



OSCE Security Days

A Human Rights-Centred Approach
to Technology and Security

8 NOVEMBER, HOFBURG, VIENNA

Tentative Agenda

09:00 – 09:15 Registration and welcome coffee

09:15 – 10:00 Welcome and Keynote remarks: *The human dimension in the digital era*

Thomas Greminger, OSCE Secretary General

Ingibjörg Sólrún Gísladóttir, Director, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

Dunja Mijatovic, Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe

10:00 – 11:15 Session 1: *Technology for security*

Moderator: Ambassador Luis Cuesta Civís (Spain), Chair of OSCE Security Committee

Mr. Valiant Richey, Special Representative and Coordinator of OSCE Activities for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings (OSR/CTHB)

Ms. Stefana Miladinovic, Special Rapporteur on Digital Agenda, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly; Member of Parliament of the Republic of Serbia

Mr. Marian Weimann, Desk Officer, Division for Early Warning, Strategic Perspective, Conflict Analysis and Center for International Peace Operations (ZIF), Federal Foreign Office, Germany

Questions that may be addressed:

- How can individuals, civil society organizations, academia and the private sector make effective use of new technological tools to enhance the exercise of fundamental human rights? To foster citizen participation and improved compliance with OSCE human dimension commitments?
- What are the opportunities created by new technologies for an improvement of international co-operation in tracking, apprehending and gathering evidence for combating terrorism, trafficking, other forms of organized crime, or cyber-crime and how are they being developed/implemented to reinforce the applicable human rights framework?
- How can these technological tools be used to prevent and counter phenomena such as intolerance and discrimination, disinformation, abuse, harassment, and VERLT, while at the same time respecting human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the rights to freedom of movement, freedoms of opinion, expression and association, equality and non-discrimination, as well as the right to privacy?

- How can States promote the development and use of human-rights based technological tools and provide them to the general public?
- How can a positive role be played by public-private partnerships between state authorities and the private sector (business community, industry)?
- How can media, information and communication, and the technologies which enable them, sustain spaces for inclusive and pluralistic deliberation and facilitate integration of diverse societies?

11:15 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00 Session 2: *Risks of Technology*

Moderator: Ms. Georgia Holmer, Adviser, Action against Terrorism Unit, Transnational Threats Department, OSCE Secretariat

Ambassador Ivo Šrámek, Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the OSCE, Chair of the OSCE Human Dimension Committee

Ms. Melody Patry, Advocacy Director, Access Now

Mr. Jacob Mchangama, founder and director of Justitia, Copenhagen

Questions that may be addressed:

- What are the main risks that new and emerging technologies will be used, by States or non-State actors, intentionally or inadvertently in ways which negatively affect the exercise of human rights and fundamental freedoms? How can OSCE participating States counter these risks?
- What new challenges confront states implementing existing OSCE human dimension commitments while countering security threats in an era of rapid technological change? Do we need to consider independent oversight and rules for transparency in the use of machine-learning technologies?
- What are the main risks, including for privacy and data protection, of new and emerging technologies enabling the gathering, storing, processing and sharing of data and information in the name of security – including for policing and border control, surveillance and monitoring of public spaces (online and offline)?
- What data exist about the ways that terrorists and other criminals or those spreading hatred, intolerance, disinformation, and violent extremism that can lead to terrorism may be exploiting new technologies to further their aims?

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 15:30 Session 3: *A human rights-centred approach to rapid technological change*

Moderator: Ms. Deniz Yazici, Adviser, OSCE Office of the Representative on Freedom of the Media

Ms. Karmen Turk, Partner, law firm TRINITI; Lecturer in the University of Tartu, Estonia

Ms. Barbora Bukovska, Senior Director for Law and Policy, Article 19

Mr. Djordje Krivokapic, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Organizational Sciences, Belgrade;
Ethics Consultant

Ms. Peggy Hicks, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Questions that may be addressed:

- Drawing on the OSCE’s experience in capacity building as well as in providing guidance on legislative frameworks and policy approaches in such sectors as law enforcement and good governance, how can participating States ensure that the use of new technologies will promote human rights and fundamental freedoms and enhance comprehensive security? How can co-operation among States be enhanced?
- What is the role of national policy and international co-operation in establishing standards, regulating practices by private entities, and/or encouraging self-regulation where appropriate? What steps are necessary to guarantee that civil society is able to contribute to the dialogue on these issues and play an appropriate role in a “whole-of-society” approach to the formulation, implementation, review and oversight of relevant policies?
- The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights highlight the ICT industry’s responsibility to respect human rights. What challenges arise for the ICT sector to avoid being involved in harm to individuals’ human rights if states are unwilling or unable to implement their human rights commitments?

15:30 – 15:45 *Coffee break*

15:45 – 17:00 **Session 4: *Lessons learned, best practices and future perspectives***

Moderator: Doug Wake, Senior Expert, Strategic Policy Support Unit, Office of the OSCE Secretary General

Mr. Andrey Neznamov, Executive Director, Regulation of Robotics and Artificial Intelligence, Sberbank JSC

Ms. Katarina Kertysova, Non-Resident Research Fellow, Strategic Analyst The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies (HCSS), Member of the OSCE Perspectives 20-30 Core Group of Experts, to report on the “new technologies” discussions at the 28-29 October Youth Forum in Bratislava

Mr. David Mark, Human Rights Adviser, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

The final session will showcase good examples of how the OSCE and others are using technology to combat threats to security and address other challenges in a human rights-centred way. The discussion could furthermore address how technology could evolve in ways that present new challenges and opportunities.

17:00 – 17:30 **Conclusion:** Thomas Greminger, OSCE Secretary General