CONCLUDING MEETING OF THE
27th ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM

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

Opening plenary session (open to the press)

1. **Date:** Wednesday, 11 September 2019
   
   **Opened:** 2.35 p.m.
   **Closed:** 4.55 p.m.

2. **Chairperson:** Ambassador R. Boháč (Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council) (Slovakia) (Moderator)

3. **Subjects discussed – Statements:**

   **Agenda item 1: Opening session**
   
   (a) **Welcoming remarks**
   
   – H.E. Mr. T. Petříček, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic (EEF.DEL/39/19)
   
   – H.E. Mr. M. Lajčák, OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Slovakia (EEF.DEL/38/19)
   
   – H.E. Mr. E. Xhafaj, Deputy Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Albania
   
   – Mr. T. Greninger, OSCE Secretary General (EEF.GAL/19/19)
(b) **Keynote addresses**

- Ambassador R. L. Morningstar, Atlantic Council
- Ms. E. Rovenskaya, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (EEF.IO/6/19)

(c) **Discussion**: Kazakhstan (EEF.DEL/57/19 OSCE+), United States of America (EEF.DEL/45/19), Azerbaijan (EEF.DEL/41/19), Belarus, Russian Federation (EEF.DEL/40/19), Switzerland, Holy See (EEF.DEL/54/19 OSCE+), Georgia (EEF.DEL/60/19 OSCE+), Mongolia, Iceland (EEF.DEL/59/19 OSCE+), Armenia, Finland-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (EEF.DEL/61/19/Rev.1), Spain, France (also on behalf of Albania, Austria, Canada, the Czech Republic, Georgia, Germany, Italy, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Slovakia, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States of America) (EEF.DEL/56/19), Moderator, Italy

4. **Next meeting:**

   Wednesday, 11 September 2019, at 5.25 p.m., in the plenary hall
“The Way to Slovakia”

1. **Date:** Wednesday, 11 September 2019
   - Opened: 5.30 p.m.
   - Closed: 6.05 p.m.

2. **Chairperson:** Ambassador R. Boháč (Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council) (Slovakia) (Moderator)

3. **Subjects discussed – Statements:**

   Agenda item 2: “The Way to Slovakia”

   (a) **Introduction:** Moderator

   (b) **Discussion:** Finland-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (EEF.DEL/62/19/Rev.1), Switzerland, United States of America, Armenia, Kazakhstan, Azerbaijan, Russian Federation, Turkey

4. **Next meeting:**

   Thursday, 12 September 2019, at 9.30 a.m., in the plenary hall
Plenary session I

1. **Date:** Thursday, 12 September 2019
   
   Opened: 9.35 a.m.
   Closed: 11 a.m.

2. **Chairperson:** Ambassador C. Fages (France) (Moderator)

3. **Subjects discussed – Statements:**

   **Agenda item 3:** *Strengthening good environmental governance and ensuring sustainable development*

(a) **Speakers**

   – H.E. Ms. N. Tandilashvili, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture, Georgia (EEF.DEL/42/19)

   – H.E. Mr. J.-C. Brunet, Ambassador-at-large on transnational criminal threats and the fight against the illicit trafficking of small arms and light weapons, France (EEF.DEL/44/19)

   – Mr. M. Chrenko, Ministry of the Environment, Slovakia (EEF.DEL/43/19)

   – Mr. M. Keiner, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

   – Ms. I. Vuchkova, OSCE initiative “#Perspectives2030” (EEF.NGO/12/19)

(b) **Discussion:** Moderator, Finland-European Union, United States of America, Germany, Azerbaijan, Armenia

4. **Next meeting:**

   Thursday, 12 September 2019, at 11.30 a.m., in the plenary hall
Plenary session II

1. **Date:** Thursday, 12 September 2019
   
   Opened: 11.30 a.m.
   
   Closed: 1 p.m.

2. **Chairperson:** Ambassador K. Sarybay (Chairperson of the OSCE Economic and Environmental Committee) (Kazakhstan) (Moderator)

3. **Subjects discussed – Statements:**

   **Agenda item 4:** Catalyzing efforts to improve the environmental footprint in the OSCE region

   **(a) Speakers**

   – Mr. A. Kulapin, Ministry of Energy, Russian Federation
     (EEF.DEL/46/19)

   – Ms. A. Vučinić, Ministry of Environmental Protection, Serbia
     (EEF.DEL/47/19)

   – Mr. E. Veliaj, Mayor of Tirana, Albania

   – Mr. A. Shahbazov, SOCAR, Azerbaijan (EEF.DEL/48/19)

   – Mr. F. Ibragimov, Technology Park of Software and IT, Uzbekistan
     (EEF.NGO/14/19)

   **(b) Discussion:** Moderator, Turkmenistan, Finland-European Union, Switzerland, United States of America, Mr. A. Kulapin, Ms. A. Vučinić, Mr. E. Veliaj, Mr. A. Shahbazov, Mr. F. Ibragimov

4. **Next meeting:**

   Thursday, 12 September 2019, at 2.30 p.m., in the plenary hall
Plenary session III

1. **Date:** Thursday, 12 September 2019
   
   Opened: 2.40 p.m.
   
