

Chairmanship: Serbia

**CONCLUDING MEETING OF THE
TWENTY-THIRD ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM**

**Water governance in the OSCE area – increasing security and stability
through co-operation**

Opening plenary session (open to the press)

1. Date: Monday, 14 September 2015

Opened: 9.30 a.m.
Closed: 11.15 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. H. Y. Yigitgüden (Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (CoEEA)) (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed – Statements:

Agenda item 1: *Opening session*

(a) *Welcoming remarks*:
 - H.E. Jakub Kulhánek, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic
 - Mr. Lamberto Zannier, Secretary General of the OSCE (EEF.GAL/14/15)
(b) *Keynote addresses*:
 - H.E. Ivica Dačić, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia, OSCE Chairperson-in-Office
 - H.E. Didier Burkhalter, Head of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (EEF.DEL/34/15)

- (c) *Discussion:* Luxembourg-European Union (with the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Andorra, Georgia, San Marino, and Ukraine, in alignment) (EEF.DEL/53/15), Russian Federation, Turkey, Holy See, Belarus (EEF.DEL/49/15), Uzbekistan, Armenia, Spain, United States of America (EEF.DEL/43/15), Tajikistan

4. Next meeting:

Monday, 14 September 2015, at 12 noon, in the plenary hall

Special session

1. Date: Monday, 14 September 2015

Opened: 12.05 p.m.
Closed: 1 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador D. Šahović (OSCE Chairmanship Task Force) (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed – Statements:

Agenda item 2: *Review of the implementation of the OSCE commitments in the field of water governance*

(a) *Keynote address:*
 - Mr. S. Ludwiczak, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) (EEF.IO/16/15)
 - Ms. S. Köppel, UNECE (EEF.IO/17/15)
(b) *Discussion:* Moderator, Mr. S. Ludwiczak (keynote speaker), Austria, Ms. S. Köppel (keynote speaker), Finland

4. Next meeting:

Monday, 14 September 2015, at 2.30 p.m., in the plenary hall

Plenary session I

1. Date: Monday, 14 September 2015

Opened: 2.30 p.m.

Closed: 4 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador T. Béchet (European Union) (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed – Statements:

Agenda item 3: *The benefits of good water governance across different levels*

(a) *Keynote addresses*:

– Mr. E. Z. Stakhiv, Johns Hopkins University, United States of America (EEF.NGO/16/15)

– Mr. A. Saatci, Turkish Water Institute, Turkey (EEF.DEL/35/15)

– Ms. A. Akhmouch, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) (EEF.IO/18/15)

– Mr. M. Cozzone, UNECE (EEF.DEL/36/15)

– Mr. G. Turdiu, Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) (EEF.IO/19/15)

(b) *Discussion*: Armenia, Mr. A. Saatci (keynote speaker), United States of America, Ms. A. Akhmouch (keynote speaker), Mr. M. Cozzone (keynote speaker), Turkey, Moderator

4. Next meeting:

Monday, 14 September 2015, at 4.30 p.m., in the plenary hall

Plenary session II

1. Date: Monday, 14 September 2015

Opened: 4.30 p.m.
Closed: 5.20 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador A. Papadakis (Greece) (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed – Statements:

Agenda item 4: *Water governance at national level – best practices and new approaches in the OSCE region*

(a) *Keynote addresses*:
 - Mr. B. Berdiyev, Ministry of Nature Protection, Turkmenistan (EEF.DEL/37/15) (EEF.DEL/37/15/Add.1)
 - Mr. R. Uijterlinde, Netherlands Association of Regional Water Authorities, Netherlands (EEF.DEL/38/15)
 - Ms. T. Minzhurava, Ministry of Natural Resources, Belarus (EEF.DEL/39/15)
(b) *Discussion*: Moderator, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, Mr. R. Uijterlinde (keynote speaker), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, Ms. T. Minzhurava (keynote speaker), Spain

4. Next meeting:

Tuesday, 15 September 2015, at 9.30 a.m., in the plenary hall

Plenary session III

1. Date: Tuesday, 15 September 2015

Opened: 9.35 a.m.

Closed: 11.05 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. J. Dusik (UNEP Regional Office for Europe) (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed – Statements:

Agenda item 5: *Water governance and co-operation at transboundary level:
lessons learnt for water diplomacy*

(a) *Keynote addresses:*

– Ms. M. Seliverstova, Federal Agency of Water Resources, Russian Federation (EEF.DEL/40/15)

– Mr. O. Magnin, Swiss Agency for Development and Co-operation, Switzerland (EEF.DEL/41/15)

– Mr. S. Rakhimzoda, Ministry of Energy and Water Resources, Tajikistan (EEF.DEL/42/15)

– Mr. B. Mandl, International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (EEF.IO/20/15) (EEF.IO/20/15/Add.1)

– Mr. R. Martínez, Mediterranean Network of Basin Organizations, Spain (EEF.IO/21/15)

(b) *Discussion:* Moderator, Ukraine, Lithuania, Serbia, OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr. R. Martínez (keynote speaker), Mr. O. Magnin (keynote speaker), Mr. S. Rakhimzoda (keynote speaker), Mr. B. Mandl (keynote speaker)

4. Next meeting:

Tuesday, 15 September 2015, at 11.30 a.m., in the plenary hall

Plenary session IV

1. Date: Tuesday, 15 September 2015

Opened: 11.40 a.m.
Closed: 12.50 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ms. B. Filipović (Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection, Serbia) (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed – Statements:

Agenda item 6: *Panel debate – Water governance and sustainable development*

(a) *Panellists:*
 - Mr. J. Dusik, UNEP Regional Office for Europe
 - Mr. A. A. Begeneev, Parliament of Kazakhstan
 - Ms. M. P. Neal, Stockholm International Water Institute
 - Mr. W. Vogel, Environmental Agency Austria
(b) *Discussion:* Moldova, Finland, Mr. J. Dusik (panellist), Ms. M. P. Neal (panellist), Azerbaijan, United States of America, Serbia, Austria, Mr. W. Vogel (panellist), Belarus

4. Next meeting:

Tuesday, 15 September 2015, at 2.30 p.m., in the plenary hall

Plenary session V

1. Date: Tuesday, 15 September 2015

Opened: 2.35 p.m.
Closed: 4.05 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ms. M. Bonifert (Regional Environment Centre for Central and Eastern Europe) (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed – Statements:

Agenda item 7: *Facilitating effective water governance in the context of new environmental challenges*

(a) *Keynote addresses:*
 - Mr. B. Pohl, Adelphi, Germany (EEF.NGO/17/15)
 - Mr. Y. Nabyvanets, Hydrometeorological Institute, Ukraine (EEF.NGO/18/15)
 - Mr. I. Abdullaev, Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) (EEF.IO/22/15)
 - Mr. P. Angelini, Ministry for the Environment, Land and Sea, Italy (EEF.DEL/44/15)
(b) *Discussion:* Moderator, Ukraine, Moldova, Czech Republic, Mr. Y. Nabyvanets (keynote speaker), Uzbekistan, Mr. I. Abdullaev (keynote speaker), United States of America, Ecoforum of NGOs of Kazakhstan, Mr. B. Pohl (keynote speaker), Mr. P. Angelini (keynote speaker), CoEEA

4. Next meeting:

Tuesday, 15 September 2015, at 4.30 p.m., in the plenary hall

Plenary session VI

1. Date: Tuesday, 15 September 2015

Opened: 4.35 p.m.
Closed: 6.05 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador V. Žugić (Chairperson of the Permanent Council) (Serbia) (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed – Statements:

Agenda item 8: *Governing waters for effective disaster risk reduction*

(a) *Keynote addresses*:
 - Mr. P. Puncochar, Ministry of Agriculture, Czech Republic (EEF.DEL/45/15)
 - Ms. U. Schaefer-Preuss, Global Water Partnership, Germany (EEF.IO/23/15)
 - Mr. J. Lueneburg, OSCE Mission to Serbia (EEF.FR/2/15)
 - Ms. P. Albrito, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (EEF.IO/24/15)
 - Mr. J. Papež, Hidrotehnik, Slovenia (EEF.NGO/19/15)
(b) *Discussion*: Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, Spain, OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Mr. J. Papež (keynote speaker)

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 16 September 2015, at 9 a.m., in the plenary hall

Plenary session VII

1. Date: Wednesday, 16 September 2015

Opened: 9.10 a.m.
Closed: 10.05 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ms. D. Schweitzer (Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities) (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed – Statements:

Agenda item 9: *Strengthening participation and awareness-raising for effective water governance*

(a) *Keynote addresses:*
 - Ms. B. Filipović, Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection, Serbia (EEF.DEL/46/15)
 - Mr. A. Perovic, Aarhus Centre Niksic, Montenegro (EEF.NGO/20/15)
 - Mr. A. Beckmann, World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) (EEF.IO/25/15)
(b) *Discussion:* Moderator, United States of America, Ms. B. Filipović (keynote speaker), Mr. A. Perovic (keynote speaker), Mr. A. Beckmann, World Wide Fund for Nature (keynote speaker), Ukraine, Aarhus Centre Sarajevo

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 16 September 2015, at 11 a.m., in the plenary hall

Concluding plenary session

1. Date: Wednesday, 16 September 2015

Opened: 11 a.m.
Closed: 11.50 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. H. Y. Yigitgüden (CoEEA) (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed – Statements:

Agenda item 10: *Follow-up to the twenty-third OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum*

(a) *Closing statements*:
 - Ambassador V. Žugić (Chairperson of the Permanent Council) (Serbia) (EEF.DEL/48/15)
 - Ambassador A. Leendertse, Federal Foreign Office of Germany (EEF.DEL/50/15)
(b) *Discussion*: Luxembourg-European Union (with the candidate countries the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Montenegro; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; as well as Andorra, Georgia, San Marino, and Ukraine, in alignment) (EEF.DEL/54/15), France (EEF.DEL/47/15), Switzerland, Armenia, United States of America (EEF.DEL/51/15), Turkey, CAREC, Moderator

4. Next meeting:

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Chair: Germany