out with UNODC, CoE, OSCE, EU, US Embassy and other partners. Ms Galstyan is a state delegate in GRECO, member of the national delegation to the Anti-corruption network of the OECD for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Governmental expert for the second cycle of the implementation review mechanism for the UNCAC.

Ms. Galstyan got her bachelor's and master's degree in law from the French University in Armenia.

**Mr. Akbar Ergashev**



**Head of Transparency  
Department, Anti-  
Corruption Agency of  
Uzbekistan**

Mr. Akbar Ergashev heads the Department for Ensuring the Openness of Activities of Government Agencies and Organizations, the Anti-Corruption Agency of the Republic of Uzbekistan.

The Department deals with monitoring compliance by all government agencies and organizations with the requirements of legislation on openness in Uzbekistan. The Department also develops proposals on the introduction of new mechanisms in the field and submit them to the government.

For example, over the past time, his Department has introduced into practice new norms, including the procedure for the compulsory public disclosure of socially significant information related to the activities of government agencies and organizations, and the Openness Index assessing the level of openness of activities of government agencies and organizations.

Mr. Ergashev earned Master's Degree in information and communication technologies. Prior to this job, he was engaged in implementing projects to support the media and civil society institutions in nongovernmental nonprofit organizations. He also considerably contributed in successful work of press offices in various organizations.

**Ms. Helaina R. Matza**



**Director for Energy  
Transformation in the  
Bureau of Energy Resources  
at the Department of State,  
United States**

Ms. Helaina R. Matza is the Director of Energy Transformation in the Bureau of Energy Resources at the Department of State. In this role she leads strategic engagement on clean energy and power sector issues, including the Department's multilateral effort focused on securing clean energy supply chains. Helaina has most recently served as Director of Climate Diplomacy and Energy Transformation at the National Security Council in the White House.

Helaina has spent the past eight years at the Department of State developing and managing multi-million-dollar innovative initiatives related to energy, climate change and environmental issues. She has served in a diverse set of roles, including as a lead sustainability advisor developing the Department's global air quality monitoring program, leading several Bureau of Energy Resources' policy priorities overseas, and as a lead negotiator on the U.S. delegation at the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change.

Before joining the Department of State, Ms. Matza held positions focused on philanthropic engagement and trade promotion. She holds an M.P.A. focused on global energy management and a B.A. in International Affairs, both from The George Washington University.

## Session II

### “Innovation for sustainable economic recovery”

#### **Moderator: Ambassador Ketevan Tsikhelashvili - Permanent Representative of Georgia to the OSCE**

H.E. Ketevan Tsikhelashvili was appointed Ambassador of Georgia and Permanent Representative in June, 2020.

Prior to this appointment she served as the Minister for Reconciliation and Civic Equality of Georgia (2016-2020), and as first deputy minister of the same institution before that.

In 2012 Ketevan Tsikhelashvili served as the elected chairwoman of the National Platform of Georgia within the Civil Society Forum of the European Union’s Eastern Partnership, as well as chairing the second working group of the Geneva International Discussions for the last years.

From 2006-2012 Tsikhelashvili was director of the Liberal Academy of Tbilisi. At various times she has also worked as a consultant to the Friedrich Naumann Foundation in Georgia, as an analyst at the European Stability Initiative (ESI), and a researcher at the Political and Defense Division of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. Ketevan Tsikhelashvili has been lecturing at Ilia State University since 2008 and is the author of numerous scientific papers



**H.E. Ms. Milva Ekonomi**



**Minister of State for Service  
Standards, Albania**

Ms. Milva Ekonomi, actually serves as Minister of State for Services Standards. From December 2020 to September 2021 she served as Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, previously (2016-2017) as Minister of Economic Development, Tourism, Trade and Entrepreneurship.

Ms. Ekonomi served as General Director of the Institute of Statistics from 1994 to 2005. In March 2006, she was elected a member of the panel of experts of the “PARIS 21” project (OECD).

She advised Kosova Agency for Statistics, as a key expert in Preparation Kosovo Population Census 2007–2008, financed by European Agency for Reconstruction in Kosovo, and after she joint SIDA/Sweden as consultant in building statistical capacities for Western Balkan, focusing in Kosovo.

