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**“Enhancing security and stability in the OSCE region through digital
innovation, contributing to sustainable development and climate
adaptation”**

CONCLUDING MEETING

Prague, 12-13 September 2024

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

ANNOTATED AGENDA

Thursday, 12 September 2024

09:30 – 10:15 Welcoming Remarks

- **H.E. Jan Lipavský**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic
- **Mr. Christopher Cutajar**, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry for Foreign and European Affairs and Trade, Malta
- **Ms. Catherine Fearon**, Officer-in-Charge / Secretary General
Director of the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC), Deputy Head of the OSCE Secretariat

Keynote speech

- **H.E. Ms. Svitlana Grynchuk**, Minister of Environmental Protection and Natural Resources of Ukraine

Moderator: Ambassador Natasha Meli Daudey, Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Malta to the OSCE

10:15 – 10:30 Coffee/Tea Break

10:30 – 12:30 **Opening Session**

Statements by delegations

12:30 – 14:30 Buffet lunch hosted by the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

14:30 – 16:00 **Session I: Addressing risks to sustainable economic development in light of the digital transition, thereby promoting stability and security in the OSCE region**

Selected topics:

- Assessing the security risks in the context of digitalisation of government services and critical infrastructure
- The importance of policy guidelines and regulation for the sustainable use of digital technologies including Artificial Intelligence
- Ensuring the functionality, continuity and integrity of energy networks and the protection of critical energy infrastructure, in the context of the digital transformation
- Enabling and fostering stable economic structures, policies and activities in support of the digital transition

Moderator: Ambassador Susanne Schütz, Permanent Representative of Germany to the OSCE

Speakers:

- **Mr. Tine Novak**, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly Special Representative on AI
- **Ms. Katri Liekkilä**, Head of International Relations, National Emergency Supply Agency, Finland
- **Mr. James Sherbrock-Cox**, Deputy Head of International Tech Department at Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, United Kingdom
- **Dr. Monica Cardarilli**, Project Officer at European Commission, Joint Research Centre

Discussion

16:00 – 17:00 Coffee/Tea break

17:00 - 18:30

Session II: Harnessing technological advancements to address the economic, environmental and social impacts of climate change, which may negatively affect prosperity, stability and security
Selected topics:

- Promoting technological development and innovation, including early warning systems, to reduce the risks of natural and man-made disasters
- Enhancing the adaptive capacity of economies and societies by addressing the link between climate change, water management and sustainable agriculture
- Recognizing the multifaceted aspects of marine and maritime security, on various economic sectors in the context of climate change
- Ensuring sustainable management of natural resources and the protection of the marine environment

Moderator: Ambassador Hemra Amannazarov, Permanent Representative of Turkmenistan to the OSCE

Speakers:

- **Ms. Veronika Hunt Šafránková**, Head of Brussels Office, UNEP
- **Mr. Serge Stroobants**, Director Europe & MENA Region, Institute for Economics and Peace
- **Ms. Angélique Pouponneau**, Policy and Strategy Advisor to the AOSIS Chair
- **Ms. Saule Ospanova**, Senior Environmental Affairs Adviser, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA)
- **Mr. Stéphane Crouzat**, Ambassador of the French Republic to Czech Republic, former Climate Ambassador

Discussion

18:30

Reception hosted by the 2024 OSCE Chairpersonship of Malta
(Winter Garden of the Czernin Palace, 2nd floor)

Friday, 13 September 2024

09:30 – 11:00 **Session III: The importance of good governance policies and frameworks for economic growth, innovation and sustainable development, contributing to stability and security**

Selected topics:

- Enhancing transparency and accountability in light of the just transition by the use of digital tools, open data and good governance
- Encouraging the active engagement of all relevant stakeholders to foster social inclusion, economic participation and integrated environmental management
- Promoting governance frameworks that encourage climate resilient and climate neutral economic growth
- Strengthening the legal and institutional frameworks conducive to a positive investment climate and business development

Moderator: Ambassador Anne-Marie Callan, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the OSCE

Speakers:

- **Ms. Gordana Klincarova**, State Secretary, Ministry of Digital Transformation of North Macedonia
- **Professor Anita Ramasastry**, Special Representative of the OSCE Chair-in-Office on Combating Corruption
- **Dr. Kristen Fresonke**, Senior Advisor for Global Anti-Corruption (CGAC), U.S. Department of State
- **Mr. Bart Scheffers**, Advisor on Good Governance, EUAM Ukraine

Discussion

11:00 – 12:00 Coffee/Tea break

12:00 – 13:30 **Concluding Session**

- Wrap-up discussion

Closing statements by delegations

Concluding remarks

- **Ambassador Natasha Meli Daudey**, Permanent Representative of Malta to the OSCE, Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council

- **Ambassador Bakyt Dzhusupov**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
- **Ambassador Vesa Häkkinen**, Permanent Representative of Finland to the OSCE

Moderator: Ambassador Florian Raunig, Permanent Representative of Austria to the OSCE, Chair of the Economic and Environmental Committee

13:30 – 15:00 Buffet Lunch hosted by the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities