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## **25<sup>TH</sup> OSCE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM**

**“Greening the Economy and Building Partnerships  
for Security in the OSCE Region”**

### **CONCLUDING MEETING**

**Prague, 6-8 September 2017**

Venue: Czernin Palace, Loretánské nám: 5, 118 00 Prague

### **DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA**

**Wednesday, 6 September 2017**

**12:00 – 13:00**      **Light Lunch hosted by the OCEEA** (marking the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Economic and Environmental Forum), Entrance Hall, Czernin Palace

**13:00 – 15:00**      **Opening Session**

**Welcoming remarks:**

- **H.E. Lubomír Zaorálek**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic
- **H.E. Hans Jörg Schelling**, Minister of Finance, Austria
- **Ambassador Vuk Žugić**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

**Keynote speeches:**

- **H.E. Ol’ga Algayerová**, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
- **H.E. Marie Chatardová**, President, UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)
- **Prof. Jeffrey D. Sachs**, Special Adviser to the United Nations Secretary General António Guterres, on the Sustainable Development Goals (*via video conference*)

**Moderator: Ambassador Florian Raunig**, Head of 2017 OSCE Austrian Chairmanship Task Force

**Rapporteur: Mr. Andreas Stadler**, Minister Plenipotentiary, Deputy Head of Mission for the Economic and Environmental Dimension, 2017 OSCE Austrian Chairmanship

### **Statements by Delegations/Discussion**

**15:00 – 15:15** Coffee/Tea break

**15:15 – 16:30** **Break-Out Session: Challenges and Opportunities to Strengthening Economic and Environmental Co-operation in the OSCE Area** (*English only*)

**Moderator: Mr. Andreas Stadler**, Minister Plenipotentiary, Deputy Head of Mission for the Economic and Environmental Dimension, 2017 OSCE Austrian Chairmanship

**Rapporteur: Ms. Brigitte Krech**, Economic and Environmental Affairs Adviser, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

#### **Speakers:**

- **Mr. Thomas Mayr-Harting**, Managing Director for Europe and Central Asia, European External Action Service (EEAS)
- **Dr. Eric Frey**, US expert, Journalist and Managing Editor, Der Standard, Austria
- **Ambassador Livia Leu**, Head, Bilateral Economic Relations Division, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO), Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research (EAER), Switzerland
- **Ambassador Kairat Sarybay**, Chairperson of the OSCE Economic and Environmental Committee, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the International Organizations in Vienna

**16:30 – 17:00** Coffee/Tea break

**17:00 – 18:30** **Session I: The Way to Vienna**

**Moderator and Introduction: Ambassador Florian Raunig**, Head of 2017 OSCE Austrian Chairmanship Task Force

**Rapporteur: Dr. Bernd Forster**, Counsellor, Task Force for the 2017 OSCE Austrian Chairmanship

**19:00** **Reception hosted by the 2017 OSCE Austrian Chairmanship**  
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**Thursday, 7 September 2017**

**09:30 – 11:00**      **Session II: Reducing Environmental Risks and Strengthening Good Environmental Governance**

**Selected topics:**

- 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
- Environmental risk reduction and the role of the OSCE
- Good environmental governance and cross-border co-operation

**Moderator: Ambassador Véronique Roger-Lacan**, Permanent Representative of France to the OSCE

**Rapporteur: Ms. Claire Nantier**, Counsellor, Permanent Representation of France to the OSCE

**Speakers:**

- **Mr. Mahir Aliyev**, Regional Coordinator, UN Environment Europe Office (UNEP)
- **Professor Maia Bitadze**, Deputy Minister of Environment and Natural Resources Protection, Georgia
- **Mr. Mutallim Abdulhasanov**, Head of Ecology Policy Sector, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources, Azerbaijan
- **Ms. Natalya Zharkina**, Head of the Department of Environmental Policy and Science, Ministry of Natural Resources and Nature Protection, Republic of Belarus
- **Mr. Ralf Ernst**, Deputy Co-ordinator/Head of Environmental Activities, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

**Discussion**

**11:00 – 11:30**      Coffee/Tea break

**11:30 - 13:00**      **Session III: Strengthening Environmental Co-operation in Support of Resource Efficiency, Renewable Energy and Energy Security**

**Selected topics:**

- Renewable energy for energy security
- Resource efficiency and renewable energy in support of climate action and sustainable development
- Benefits of co-operation to promote renewable energy and green growth in the OSCE area

