

Chairmanship: Slovakia**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. Greminger, 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:

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Chairmanship: Albania