   Closed: 4.20 p.m.

2. **Chairperson:** Ambassador L. Fratini (Italy) (Moderator)

3. **Subjects discussed – Statements:**

   **Agenda item 5:** *Strengthening dialogue for co-operation on energy security in the OSCE area*

   (a) **Speakers**
   
   – Mr. J. Penker, Federal Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism, Austria (EEF.DEL/49/19)
   
   – Mr. M. Pitorák, Ministry of the Economy, Slovakia (EEF.DEL/50/19)
   
   – Ms. S. Björg Reynisdóttir, EFLA Consulting Engineers, Iceland (EEF.NGO/13/19)
   
   – Mr. T. Wolny, British Petroleum (EEF.NGO/15/19)
   
   – Mr. A. Sutnikas, Klaipėda Science and Technology Park, Lithuania (EEF.NGO/16/19)
   
   – Mr. D. R. Verner, Argonne National Laboratory, United States of America (EEF.NGO/17/19)

   (b) **Discussion:** Moderator, Finland-European Union, Kyrgyzstan, Belarus, United States of America, Mr. T. Wolny, Ms. S. Björg Reynisdóttir, Mr. M. Pitorák

4. **Next meeting:**

   Thursday, 12 September 2019, at 4.30 p.m., in the plenary hall
Plenary session IV

1. **Date:** Thursday, 12 September 2019
   
   Opened: 4.50 p.m.
   Closed: 6.15 p.m.

2. **Chairperson:** Ambassador A. Kupchyna (Belarus) (Moderator)

3. **Subjects discussed – Statements:**

   **Agenda item 6:** The impact of digital transformation and new technologies on economies and societies in the OSCE region

   (a) **Speakers**
   
   – Mr. R. Repa, Office of the Deputy Prime Minister for Investments and Informatization, Slovakia (EEF.DEL/51/19)
   
   – Mr. I. V. Danilin, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russian Federation (EEF.NGO/18/19)
   
   – Ms. A. Shally, OSCE initiative “#Perspectives2030” (EEF.NGO/19/19)
   
   – Mr. J. S. Marcus, Bruegel, Belgium (EEF.NGO/20/19)
   
   – Mr. T. Koch, e-Estonia, Estonia (EEF.NGO/21/19)

   (b) **Discussion:** Moderator, Finland-European Union, Kazakhstan, United States of America, Mr. T. Koch, Mr. J. S. Marcus, Ms. A. Shally, Mr. I. V. Danilin, Mr. R. Repa

4. **Next meeting:**

   Friday, 13 September 2019, at 9.30 a.m., in the plenary hall
Plenary session V

1. **Date:** Friday, 13 September 2019
   - **Opened:** 9.35 a.m.
   - **Closed:** 10.55 a.m.

2. **Chairperson:** Ambassador I. Vrailas (Delegation of the European Union to the International Organisations in Vienna) (Moderator)

3. **Subjects discussed – Statements:**
   
   Agenda item 7: *Good and transparent governance in the development of digital economies and societies*
   
   (a) **Speakers**

   - Ms. B. Ikonomi, Deputy Minister of Finance and Economy, Albania (EEF.DEL/52/19)
   - Ms. L. Brčić, Minister of Justice and Administration, Sarajevo Canton Government, Bosnia and Herzegovina (EEF.DEL/53/19)
   - Mr. V. Kondzolka, Drohobych City Institute, Ukraine (EEF.NGO/22/19)
   - Mr. A. Subbotin, Eurasian Economic Commission (EEF.IO/8/19)
   - Mr. O. Feshchenko, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (EEF.IO/7/19)

   (b) **Discussion:** Moderator, Tajikistan, United States of America, Finland–European Union, Mr. O. Feshchenko, Mr. A. Subbotin, Mr. V. Kondzolka, Ms. L. Brčić, Ms. B. Ikonomi

4. **Next meeting:**

   Friday, 13 September 2019, at 11.30 a.m., in the plenary hall
Concluding plenary session

1. **Date:** Friday, 13 September 2019
   
   **Opened:** 11.30 a.m.
   **Closed:** 12.10 p.m.

2. **Chairperson:** Ambassador R. Kirnág (2019 OSCE Slovak Chairmanship)
   (Moderator)

3. **Subjects discussed – Statements:**

   **Agenda item 8:** *Presentation of the 2020 OSCE Albanian Chairmanship’s priorities in the economic and environmental dimension*

   (a) **Discussion:** Moderator, Finland-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (EEF.DEL/63/19/Rev.1), United States of America (EEF.DEL/55/19), Germany, Canada, Turkey

   (b) **Speakers**

   – Mr. V. Žugić, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (EEF.GAL/20/19)

   – Ambassador I. Hasani, incoming 2020 OSCE Albanian Chairmanship (EEF.DEL/58/19 OSCE+)

   – Mr. S. Kantor, Deputy Head of Delegation, 2019 OSCE Slovak Chairmanship

4. **Next meeting:**

   **2020**
   **Chairmanship:** Albania