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## Environmental Risk Reduction and Good Environmental Governance

in the OSCE context

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## Why environment?

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Environment and security are linked:

- **Environmental degradation** can cause conflicts
- **Environmental co-operation** can contribute to good neighbourly relations, conflict prevention and confidence-building



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## OSCE/OCEEA mandate

### *Environment & Sustainable Development*

- 1975 Helsinki Final Act
- 1997 PC Decision: Mandate for a Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
- 2003 Maastricht - OSCE Strategy Document for the Economic and Environmental Dimension
- 2007 Madrid Declaration on Environment and Security
- 2007 Madrid MC Decision on Follow-up to the 15<sup>th</sup> EEF: Water Management
- 2008 Helsinki MC Decision on Follow-up to the 16<sup>th</sup> EEF on Maritime and Inland Waterways Co-operation
- 2014 Basel MC Decision on Enhancing Disaster Risk Reduction



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## OSCE/OCEEA approach

### *Environment & Sustainable Development*

#### **Main features:**

- Benefits security
- Relevant
- Demand driven
- Policy support
- Inclusive
- Participatory
- Field Operations – OCEEA joint action

#### **Main tools:**

- Thematic risk assessments
- Rapid environmental assessments / fact-finding missions
- Multilateral environmental agreements
- Transboundary dialogue
- Stakeholder consultations
- Capacity building
- Regional networking
- Partnerships
- Multi-year programmes/projects

*Early warning – conflict prevention – confidence-building*



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## OSCE/OCEEA engagement

### Water

- Promoting **trans-boundary water co-operation**
  - Dniester process, Dniester Treaty
  - Chu-Talas River Basin Commission
  - Draft Kura River Basin Agreement
- **Capacity building** for trans-boundary water management
- **Gender mainstreaming** in water management

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*International framework:* Water Convention

*Partners:* UNECE, UNDP/GEF, OSCE Field Operations

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## OSCE/OCEEA engagement

### Climate Change

- Participatory climate change and security **assessments**
- National & regional **consultations** on security implications of climate change
- **Mapping** of hot spots
- **Pilot trans-boundary adaptation strategy** and adaptation measures - *Dniester*

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*International framework:* Paris Climate Agreement

*Partners:* UNEP, UNDP, UNECE, REC, EC-IfS, ADA, OSCE Field Operations

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## OSCE/OCEEA engagement

### *Disaster risk reduction*

- **Wildfire management** in the South Caucasus, Eastern Europe (Chernobyl Exclusion Zone), South Eastern Europe, Mongolia
- **Flood risk reduction** in Eastern Europe
- **Community-based disaster risk reduction**

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**International framework:** Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030

**Partners:** UNDP, UNEP, SDC, Global Fire Monitoring Center, OSCE Field Operations

## OSCE/OCEEA engagement

### *Hazardous waste management*

- **Uranium waste management** in Central Asia
- **Mapping of hazardous waste hotspots and risk management** in the South Caucasus
- Capacity building for **prevention of illegal trafficking of hazardous waste** in Eastern Europe

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**International framework:** Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Waste, Stockholm Convention, Rotterdam Convention

**Partners:** UNDP, UNEP, CGULS, EC, Secretariat of Basel, Stockholm and Rotterdam Conventions, OSCE Field Operations

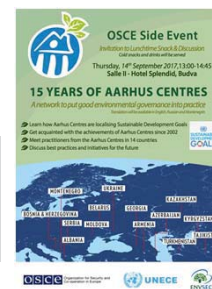
## OSCE/OCEEA engagement

### Good environmental governance

- A network of Aarhus Centres –  
60 Aarhus Centres in 14 countries
- Support for implementation of  
**Multilateral Environmental Agreements**

**International framework:** Aarhus Convention, Espoo Convention, the Pan-European Strategic Framework on Greening the Economy

**Partners:** UNECE, OSCE Field Operations



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## OSCE/OCEEA partnerships

### Environment & Sustainable Development

- **Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation**
  - Valencia follow-up process
- **Asian Partners for Co-operation**
  - Central Asia water activities
- **Environment and Security (ENVSEC) Initiative** (OSCE, UNDP, UNEP, UNECE, REC)
- Others



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## The way forward

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Environmental risk reduction,  
through reinforcing:

- Environmental co-operation
- Good environmental governance

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## For more information:

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<http://www.osce.org/environmental-activities>

<http://www.osce.org/secretariat/environmental>