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**30<sup>th</sup> OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum**

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

**FIRST PREPARATORY MEETING**

**Vienna, 14-15 February 2022**

Blended format

Venue: Hofburg, Neuer Saal

Online: Via Zoom

**ANNOTATED AGENDA**

**Monday, 14 February 2022**

**09:30 - 11:00          Opening Session**

**Welcoming remarks**

- **Ambassador Adam Hałaciński**, Chairman of the OSCE Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Poland to the OSCE
- **OSCE Secretary General Helga Maria Schmid**

**Keynote speech**

- **Mr. Mariusz Jerzy Golecki**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economic Development and Technology, Poland

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

**Statements by Delegations**

**11:00 - 11:30          Coffee/Tea Break**

**11:30 - 13:00          Session I: Supporting sustainable economic recovery and growth through the promotion of investment, entrepreneurship and business development**

### **Selected Topics:**

- Opportunities and challenges of investing in a long-term resilient and sustainable recovery; the role of public policy regarding the most affected economic sectors
- Policies to promote investment, facilitate the development of business and support SMEs
- Creating an enabling and competitive environment for innovations and adaptations in the business sector and to promote new, innovative forms of entrepreneurship
- Role of public-private cooperation in providing greater access to new forms of credits and loans to support a sustainable recovery

**Moderator: Ms. Viktorija Trimbel**, Managing partner at Quantum Capital, Member at the Task Force to advise the Prime Minister of Lithuania on EU RRF and structural reforms, Lithuania

### **Speakers:**

- **Mr. Musa Demir**, Deputy Director General, General Directorate for Exports, Ministry of Trade, Turkey
- **Mr. Giorgio Chiarion Casoni**, Director of Directorate L – InvestEU and financial institutions, DG Economic and Financial Affairs, European Commission
- **Mr. Tornike Zirakishvili**, Deputy CEO of Economic Development Agency - Enterprise Georgia, Georgia
- **Mr. Piotr Arak**, Director of the Polish Economic Institute, Poland
- **Prof. Luca Brusati**, Full Professor of Management, Department of Economics and Statistics, Udine University; Senior Professor of Management, Government, Health & Not for Profit Division, Bocconi University School of Management, Italy

### **Discussion**

**13:00 - 14:30** Lunch break

**14:30 - 16:00** **Session II: Fostering good governance and anti-corruption to strengthen sustainable economic recovery and growth**

### **Selected Topics:**

- The role of transparency, openness and good governance in promoting a business-friendly environment
- Anti-corruption measures in recovery plans and policies
- The role of the private sector and civil society in strengthening good governance
- Improving business and investment climate through the use of digital tools to strengthen integrity and accountability of public service providers

**Moderator: Dr. Gudrun Kugler**, Rapporteur of the OSCE PA General Committee on Economic Affairs, Science, Technology and Environment

### Speakers:

- **Ms. Adea Pirdeni**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Justice, Albania
- **Prof. Anita Ramasastry**, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairman-in-Office on Combating Corruption
- **Ms. Gretta Fenner**, Managing Director at the Basel Institute on Governance, Switzerland
- **Ms Laura Oana Stefan**, Executive Director, Expert Forum, Romania
- **Ms. Chandana Ravindranath**, Director for Anticorruption at the National Security Council, United States of America

### Discussion

**16:00 - 16:30** Coffee/Tea Break

**16:30 -18:00** **Session III: Supporting sustainable economic recovery and growth through the promotion of transport and trade facilitation**

#### Selected Topics:

- The impact of COVID-19 pandemic on transport and trade: trade imbalances and protectionism, mobility and improving supply chain resilience
- Facilitating transport and trade through digitalization of administrative and regulatory processes, smart solutions and services
- Pathways to a low-carbon and climate-resilient transport sector
- Development of efficient and integrated environmentally sound transport networks

**Moderator: Mr. Marek Waśniński**, Head of the World Economy Team, Polish Economic Institute, Poland

### Speakers:

- **Ms. Slavica Kutirov**, Director General, Ministry of Finance, Customs Administration, North Macedonia
- **Mr. Evgeniy V. Antipov**, Deputy Director General, Head of the Road Transport Department, Association of International Road Carriers, the Russian Federation
- **Mr. Shahin Ismayilov**, Head of the International Co-operation Department, Ministry of Digital Development and Transport, Azerbaijan
- **Ambassador Romana Vlahutin**, Ambassador at Large/Special Envoy for Connectivity in the European External Action Service
- **Mr. Abay Turikpenbaev**, Chairman of the Executive Board of the Port of Aktau, Kazakhstan

### Discussion

**18:00** Small reception with appetizers and refreshments served, Hofburg, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Vorsaal

**Tuesday 15 February 2022**

**09:30 - 11:00**      **Session IV: The importance of human capital development for economic security, competitiveness, and inclusive growth in the post-pandemic era**

**Selected topics:**

- New forms of employment and ways of work in the post-pandemic setting and their impact on competitiveness and inclusive growth
- Protection of the essential workforce in critical infrastructure
- Role of public-private partnerships and multi-stakeholder approach in preparing the transition to increasingly automated and digital economies
- Impact of the greening economies on employment, both in the aggregate and across sectors and skill levels
- Promoting lifelong learning as well as vocational and professional training as essential tools for human capital development
- Opportunities for quality education, training, upskilling and reskilling in labour-intensive and low-skilled economic sectors

**Moderator: Ambassador Silapberdi Nurberdiev**, Permanent Representative of Turkmenistan to the OSCE

**Speakers:**

- **Dr. Marthese Portelli**, CEO of the Malta Chamber of Commerce, Malta
- **Mr. Kari Puumalainen**, Principal and Director at the Ylä-Savo Municipal Federation of Education / Ylä-Savo Vocational College, Finland
- **Mr. Richard Grieveson**, Deputy Director at the Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (wiiw), Austria
- **Mr. Balázs Égert**, Head of the Quantification of Reforms Unit within the OECD Economics Department, OECD
- **Prof. Christopher Warhurst**, Director of the Institute for Employment Research, University of Warwick, United Kingdom

**Discussion**

**11:00 - 11:30**      Coffee/Tea Break

**11:30 – 13:00**      **Concluding Session**

**Statements by Delegations / Discussion**

**Concluding Remarks**

- **Mr. Grzegorz Słomkowski**, Member of the Management Board of the Polish Investment and Trade Agency, Poland
- **Ambassador Igli Hasani**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

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