



OSCE after Astana: Role of Lithuania's Chairmanship

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Common Efforts to Address Common Challenges



- **Protracted conflicts**
- **Terrorism**
- **Organized crime and illicit trafficking**
- **Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction**
- **Cyber threats**
- **Energy insecurity, and more**

We will address risks and challenges we face only if we do it together

Priorities for Lithuania



- **Larger role for civil society, free media and safety of journalists**
 - OSCE conference in Vilnius in June
- **Protracted Conflicts**
 - Resumption of formal 5+2 negotiations on Moldova
 - Practical confidence building measures in South Caucasus
- **New and transnational threats and challenges**
 - OSCE conference in Vienna on cyber security
- **Elections**
 - Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)

Small steps can have a big impact as we seek resolution to outstanding issues

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Hot topics



- **Combating trafficking in illicit drugs**
 - Expand training and border management programs in Central Asia and with Afghanistan
- **Highest nuclear safety standards**
 - “Stress tests” for nuclear plants not only in the EU, but in all OSCE area
- **Gender equality**
 - Importance of integration gender equality into policies and practices
 - Women leadership event in Vilnius in cooperation with Community of Democracies

“Hot issues” should be addressed before they become protracted

Conclusions



- **Time to get down to business and find solutions to the difficult issues:**
 - Challenges can only be solved together
 - Maximum effort by Chairmanship - guaranteed
 - Small steps today can lead to big impact tomorrow
 - Looking for solutions to be implemented in policies and practices