**Moderator: Ambassador Roksanda Ninčić**, Permanent Representative of Serbia to the OSCE

**Rapporteur: Mr. Uroš Milanović**, Attaché, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Serbia to the OSCE

**Speakers:**

- **Mr. Aleksandar Dukovski**, Chair of the UNECE Group of Experts on Energy Efficiency, Director of Energy Agency, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- **Dr. Marat Zhumagulov**, Deputy Director of the Kazakhstan Institute for Strategic Studies under the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan
- **Ms. Olivera Zurovac-Kuzman**, National Environmental Affairs Officer, OSCE Mission to Serbia
- **Ambassador György Szabo**, Head of the OSCE Programme Office in Astana

**Discussion**

**13:00 – 14:30** Lunch break

**14:30 – 16:00** **Session IV: Promoting Economic Participation and Strengthening Stability and Security**

**Selected topics:**

- Job and business creation
- Economic empowerment of youth and women
- Education and prevention of radicalisation

**Moderator: Ambassador M. Victoria González Roman**, Permanent Representative of Spain to the OSCE

**Rapporteur: Ms. Zukhra Bekteпова**, Economic Affairs Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

**Speakers:**

- **Ms. Amarsanaa Darisuren**, OSCE Senior Adviser on Gender Issues, OSCE Secretariat
- **Mr. Javier Dorado**, Director General, Institute for Youth, INJUVE, Spain
- **Dr. Ingeborg Friehs**, Representative of the Management Board in the European Network of Public Employment Services, AMS – Public Employment Service, Austria
- **Dr. Daniela PISOIU**, Senior Researcher, Austrian Institute for International Affairs, Austria
- **Mr. Alexander Chuplygin**, Deputy Head of Mission, OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina

## Discussion

**16:00 – 16:30** Coffee/Tea break

**16:30 – 18:00** **Session V: Promoting Connectivity and Building Trust and Business Partnerships in the OSCE Area**

### Selected topics:

- Enhancing economic co-operation and overcoming barriers in the OSCE area
- Promoting connectivity and building partnerships through transport and trade facilitation
- Strengthening the role of the OSCE in promoting economic co-operation and connectivity

**Moderator: Ambassador Alessandro Azzoni**, Permanent Representative of Italy to the OSCE

**Rapporteur: Ms. Giulia Manconi**, Permanent Mission of Italy to the OSCE

### Speakers:

- **Mr. Peter Havlik**, Senior Economist and former Deputy Director, The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (WIIW), Guest Research Scholar at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), Austria
- **Ambassador Tudor Ulianoschi**, Chair of the UNECE Steering Committee on Trade Capacity and Standards, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Moldova to the UN, WTO and other International Organisations in Geneva
- **Ambassador Tuula Yrjölä**, Head of the OSCE Programme Office in Dushanbe
- **Mr. Alexander Sumbatyan**, Deputy Director of the Department of International Co-operation, Ministry of Transport, Russian Federation

## Discussion

**18:30** **Reception hosted by the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities** (Gardens of the Czernin Palace)

**Friday, 8 September 2017**

**09:00 – 10:30**            **Session VI: Promoting Connectivity and Economic and Environmental Co-operation for Regional Security**

**Moderator: Ambassador Claude Wild**, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the OSCE

**Rapporteur: Ms. Teresa Albano**, Economic Affairs Officer, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

**Speakers:**

- **Ambassador Martin Sajdik**, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office in Ukraine and in the Trilateral Contact Group on the implementation of the peace plan in the East of Ukraine
- **Mr. Per Fischer**, Coordinator of the Working Group on Economic Issues and Rehabilitation of the Trilateral Contact Group
- **Ambassador Peter Burian**, EU Special Representative for Central Asia
- **Mr. Gazmend Turdiu**, Deputy Secretary General, Regional Co-operation Council (RCC)

**Discussion**

**10:30 – 11:00**            Coffee/Tea break

**11:00 – 12:00**            **Concluding Session**

**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: Ms. Sophie Surinder**, Adviser, Economic and Environmental Dimension, Permanent Mission of Austria to the OSCE, 2017 OSCE Austrian Chairmanship

**Speakers:**

- **Ambassador Thomas Greminger**, OSCE Secretary General
- **Ambassador Florian Raunig**, Head of 2017 OSCE Austrian Chairmanship Task Force
- **Ambassador Alessandro Azzoni**, Permanent Representative of Italy to the OSCE