

Chairmanship: Switzerland

1580th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 8 October 2026 (in the Ratsaal)

Opened: 10.05 a.m.
Suspended: 1.15 p.m.
Resumed: 3.05 p.m.
Closed: 3.55 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador R. Nägeli
Mr. N. Plattner

Russian Federation (Annex)

3. Subjects discussed – Statements – Decisions/documents adopted:

Agenda item 1: ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE
INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS

Chairperson, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross, United Kingdom, Ireland-European Union (with Albania, Andorra, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/977/26), Ukraine (PC.DEL/978/26), Kazakhstan (PC.DEL/969/26 OSCE+), Armenia (PC.DEL/981/26), Türkiye, Canada, Georgia, Norway (PC.DEL/971/26), Azerbaijan, Belarus (PC.DEL/962/26/Rev.1 OSCE+), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/958/26), France

Agenda item 2: THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION'S ONGOING AGGRESSION
AGAINST UKRAINE

Chairperson, Ukraine (PC.DEL/976/26), United Kingdom, Ireland-European Union (with Albania, Andorra, Georgia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Monaco, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/979/26), Canada, Türkiye, Norway (PC.DEL/972/26), Slovakia, Romania, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/959/26), Ireland-European Union, France

Agenda item 3: REPORT BY THE HEAD OF THE OSCE CENTRE IN
 ASHGABAT

Chairperson, Head of the OSCE Centre in Ashgabat (PC.FR/11/26 OSCE+), Ireland-European Union (with Albania, Andorra, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Moldova, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Norway and Ukraine, in alignment) (PC.DEL/980/26), Russian Federation (PC.DEL/964/26), Kazakhstan (also on behalf of Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan) (PC.DEL/970/26 OSCE+), United Kingdom, Türkiye (PC.DEL/982/26 OSCE+), Turkmenistan

Agenda item 4: DECISION ON THE DATES AND AGENDA OF THE
 2026 ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL DIMENSION
 IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

Chairperson

Decision: The Permanent Council adopted Decision No. 1533 (PC.DEC/1533) on the dates and agenda of the 2026 Economic and Environmental Dimension Implementation Meeting, the text of which is appended to this journal.

Chairperson

Agenda item 5: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *The ongoing hybrid war waged by NATO and the European Union against Russia:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/960/26)
- (b) *Social rights and social stability in the OSCE region:* Belarus (PC.DEL/963/26 OSCE+), France, Russian Federation (PC.DEL/961/26)
- (c) *Rethinking the OSCE Scales of Contribution:* United States of America (PC.DEL/968/26)
- (d) *Reply to a statement delivered by the delegation of the Russian Federation at the 1579th meeting of the Permanent Council, held on 1 October 2026:* Moldova, Russian Federation

Agenda item 6: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE
 CHAIRMAN-IN-OFFICE

Opening of the 2026 Warsaw Human Dimension Conference by the OSCE Chairman-in-Office, H.E. Mr. I. Cassis, on 5 October 2026: Chairperson

Agenda item 7: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

- (a) *Announcement of the distribution of a written report of the Secretary General (SEC.GAL/117/26/Rev.1 OSCE+):* Director of the Office of the Secretary General

- (b) *Fifth Study-Visit Programme for the OSCE Partners for Co-operation, being held from 28 September to 9 October 2026*: Director of the Office of the Secretary General

Agenda item 8: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Fifth Study-Visit Programme for the OSCE Partners for Co-operation, being held from 28 September to 9 October 2026*: Germany (PC.DEL/965/26 OSCE+), Egypt (Partner for Co-operation), Japan (Partner for Co-operation), Afghanistan (Partner for Co-operation), Australia (Partner for Co-operation), Jordan (Partner for Co-operation), Republic of Korea (Partner for Co-operation), OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Israel (Partner for Co-operation) (PC.DEL/973/26), Chairperson
- (b) *Upcoming Vienna discussions on OSCE human dimension issues, to be held on 21 October 2026*: Russian Federation (PC.DEL/975/26), Chairperson, Ireland-European Union, United Kingdom

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 15 October 2026, at 10 a.m., in the Ratsaal



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**STATEMENT BY
THE DELEGATION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION**

Mr. Chairperson,

It is disappointing that the Swiss Chairmanship-in-Office, bending to the political climate, continues to include a confrontational item on “Russian aggression against Ukraine” in the Permanent Council’s agenda.

Such actions by the Chairmanship are directly incompatible with standing agenda items as established by the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE (chapter IV.1(C)). This precludes the possibility of equal and non-discriminatory participation in a discussion of the developments in and around Ukraine.

The convening of Permanent Council meetings must be fully in line with the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE as regards consultations with all the participating States (paragraphs IV.1(C)1 and IV.1(C)3) and may not run counter to the provisions of the mandate of the Chairmanship-in-Office, which unambiguously obligates the Chairmanship to take the whole spectrum of opinions into account in its actions (Porto Ministerial Council Decision No. 8 of 2002).

We request that this formal reservation be reflected in the journal of today’s meeting of the Permanent Council in accordance with paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the Rules of Procedure of the OSCE.

Thank you for your attention.



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DECISION No. 1533
**DATES AND AGENDA OF THE 2026 ECONOMIC AND
ENVIRONMENTAL DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING**

(Vienna, 16 and 17 November 2026)

The Permanent Council,

Further to Permanent Council Decision No. 1011 on strengthening the effectiveness of the economic and environmental dimension of the OSCE, in which participating States agreed, *inter alia*, to hold the Economic and Environmental Dimension Implementation Meeting on an annual basis in accordance with the mandate and modalities established by Permanent Council Decision No. 995,

Decides to convene the 2026 Economic and Environmental Dimension Implementation Meeting on 16 and 17 November 2026 in Vienna, in accordance with the agenda contained in the annex to this decision.

AGENDA OF THE 2026 ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING

Vienna, 16 and 17 November 2026
Venue: Hofburg, Ratsaal

Monday, 16 November 2026

10.00–11.30 a.m.	Opening session: Taking stock of the implementation of OSCE commitments in the field of connectivity
11.30 a.m.–1p.m.	Session I: Promoting connectivity through transport and trade facilitation
1–2.30 p.m.	Buffet lunch
2.30–4 p.m.	Session II: Strengthening good governance to create a more enabling environment for business and investment
4–5.30 p.m.	Session III: Strengthening public-private partnerships for connectivity

Tuesday, 17 November 2026

9.30–11 a.m.	Session IV: The role of the digital economy as a driver of innovation, competitiveness, sustainable growth and connectivity
11 a.m.–1 p.m.	Closing session: From commitment to impact – advancing the OSCE's role in promoting cross-border connectivity