
Chairmanship: Austria**PROGRAMME OF THE
2017 ANNUAL SECURITY REVIEW CONFERENCE**

Vienna, 27-29 June 2017

‘Strengthening Security through Dialogue’**Tuesday, 27 June 2017**

10 – 12 a.m.

Opening Session: European Security

Under the overall theme of the conference, the opening session set the scene of the strategic context of European Security for the conference. Following the opening and keynote addresses by high-level guests, all of which will be open to the media, the session will allow participating states and other Conference participants to exchange views on key security issues and the OSCE’s contribution in addressing related challenges. In this respect, specific attention will be given to the comparative advantages of the OSCE in its cooperation with other international and regional organisations.

Opening of the 2017 Annual Security Review Conference

- **H.E. Sebastian Kurz**, OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, Federal Minister for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs

Keynote speaker:

- **The Honorable Rose E. Gottemoeller**, Deputy Secretary-General, NATO

Opening remarks:

- **H.E. Aleksandr Grushko**, Ambassador to NATO, Russian Federation
- **H.E. Jean-Pierre Lacroix**, Under Secretary-General, UN (video message)
- **H.E. Lamberto Zannier**, Secretary-General, OSCE

Moderator: **H.E. Florian Raunig**, Head of the Taskforce for the Austrian OSCE Chairmanship 2017

Rapporteur: **Paul Trauttmansdorff**, Permanent Mission of Austria to the OSCE

12 a.m.

Buffet lunch hosted by the Austrian Chairmanship
Venue: Hofburg

2 – 4 p.m.

Special session: “Ensuring security and stability in the OSCE region in light of developments with respect to Ukraine”

The crisis in and around Ukraine continues to have serious implications for security in Europe and the OSCE area as a whole. The Organisation is playing an essential role with regard to de-escalation, stabilisation and normalisation of the situation on the ground, in particular taking into consideration the grave humanitarian conditions in conflict-affected areas, the security situation on the ground as well as to the overall efforts aimed at conflict resolution. Specific attention will be given to the OSCE’s role vis-à-vis the implementation of the Minsk agreements and the promotion of dialogue as a stepping stone on the path to a peaceful solution of the conflict. Furthermore, the session will aim at looking into the wider impact of the crisis in and around Ukraine on security in Europe.

Keynote speakers:

- **H.E. Oleksii Makeiev**, Political Director, Foreign Ministry of Ukraine
- **H.E. Andreas Prothmann**, Head of Task Force Ukraine, German Foreign Office
- **H.E. Raphaël Martin de Lagarde**, Head of Department for Russia and Eastern Europe, Foreign Ministry of France
- **H.E. Thomas Mayr-Harting**, Managing Director for Europe and Central Asia, EEAS

Moderator: **H.E. Alena Kupchyna**, Permanent Representative of Belarus to the OSCE

Rapporteur: **Amelie Klussmann**, Permanent Mission of Germany to the OSCE

7 p.m.

Reception hosted by the Austrian OSCE Chairmanship
Venue: Volksgarten Säulenhalle

Wednesday, 28 June 2017

10 – 12 a.m.

Special session: “Special Meeting of the Structured Dialogue”

The Structured Dialogue has its foundations in the 2016 Ministerial Council Declaration “From Lisbon to Hamburg”, which states that it “could serve as common solid basis for a way forward”. As mentioned in the letter of the Chairperson-in-Office dated 20 February 2017, the topics discussed are of high political and military relevance. This special session of the ASRC will be an opportunity for in-depth discussions on how to minimize the risks stemming from threat perceptions, military doctrines and military force posture. It will allow delegations to continue and strengthen the dialogue on how to increase trust among States, foster a common understanding on these issues, and enhance stability in the OSCE area.

session introduced by: **Łukasz Kulesa**, Research Director, European Leadership Network

Chair: **H.E. Eberhard Pohl**, Permanent Representative of Germany to the OSCE

Rapporteur: **Maria Brandstetter**, Conflict Prevention Center, OSCE Secretariat

12 a.m.

Buffet lunch hosted by the Austrian Chairmanship
Venue: Hofburg

2 – 3.30 p.m.

Working session I: “Early warning, conflict prevention, crisis management, conflict resolution and post-conflict rehabilitation: Lessons learned and the way ahead”

Since the adoption of Ministerial Council Decision No. 3 (2011) on “Elements of the Conflict Cycle”, the OSCE has significantly improved its conflict cycle toolbox, including its capacities to react swiftly to emerging conflict and crisis situations. Yet, there is room for further enhancing the capabilities for conflict prevention and resolution, including through increased co-operation with relevant civil society actors. Moreover, the session will focus on the contribution of women to sustainable peace and security, specifically through their inclusion in any initiative aimed at preventing and resolving conflict. The session will further examine the implementation of OSCE commitments and principles in existing conflicts. In that context, particular attention will be paid to the OSCE’s contribution to the resolution of existing conflicts, specifically within agreed formats.

Keynote speakers:

- **Erwan Fouéré**, Associate Senior Research Fellow, CEPS
- **Tuija Talvitie**, Executive Director, CMI

Moderator: **Gudrun Kramer**, Director, Austrian Study Centre for Peace and Conflict Resolution

Rapporteur: **Astrid Holzinger**, Permanent Mission of Austria to the OSCE

4 – 5.30 p.m.

Working session II: “Conflict and crisis situations in the OSCE area: building security and confidence”

This session provides an opportunity to discuss specific aspects of existing conflicts and crises in the OSCE area and to reflect in particular on the role of OSCE Special Representatives. These envoys support the Chairmanship in its efforts to prevent and resolve conflict as well as in post-conflict rehabilitation and peacebuilding. Such efforts can enhance security and build confidence. These conflicts are characterized by unique aspects (and covered in corresponding formats) - the Transdniestrian conflict (Transdniestrian Settlement Process); the conflict in Georgia (Geneva International Discussions); the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict (dealt with by the OSCE Minsk Conference) - and remain significant challenges for the OSCE and its participating States. Special attention will be paid to the implementation of OSCE norms, principles and commitments and the OSCE’s role, in particular through more substantial support to the respective conflict settlement mechanisms. Finally, it addresses specific conflict-related security aspects, the role of building confidence, and the impact on human rights and displaced persons.

Keynote speakers:

- **H.E. Wolf Dietrich Heim**, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for the Transdniestrian Settlement Process
- **H.E. Günther Bächler**, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office for the South Caucasus

Moderator: **Roxana Cristescu**, Head of Eurasia Department, CMI

Rapporteur: **Sophia Michael**, Permanent Mission of the United Kingdom to the OSCE

Thursday, 29 June 2017

10– 12 a.m.

Working Session III: Conventional arms control and confidence- and security-building measures: challenges and prospects

Conventional arms control and CSBMs have crucially contributed to the post-cold war European security order. The 2016 Ministerial Council and the adoption of the Declaration “From Lisbon to Hamburg” showed that strengthening the politico-military dimension through the enhancement of CAC and CSBMs is essential with a view to ensuring comprehensive and co-operative security throughout the OSCE area. In light of this, the session will allow for exchanges on military co-operation and transparency as well as on the modernisation of the Vienna Document 2011.

Keynote speakers:

- **Dr. Ian Anthony**, Programme Director of European Security Programme, SIPRI
- **H.E. Aleksandr Grushko**, Ambassador to NATO, Russian Federation
- **H.E. Bruce Turner**, Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, USA

Moderator: **H.E. Cristian Istrate**, Permanent Representative of Romania to the OSCE

Report by **Andrey Vorobiev**, Chairperson of the Forum for Security Co-operation

Rapporteur: **Tiphaine Jouffroy**, Permanent Mission of France to the OSCE

12 a.m.

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2 – 4 p.m.

Working session IV: “Transnational threats – current and future trends”

The session will address the OSCE’s capacities to deal with the growing number of TNTs. Specific attention will be paid to fighting terrorism and threats stemming from the use of ICT. This will include exchanges about root causes and triggers for violent extremism and radicalisation leading to terrorism (VERLT) and possible ways of enhancing the OSCE’s capacities to address these and their

consequences. Regarding threats stemming from the use of ICTs, the session will examine the implementation of existing confidence-building measures and look into ways of further institutionalising co-operation with academia and the private sector as part of overall efforts aimed at enhancing cyber security. In that context, specific consideration will be given to the OSCE's potential role with a view to cyber security capacity building.

Keynote speakers:

- **Louise Shelley**, Transnational Crime and Corruption Center, Founder and Director of Terrorism
- **Andrey Kortunov**, Russian International Affairs Council
- **Bruce W. McConnell**, Global Vice-President EastWest Institute

Moderator: **Rasa Ostrauskaite**, OSCE Co-ordinator of Activities to Address Transnational Threats, OSCE Secretariat

Rapporteur: **Jens Reinertsen**, Permanent Mission of Norway to the OSCE

4 – 4.30 p.m.

Closing session

The Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council will conclude the conference based on collected recommendations for follow-up from the working sessions during the 3 day ASRC conference. Conclusions and recommendations will serve as a basis for the preparation of the OSCE Ministerial Council in Vienna in December 2017.

Chair: **H.E. Clemens Koja**, Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council