



THE IMPORTANCE OF ENERGY FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND CO-OPERATION IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

1. Annotated Agenda

Introduction

Recent developments clearly demonstrate that security in Europe is closely linked with security in the Mediterranean as a whole, and economic, energy and environmental issues are increasingly important factors of the Euro-Mediterranean security equation. The decades-old OSCE Mediterranean Partnership traditionally geared towards the goals of peace, stability, and prosperity, has much to gain from enhanced dialogue on energy and environmental cooperation.

Guaranteeing sustainable and reliable energy at affordable prices is the precondition for prospering economies and peace and security throughout the OSCE and its Mediterranean Partners. Arguably, there is hardly another domain than energy in which the indivisibility of Euro-Mediterranean security is more important and consequential for the stability of States, the prosperity of the local economies, and the well-being of societies around the basin and beyond. Traditionally at the center of the world's fossil fuel market, the Mediterranean region is now increasingly becoming a main driver of energy innovation and transformation.

The development of clean or renewable energy technologies can provide economic opportunities to countries with substantial conventional energy resources as well as those who lack such resources by offering an alternative means to power their economies and generate jobs for their citizens. Renewable energy today is embraced as a key solution to the triple challenges of energy supply, security and climate change, which are all of concern in the Mediterranean region.

The OSCE serves as a platform for dialogue and co-operation in a number of fields, and offers a suitable venue for exchanging best practices and building capacity to maximize the economic benefits of renewable as well as of traditional forms of energy, facilitating public and private partnerships and the transfer of know-how. Against this backdrop, the 2018 Mediterranean Conference, and in particular its high-level political segment will focus on how to leverage energy to promote economic growth and international co-operation in the Mediterranean region.

Organized by the Slovakian Chairmanship of the OSCE Mediterranean Contact Group and Spain as host country, in cooperation with the OSCE Secretariat, the conference will bring together key energy experts from the public and private sector from both sides of the Mediterranean to discuss policies, develop strategies and identify business opportunities. While energy enables economic development, it also contributes two-thirds of global greenhouse gas emissions and is, therefore, critical for the climate change process. Cooperation in securing the energy supply, transit and demand chain, and the use of new and renewable sources of energy should aim at building a vision for a sustainable energy future in the 21st century in the Mediterranean region and beyond.

Thursday, 25 October 2018

Málaga, Gran Hotel Miramar

9:00-9:30 Registration of participants

9:30– 10:00 Opening Remarks (*open to the media*)

- **H.E. Fernando Martín Valenzuela Marzo**, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, Kingdom of Spain
- **H.E. Lukáš Parížek**, State Secretary and Special Representative of the Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic for the Slovak 2019 OSCE Chairmanship
- **Amb. Vinicio Mati**, Head of Task Force, Italy
- **Amb. Vuk Žugić**, Co-ordinator for OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
- **Senator Pascal Allizard**, Vice-President at the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, France

10:00-11:30 Session I: Connectivity, growth and co-operation: the role of energy

Energy is much more than a commodity. It is potentially a catalyst for connectivity, growth, and international co-operation – and therefore a powerful lever for greater prosperity, stability, and peace. Developing energy cooperation, including through greater connectivity, provides a promising venue for increasing energy security in the Mediterranean region and beyond. This session will contextualize the role of energy in promoting Euro-Mediterranean security and will allow for an exchange of perspectives on how to take existing cooperation to the next level.

Moderator: **Amb. Radomír Boháč**, Permanent Representative to the OSCE, Slovakia

Rapporteur: **Mr. Ignacio Talegón Campoamor**, OSCE Secretariat

Panelists:

- **Dr. Gonzalo Escribano**, Principal Research Associate on Energy Issues of the Royal Elcano Institute, Kingdom of Spain
- **Mr. Luis Ignacio Parada**, Head of Global Regulatory Services – ENAGAS, Spain
- **Mr. Gianluca Sambucini**, Sustainable Energy Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 – 13:00 Session II: Protecting Critical Energy Infrastructure

A key piece of energy security is the protection of critical energy infrastructure. Attacks on supply routes, interruption of supply during national conflicts, accidents, natural and man-made disasters and terrorism are growing concerns for public authorities and the private sector alike. This session will discuss the role of critical energy infrastructure in Mediterranean energy security and will encourage the exchange of information, best practices in a number of relevant fields, including enhancing the digital security of energy network management systems.

Moderator: **Amb. M. Victoria González Román**, Permanent Representative to the OSCE, Kingdom of Spain

Rapporteur: **Mrs. Elizabeth Abela Hampel**, TNTD OSCE (tbc)

Panelists:

- **Mr. Jose Luis Pérez Pajuelo**, Spanish National Center of Protection of Infrastructures and Cybersecurity, Kingdom of Spain
- **Mr. Ľubomír Tomík**, Center for Energy Systems, Slovakia
- **Dr. Nadya Komendantova**, IIASA (International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis)
- **Mr. Argo Avakov**, Head, Action against Terrorism Unit, Representative of TNTD OSCE
- **Mr. Ahmed Al-Salaymeh**, School of Engineering, The University of Jordan

13:00 – 14:30 **Lunch** hosted by the OSCE Secretariat for all participants

13:00 – 14:30 Parallel lunch Side Event: Shaping the future of energy in the region – the role of private sector (English only)

Moderator: **Emiliano Alessandri**, OSCE Secretariat

Rapporteur: **Mr. Dzevad Sarac**, OSCE Secretariat

Panelists:

- **Milan Sedláček**, (Head of EU Affairs and Strategy) Eustream a.s., Slovak gas transmission operator
- **Ms. Michal Franco Kedmi**, Michal Franco Energy Regulatory and Commercial Consulting, Israel
- **Mrs. María Prado**, Director of International Affairs of APPA, Kingdom of Spain
- **Mr. Ettore Greco**, Executive Vice President of the Istituto Affari Internazionali, Italy

14:30 – 15:00 Session II: continuation (if needed)

15:00 – 17:00 Session III: Reshaping the benefits of renewables

The energy mix in the Mediterranean region is changing as part of a global energy transition. Mediterranean countries are affected differently based on their energy profile, which spans from exporting energy to highly energy dependent economies. Both fossil fuel rich and fossil fuel poor countries have much to gain in terms of both economic growth and energy security from the development of renewables and greater diversification. This session will highlight opportunities deriving from the expansion of renewable energy sources in OSCE and Mediterranean partner countries. The role of renewable energy sources in environmental protection and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions will also be discussed.

Moderator: **Ms. Leena Al-Hadid**, Ambassador, Jordan

Rapporteur: **Mr. Samuel Goda**, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Youth and Security

Panelists:

- **Mr. Jorge Borrego**, Deputy SG Union for the Mediterranean, Portugal
- **Ms. Lina Murad AL-Kurdi**, GEMS Award winner, Green Roof project, Jordan
- **Mr. Khalid Ghozlani**, Managing Director Energconsulting, Morocco
- **Mr. Daniel Kroos**, Senior Program Officer, Energy Security, OSCE Secretariat

Ministerial Segment

19:15 - 20:00 (approx.) **Welcome by Ministers** in the *Museo Picasso Málaga*

Municipality of Málaga (tbc)

- **H.E. Miroslav Lajčák**, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Slovak republic
- **H.E. Josep Borrell Fontelles**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, Kingdom of Spain
- **H.E. Thomas Greminger**, Secretary General of the OSCE
- **Regional Government Andalusia**

20:30 - 22:30 Dinner for HoDs hosted by Spain at the Mirror Hall of Málaga City Hall

Dinner for Delegates hosted by Spain at Málaga City Hall

- **H.E. Miroslav Lajčák**, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Slovak republic
- **H.E. Josep Borrell Fontelles**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, Kingdom of Spain

Friday, 26 October 2018

Málaga, Gran Hotel Miramar

8:00 – 9:00 Registration of participants

9:00 – 9:30 Handshake and family photo

9:30 -11:30 High-level Segment:

Energy for economic growth and co-operation in the Mediterranean

The decades-old OSCE Mediterranean Partnership has gained significantly higher profile in recent years as a result of trends that have confirmed and further highlighted the 1975 Helsinki Final Act's prescient recognition that European and Mediterranean Security are indivisible. As Mediterranean issues are increasingly addressed in the OSCE agenda, this high-level segment will offer the opportunity to focus on the specific role that energy can play for economic growth and cooperation in the Mediterranean. The session will also allow for an exchange of perspectives and views on how the OSCE participating States and the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation can make their Partnership even more relevant, substantial, and action-oriented in the years to come.

Moderator: **Amb. Vuk Žugić**, Coordinator for OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Rapporteur: **Tomáš Bičan**, Permanent Mission of Slovakia to the OSCE

Opening Remarks (*open to the media*)

- **H.E. Miroslav Lajčák**, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Slovak Republic
- **H.E. Thomas Greminger**, Secretary General of the OSCE
- **H.E. Josep Borrell Fontelles**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, Kingdom of Spain
- **H.E. Mr. Guglielmo Picchi**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italian 2018 OSCE Chairmanship

Special address

- **H.E. Nasser Kamel**, Secretary General Union for Mediterranean
- **H.E. José Domínguez Abascal**, Secretary of State for Energy, Ministry for the ecological transition, Kingdom of Spain

10:30 – 11:30 Interventions by Delegations

11:30 -12:00 Coffee break

12:00 – 13:30 High-level segment (continuation)

Interventions by Delegations (max. 3 minutes per statement)

13:30 – 14:00 Closing Remarks (*open to the media*)

- **H.E. Miroslav Lajčák**, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Slovak Republic
- **H.E. Thomas Greminger**, Secretary General of the OSCE
- **H.E. Josep Borrell Fontelles**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, Kingdom of Spain

14:00 – 15:30 Lunch for HoDs hosted by Slovak MCG Chairmanship

Buffet Lunch for Delegates hosted by Slovak MCG Chairmanship