Ms. Ekonomi completed her studies in Statistics and Economics, and holds a Master in Business Administration from the University of Tirana. She was lecturing in Faculty of Economics, University of Tirana and “Lady of Good Consels” University.

**Mr. Jaffer Machano**



**Global Programme Manager,  
Municipal Investment  
Finance, United Nations  
Capital Development Fund  
(UNCDF)**

Mr. Jaffer Machano is a seasoned expert in Development and Sustainable Finance. Currently he is the Financial Advisor for the Local Transformative Finance Practice and the Global Program Manager for Municipal Investment Finance (MIF) at UNCDF Headquarters in New York.

He is responsible for the municipal investments that UNCDF is currently implementing in the developing countries. The MIF program is currently innovating two new global initiatives: a global fund that will invest in municipalities in the developing countries and the Blue Peace Financing Initiative – an innovative blended finance mechanism for transboundary water cooperation.

Before joining UNCDF Jaffer was Head of Global Banking Tanzania at Standard Chartered Bank and Deputy Managing Director at TIB Development Bank. Jaffer also worked at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and Barclays Bank.

Mr. Machano holds a master's degree in international Economic Policy from Columbia University and is a member of Global Association of Risk Professional

**Mr. Haris Piplas**



**Co-Directing Urban Design,  
Planning and Development  
Drees & Sommer, Basel /  
Zurich**

Dr. Haris Piplas, Senior Expert in Urban Design, Planning and Development, Drees & Sommer International" (picture below)

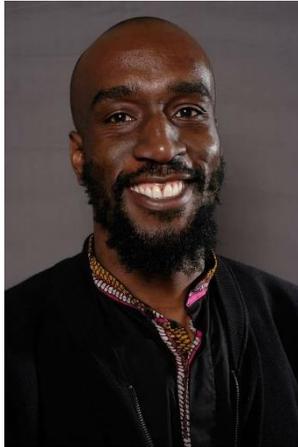
Dr. Piplas co-directs the Urban Design, Planning and Development initiatives of Drees&Sommer, one of the international market leader companies in innovative urban planning, architecture, engineering and spatial consultancy. His focus is set on multi-stakeholder inclusive and sustainable urban regeneration, design and reconstruction projects.

He co-developed the Smart City and Urban Innovation Strategy for Jakarta, the Urban Climate-adaptive strategy for Mannheim "Smartilience", initiated and directed the "Reactivate Sarajevo Urban Transformation project", the post-IBA Metropolitan strategies for Basel, district development projects in Berlin, Barcelona, Milano and other cities. He figured as an expert for various international organizations such as IPBES and UN-Habitat. He edited the "Climate Adaptability of Cities" issue of the Journal of the European Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA) and co-authored the book "Global Urban Toolbox" with urban case studies across the world.

Dr. Piplas served as an active member and advisor to various organizations such as CANactions School of Urban Studies, the Urban Land Institute, International Society of Urban and Regional Planner (ISOCARP)s, Ukrainian National Union of Architects, European Forum Alpbach Baukultur-Board, among others.

Dr. Piplas holds a Master of Urban Design from the Technical University of Berlin and a Dr. sc. from the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology Zurich, Department of Architecture.

**Mr. Chris Richmond**



**CEO, Mygrants, Italy**

Mr. Richmond graduated in International Rights and Diplomacy in Switzerland. From 2010 to 2015 he worked as Strategic Intelligence Analyst for Frontex and as Inspector and then Commissioner for EASO (European Asylum Support Office).

As of 2017 Mr. Richmond is Founder and CEO of Mygrants, as well as being on the Advisory Board of MUG, Associate Member of ActionAid Italy, Mentor of the Tony Elumelu Foundation, Member of the Steering Committee at Learning Economy Foundation, Member of the Security Check Committee at Diversity Lab.

### Session III

## “Greening the economy and the role of the energy sector”

**Moderator: Mr. Sigurður Ingi Friðleifsson - Director of Energy Transition, Climate Issues, and Innovation at Iceland’s National Energy Authority**

Mr. Sigurður Ingi Friðleifsson the Director of Energy Transition, Climate Issues, and Innovation at Iceland’s National Energy Authority has been working in the energy and environmental sector for almost two decades.

