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“Promoting economic progress and security in the OSCE area through energy co-operation, new technologies, good governance and connectivity in the digital era”

FIRST PREPARATORY MEETING
Vienna, 28-29 January 2019

OSCE Congress Centre, Hofburg, Heldenplatz, 1010 Vienna

ANNOTATED AGENDA

Monday, 28 January 2019

10:00 - 11:00 Opening Session (Neuer Saal, 2nd floor)

Welcoming remarks:

– Ambassador Radomír Boháč, Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Slovakia to the OSCE, 2019 OSCE Slovak Chairmanship

– Ambassador Thomas Greminger, OSCE Secretary General

Moderator: Ambassador Radomír Boháč, Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Slovakia to the OSCE, 2019 OSCE Slovak Chairmanship

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

Statements by Delegations / Discussion

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee/Tea Break
11:30 - 13:00  Session I: Good governance and connectivity in the development of digital economies and societies

Selected Topics:

- Strengthening good governance and promoting connectivity in the economic area
- Implications of new technologies in the economic area
- Promoting good governance, transparency and accountability in public-private co-operation
- Digital economy as a tool to promote economic participation

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. Jonas Grätz, Economic Adviser, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Speakers:

- Mr. Tomáš Jucha, Director, Department of Innovative Technologies and International Cooperation, Digital Agenda Section, Deputy Prime Minister’s Office for Investments and Informatization, Slovakia
- Ms. Yuliya Shapkina, Head of the Sectoral Informatization Department, Ministry of Communications and Informatization, Republic of Belarus
- Ms. Pelagia Makhauri, Legal Advisor, Analytical Department, Ministry of Justice, Georgia
- Mr. Filippo Crivellaro, Head, Economic and Environmental Department, OSCE Programme Office in Dushanbe

Discussion

13:00 - 14:30  Lunch break

14:30 - 16:00  Session II: Impact of digital economy in the area of energy co-operation and sustainable economic growth

Selected Topics:

- Impact of digitalization on the reform of energy networks and its contribution to sustainable growth, effectiveness and energy transition
- Role of digitalization in the development of energy co-operation and integration of energy networks
- Promoting sustainable development through digital technologies
Moderator: Ambassador María Victoria González Román, Permanent Representative of Spain to the OSCE

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

Speakers:

- Mr. Tomáš Šipoš, Head of Regulatory Affairs, Energy Distributor for Western Slovakia, Slovakia
- Ms. Anne Köhler, Director, Gas Markets, Decarbonization and Digital Affairs, Association of Energy Market Innovators, Germany
- Prof. Herbert Lechner, Deputy Managing Director/Chief Scientific Officer, Austrian Energy Agency
- Dr. Bertrand Magné, Senior Energy Specialist, Sustainable Energy For All

Discussion

16:00 - 16:30 Coffee/Tea Break

16:30 -18:00 Session III: Preventing and fighting corruption through digitalization

Selected Topics:

- The impact of information technologies on preventing and fighting corruption (e-government portals, blockchain technology, e-public procurement etc.)
- The role of the public sector in enhancing anti-corruption e-governance capabilities and strengthening of public and private partnerships in this area
- Digital public expenditures control systems, open and transparent budget and public procurement

Moderator: Mr. Andrei Muntean, Senior Economic Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

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

Speakers:

- Mr. Peter Kovařík, Office of the Slovak Government, Director of Department for prevention of corruption, Slovakia
- Mr. Azad Jafarli, Chief of Administration, State Agency for Public Service and Social Innovations, Republic of Azerbaijan
– **Mr. Didar Smagulov**, Head of the anti-corruption culture formation unit, Department of Anti-corruption Policy, Agency for Civil Service Affairs and Anti-Corruption, Republic of Kazakhstan

– **Ms. Olga Anchishkina**, Project Manager, Public Procurement Development, Center of Strategic Research, The Russian Federation

– **Ms. Mahliyokhon Vasieva**, Chief specialist, Centre for Development of Electronic Government Systems, Republic of Uzbekistan

**Discussion**

**Reception hosted by the 2019 OSCE Slovak Chairmanship**
(will follow immediately after the closing of the last session in Hotel Le Méridien, Robert-Stolz-Platz 1, 1010 Wien)

**Tuesday, 29 January 2019**

09:30 - 11:00  **Session IV: Digital era and its impact on comprehensive security**

**Selected Topics:**

- Security challenges connected to digitalization of economy
- Security implications of new technologies for the labor market and how to approach them
- Promoting digital security in the area of public infrastructure, cooperation with private sector
- Stakeholders’ co-operation to mitigate the security risks associated with the digital transformation

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

**Rapporteur:** **Ms. Zukhra Bektepova**, Economic Affairs Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

**Speakers:**

– **Ambassador Pierre von Arx**, Head of OSCE Programme Office in Bishkek

– **Ms. Nilza de Sena**, MP, Chair of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly’s General Committee for Economic Affairs, Science, Technology and Environment

– **Mr. Radoslav Repa**, Digital and Cyber Attaché, Permanent Representation of the Slovak Republic to the EU

**Discussion**

11:00 - 11:30  **Coffee/Tea Break**
11:30 - 12:30  Concluding Session

Statements by Delegations

Concluding Remarks

- Ambassador Vuk Žugić, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
- Mr. Branislav Lysák, Counsellor, Deputy Head of Delegation for the Human and the Economic and Environmental Dimension, 2019 OSCE Slovak Chairmanship

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