26th OSCE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM

“Promoting economic progress and security in the OSCE area through innovation, human capital development, and good public and corporate governance“

CONCLUDING MEETING

Prague, 5-7 September 2018
Venue: Czernin Palace, Loretánské nám: 5, 118 00 Prague

ANNOTATED AGENDA

Wednesday, 5 September 2018

14:30 – 16:30 Opening Session

Welcoming remarks

- H.E. Mr. Tomáš Petříček, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic
- Ambassador Vuk Žugić, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Keynote speeches

- H.E. Mr. Guglielmo Picchi, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italian 2018 OSCE Chairmanship
- Dr. Roberto Viola, Director General, Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology, European Commission

Moderator: Ambassador Vinicio Mati, Italian 2018 OSCE Chairmanship Coordinator

Rapporteur: Ms. Giulia Manconi, Advisor for the Economic and Environmental Dimension, Permanent Mission of Italy to the OSCE, Italian 2018 OSCE Chairmanship
Statements by Delegations

16:30 – 17:00 Coffee/Tea break

17:00 – 18:30 “The Way to Milan”

Moderator and Introduction: Ambassador Alessandro Azzoni, Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Italy to the OSCE, Italian 2018 OSCE Chairmanship

Rapporteur: Mr. Anthony Myers, First Secretary, Directorate-General for Political Affairs and Security, Office for the OSCE, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy

Discussion

19:00 Reception hosted by the Italian 2018 OSCE Chairmanship
(Italian Cultural Institute, Šporkova 14  118 00 Praha 1 – Entrance from adjacent Vlasska 34)

Thursday, 6 September 2018

09:30 – 11:00 Session I: Fostering a multi-stakeholder approach to leverage the opportunities of digital economy

Selected topics:

- Private-public co-operation to govern digital transition
- The role of local authorities
- International co-operation and the contribution of multilateral organizations
- Innovative human capital development policies

Speakers:

- Dr. Rudolf Gridl, Head of Division for Internet Governance and International Digital Dialogue, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy, Germany
- Mr. Lukas Ott, Head of Cantonal and City Development Unit, President’s Department, Canton Basel, Switzerland
- Dr. Malcolm Johnson, Deputy Secretary General, International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
- Ms. Nigina Anvari, Deputy Chairperson, State Committee on Investments and State Property Management, Tajikistan
Mr. Paul Marca, Associate Vice Provost, Strategy, Programs and Development, Office of the Vice Provost for Teaching and Learning, Stanford University, The United States of America

Moderator: Ambassador Kairat Sarybay, Chairperson of the OSCE Economic and Environmental Committee, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the International Organizations in Vienna

Rapporteur: Mr. Gafgaz Adigozalov, Economic and Environmental Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Discussion

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee/Tea break

11:30 - 13:00 Session II: Promoting digital security in the business sector

Selected topics:

- Strengthening resilience of the business sector to mitigate cyber threats
- Fostering digital security risk management in SMEs
- Digital economy security infrastructure to protect digital information
- Economic opportunities and security challenges of blockchain technology

Speakers:

- Dr. Allan Friedman, Director of Cybersecurity Initiatives, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce, The United States of America
- Dr. Claudia Biancotti, Senior Advisor, Department of Economics, Statistics and Research, Bank of Italy (Central Bank of the Republic of Italy)
- Ms. Gabriella Schittek, Global Stakeholder Engagement Senior Manager, Nordic and Central Europe, Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)
- Prof. Elina Sidorenko, Department of Criminal Law, Moscow State Institute of International Relations, The Russian Federation

Moderator: Dr. Daniela Battisti, International Affairs, Digital Transformation Team, Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Italy

Rapporteur: Mr. Daniel Kroos, Senior Programme Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Discussion
13:00 – 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 – 16:00 Session III: Digital innovation as a tool to strengthen good public and corporate governance

Selected topics:

- Combating corruption and enhancing accountability in the public sector
- Transparency of public sector through e-governance
- The future of corporate governance in the digital era
- Fostering an enabling environment, including regulatory frameworks for innovation

Speakers:

- H.E. Ms. Teuta Vodo, Deputy Minister of Justice, Albania
- Mr. Enkhbaatar Balkhaajav, Investigator, Independent Authority against Corruption of Mongolia, Mongolia
- Mr. Zurab Sanikidze, Head of the Analytical Department, Ministry of Justice, Georgia
- Mr. Mihailo Vesović, Adviser to the President, Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Serbia

Moderator: Ambassador Claude Wild, Permanent Representative, Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the OSCE, the United Nations and to the International Organizations in Vienna

Rapporteur: Ms. Brigitte Krech, Economic and Environmental Affairs Adviser, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Discussion

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee/Tea break

16:30 – 18:00 Session IV: Boosting innovative business models and economic connectivity in the digital era

Selected topics:

- Entrepreneurship and innovation in the digital era
- Boosting economic connectivity through digital innovation
- The future of SMEs in the digital economy
- Promoting new forms of access to credit
Speakers:

- **Mr. Rakhim Oshakbayev**, Director, Center for Applied Research, "Talap", Kazakhstan
- **Ms. Giovanna Barni**, President, Coopculture, Italy
- **Dr. George Windsor**, Head of Research, Tech Nation, The United Kingdom
- **Mr. Marco Vianello**, International Projects Manager, InfoCamere, Electronic Business Register, Chamber of Commerce, Italy

**Moderator:** **Mr. Riccardo Pozzi**, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Youth and Security

**Rapporteur:** **Mr. Kurban Babayev**, Associate Anti-Corruption Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

**Discussion**

18:30  
**Reception hosted by the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities** (Gardens of the Czernin Palace)

**Friday, 7 September 2018**

09:30 – 11:00  
**Session V: Harnessing opportunities and addressing challenges for human capital development in the digital era**

**Selected topics:**

- Aligning industrial, trade and VET policies (vocational education and training) to ensure the right skills in the digital economy
- Opportunities for skills development through digital technologies
- Labour and welfare standards in digital business models
- The global competition for talent

**Speakers:**

- **Dr. Gert Zinke**, Senior Project Manager, Department for Structure and Regulation of VET, Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training, Germany
- **Ms. Marieke Vandeweyer**, Economist, Employment, Labour and Social Affairs Directorate, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- **Prof. Alessandro Bogliolo**, Full Professor of Computer Systems, University of Urbino, Italy
- **Ms. Zarine Budaghyan**, Senior Project Manager, TUMO Center for Creative Technologies, Armenia
- Mr. Ravshan Atabaev, Head, International Relations Department, Agency for External Labour, Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations, Uzbekistan

Moderator: Ambassador Andrej Benedejčič, Permanent Representative, Permanent Representation of the Republic of Slovenia to the UN, OSCE and other International Organisations in Vienna

Rapporteur: Ms. Teresa Albano, Economic Affairs Officer, Office of the Coordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Discussion

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee/Tea break

11:30 – 13:00 Concluding Session
- Wrap-up Discussion
- Presentation of the 2019 OSCE Slovak Chairmanship’s priorities in the Economic and Environmental Dimension

Closing Statements by Delegations

Concluding Remarks:
- Ambassador Thomas Greminger, OSCE Secretary General
- Ambassador Vinicio Mati, Italian 2018 OSCE Chairmanship Coordinator
- Ambassador Radomír Boháč, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Slovakia to the OSCE, Incoming Slovak 2019 OSCE Chairmanship

Moderator: Ambassador Alena Kupchyna, Head of Delegation, Permanent Delegation of the Republic of Belarus to the OSCE

Rapporteur: Mr. Anthony Myers, First Secretary, Directorate-General for Political Affairs and Security, Office for the OSCE, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy