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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, co-operation 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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