He has been involved in several projects regarding climate and energy efficiency and actively involved in policy making as an advisor for the government of Iceland for many years. The main and most important activity now is the energy transition in transport, the last big energy sector in Iceland still heavily dependent on imported fossil fuel. Iceland is leading in renewable energy with clear and ambitious goals to be fully independent from fossil fuels within the next two decades.



**Ms. Iordanca-Rodica  
Iordanov**



**State Secretary of the  
Ministry of Environment of  
the Republic of Moldova**

Mrs. Iordanca-Rodica Iordanov was appointed Secretary of State of the Ministry of Environment in August 2021.

She holds a PhD in environmental law at the Academy of Science of Moldova.

Ms. Iordanov has more than 24 years of activities in the field of environmental law, environmental governance, legislation on air, water and waste management including the management of hazardous waste and chemical substances, and management of natural protected areas.

She has also good knowledge in the field of implementation of the Aarhus, Espoo, Stockholm, Basel Conventions, PRTR and SEA Protocols at national and regional level. Mrs. Iordanov has experiences in working with international partners as UN, UNECE, WB, EBRD, OSCE and EU Delegations.

As Secretary of State is leading the process of integration of the Republic of Moldova in European Union in the field of environmental protection and management, and the international relations.

**Ambassador Igor Jukič**



**Coordinator for Energy,  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs,  
Slovenia**

Ambassador Igor Jukič holds a degree in political science - international relations. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2001.

His former positions include acting Secretary General of the MFA, Head of the Security Policy Department, Political Director and Head of the Department for Common Foreign and Security Policy, Head of the Department for Bilateral Economic Cooperation II and Director General for Multilateral Affairs and Development Cooperation.

Between 2003 and 2007, he was posted to the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Slovenia to the UN Office in Geneva.

Between 2015 and 2019, he was Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia to Turkey with non-resident accreditations to Azerbaijan, Lebanon, Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan.

Currently, Ambassador Jukič is the Coordinator for Energy at the MFA.

**Mr. Özgür Sarhan**



**Head of Energy Security of  
Supply, Markets and  
Statistics Department,  
Ministry of Energy and  
Natural Resources, Türkiye**

Mr. Özgür Sarhan is the Head of Energy Security of Supply, Markets and Statistics Department at the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources in Türkiye.

Prior to that, he was working as coordinator of Electricity Security of Supply Group as well as an expert of Energy and Natural Resources.

He has more than eleven years of experience in energy security of supply, markets, statistics and modelling, coordinated several projects and studies including long-term energy modelling, system design, critical energy infrastructure security, emergency response management, legislative and analytical works with broad energy policy topics.

Mr. Sarhan holds a Master's degree in Earth System Science Program from the Middle East Technical University in Türkiye .

**Ms. Velina Tchakarova**



**Head of Institute at the  
Austrian Institute for  
European and Security Policy  
(AIES)**

Ms. Velina Tchakarova is Director of the Vienna-based Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy (AIES) and a member of the peer board of the Defence Horizon Journal in Austria.

She is an instructor at the Real-World Risk Institute under the direction of best-selling author Nassim Taleb and a member of the Strategic and Security Policy Advisory Board of the Science Commission at the Austrian Federal Ministry of Defense.

Her area of expertise is global system transformation and geostrategy of global and regional actors. Another research focus of hers is the EU's policy towards Eastern Europe and geopolitics in the Black Sea area.

Ms. Tchakarova holds an M.A. from the University of Heidelberg, Germany, and a BA from the University of World and National Economy, Bulgaria.

**Mr. Marc-Antoine  
Eyl-Mazzega**



**Director of Ifri's Center for  
Energy & Climate, France**

Mr. Marc-Antoine Eyl-Mazzega joined Ifri's Center for Energy & Climate as a Director in September 2017.

Prior to joining IFRI, he spent six years at the International Energy Agency (IEA), notably as Russia & Sub-Saharan Africa Programme Manager where he conducted oil and gas market analyses and was responsible for institutional relations with these countries and regions.

He also held various other positions, such as at the Robert Schuman Foundation, where he was in charge of a Ukraine observatory.

A French and German national, Mr. Eyl-Mazzega holds a Ph.D. from Sciences Po Paris in international relations.

## Concluding Session

### **Moderator: Ambassador Igli Hasani - Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities**

Before joining the OSCE Secretariat in October 2021, Ambassador Hasani served since 2018 as the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Albania to the OSCE and other IOs in Vienna. As PR, Ambassador Hasani was the Chair of the OSCE Permanent Council and of the Economic and Environmental Committee during the Albanian Chairmanship in 2020; and chaired the OSCE Mediterranean and Asian Partners for Co-operation Groups in 2019 and 2021 respectively, as part of OSCE Troika.

Prior to that, Ambassador Hasani served for 17 years at the Albanian Defence Ministry in various high-level managerial roles: as Secretary General; DG for Defence Policy; Director of NATO, EU and Foreign Relations; DG of Supporting Services and Legal Director; Chief of Department for Security and International Relations, National Centre for Security and Defence; Director of Euro-Atlantic Integration and Defence Policy; Policy and Media Advisor to the Minister of Defence; Director and Deputy Director of Press and Information.



From 1997 to 2001, Ambassador Hasani worked as Chief of Public Relations for the Secretariat for Refugees at the Ministry of Local Government and Decentralization and as a journalist and editor with several media outlets.

Ambassador Hasani is a graduate from the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Tirana, Albania, with a degree in Sociology and Philosophy; Faculty of Law, University of Tirana, Albania; King's College London, UK, with a Master in International Relations and the Royal College of Defence Studies, London, UK.

## **Mr. Oleksandr Gryban - Deputy Minister of Economy of Ukraine**

Mr. Gryban has 20 years of experience in the financial sector and investment banking.

He held managerial positions in leading investment organizations, in particular as the Director of the Concorde Capital investment company and one of the heads of the Ukrainian subdivision of the Amstar International Direct Investment Fund headquartered in the USA, whose assets under management amounted to more than \$3 billion at the time of his employment. Implemented fundraising projects using such instruments as IPO, private placement, Eurobonds and syndicated financing.



Banking experience includes the signing of more than 30 agreements on interbank lending with leading global financial institutions for a total amount of more than \$300 million and the development of the financial and risk controlling system at the Ukrainian branch of HVB Bank, Germany. The total amount of assets in project management experience in various industries exceeds half a billion US dollars.

In June 2021, he was appointed as a freelance adviser to the Minister of Infrastructure of Ukraine.

On 13 December 2021, the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine appointed Mr. Oleksandr Gryban as the Deputy Minister of Economy of Ukraine.

Mr. Gryban hold a Master's Degree in International Economic Relations and Academic Degree of a Candidate of Economic Sciences in International Economy and Finance.

## **Ambassador Artur Dmochowski - Special Envoy of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, Poland**

Artur Dmochowski is a seasoned Polish diplomat, currently serving as ambassador to Montenegro (since 2018). On 1 January 2022, he assumed the role of the Special Envoy of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office.

He studied at the Jagiellonian University, University of Maryland and the Monterey Institute of International Studies in California.

In the 1980s, Dmochowski, being active in the Polish underground Solidarity movement, was arrested and detained several times.

He started working at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1993. In the 1990s, he served as field officer in the CSCE Mission in Georgia and the OSCE Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina. From 2000 to 2006, he was minister-counsellor at the Polish Embassy in Rome. In 2015-16 he worked as spokesperson of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and later at the Diplomatic Academy.

Beside diplomacy, he worked in the media as an editor and journalist. He created the television channel TVP Historia and was the head of the Polish Press Agency. He also authored several books on history and international relations.



## **Ambassador Igor Djundev - Permanent Representative of the Republic of North Macedonia to the OSCE**

Ambassador Igor Djundev was appointed Permanent Representative of the Republic of North Macedonia to the OSCE in February 2019.

Prior to that, he served for seven years as Director for Multilateral Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Djundev held the positions of Ambassador at Large, State Secretary, Assistant Minister for Multilateral Affairs as well as Director for Political Relations.



Between 2004-2007, he was Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations.

Ambassador Djundev graduated in Economics at University "Cyril and Methodius" in Skopje.