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**31<sup>st</sup> OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum**

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

**FIRST PREPARATORY MEETING**

**Vienna, 29-30 April 2024**

Blended format

Venue: Hofburg, Neuer Saal

Online: Via Zoom (available only for panelists)

**ANNOTATED AGENDA**

**Monday, 29 April 2024**

**10:00 - 11:30**      **Opening Session**

**Welcoming remarks**

- **Helga Maria Schmid**, OSCE Secretary General
- **Ambassador André Xuereb**, Ambassador for Digital Affairs, Ministry for Foreign, European Affairs and Trade, Malta

**Keynote Speech**

- **Ms. Svitlana Grynychuk**, Deputy Minister of Energy of Ukraine

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

**Statements by Delegations/Discussion**

**11:30 - 12:00**      **Coffee/Tea Break**

**12:00 - 13:30**

**Session I: Promoting policies to strengthen energy security and sustainability in the trade and transport sector to improve the environmental footprint of the economy**

**Selected Topics:**

- Strengthening access to sustainable, affordable, diversified and reliable energy supplies, including through enhanced infrastructure protection
- Resource efficiency and green technologies as instruments contributing to sustainable development and inclusive economic growth
- Promoting common actions and co-operation to develop sustainable trade and transport policies in the OSCE area
- Good governance in logistics and supply chains management as a means to strengthen economic development, stability and security

**Moderator: Ambassador Mukhtar Tileuberdi**, Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the OSCE

**Speakers:**

- **Dr. Dirk Buschle**, Deputy Director, Energy Community Secretariat
- **Mr. Ismail D'Amato**, Chief Executive Officer, Interconnect Malta
- **Ms. Juliane Arriens**, Head of the Research Unit Mobility with Renewable Energy, Reiner Lemoine Institute
- **Ms. Larisa Kislyakova**, Chairperson, Central Asia Transport and Logistics Partnership

**Discussion**

**13:30 - 15:30**

Buffet lunch hosted by the OSCE Chairpersonship of Malta 2024

**15:30 - 17:00**

**Session II: Recognizing the potential of digital transformation, capacity building and human capital development in contributing to sustainable development**

**Selected topics:**

- Human capital development as an essential factor for economic development, competitiveness and green growth
- Recognizing the potential of youth and women in contributing to economic, political and social development
- Increasing co-operation on human capital development through the exchange of best practices and the promotion of capacity-building initiatives
- Promoting access to quality education, training, upskilling and reskilling opportunities through bridging capacity gaps and improving digital skills

**Moderator: Ambassador Anne-Kirsti Karlsen**, Permanent Representative of Norway to the OSCE

**Speakers:**

- **Mr. Francis Evans**, Head of Business Finance, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, United Kingdom
- **Ms. Ardita Bonatti**, Program Manager, Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO)
- **Mr. Alessandro Brolpito**, Senior Human Capital Development Expert, European Training Foundation
- **Ms. Lydia J. Goutas**, Senior Partner, Lehner Executive Partners

**Discussion**

**Tuesday, 30 April 2024**

**09:00 - 10:30**

**Session III: Advancing innovative policies and the use of new technologies to foster sustainable economic development and growth, including in the agricultural sector**

**Selected Topics:**

- Promoting innovative agriculture and food policies contributing to sustainable development and strengthening the reliability of supply chains
- Harnessing sound investment policies and promoting a favourable business climate to accelerate sustainable economic growth in the digital era
- Enhancing public participation in sustainable development policy formulation and implementation
- Fostering technological development through public-private partnerships and multi-stakeholder collaboration

**Moderator: Ambassador Eglantina Gjermeni**, Permanent Representative of Albania to the OSCE

**Speakers:**

- **Dr. Michael Fazekas**, Executive Co-ordinator, Southeast European Cooperative Initiative
- **Ms. Dina Rakin**, Director, Coalition for Solidarity Economy Development, Serbia
- **Ms. Nino Gokhelashvili**, Head of the Sustainable Development Unit, Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia
- **Mr. Mergen Yusupov**, Deputy Head of the Department of Coordination of International Environmental Cooperation and Projects, Ministry of Environmental Protection of Turkmenistan

## Discussion

**10:30 - 11:00** Coffee/Tea Break

**11:00 - 12:30** **Session IV: Strengthening efforts to foster good governance, transparency and accountability through combating-corruption and facilitating asset recovery**

### **Selected Topics:**

- Advancing stability through innovative anti-corruption policies that improve the business and investment climate
- Enhancing co-operation and sharing of best practices in the use of digital tools for facilitating asset recovery
- Strengthening integrity and accountability to help prevent and combat corruption as well as to achieve sustainable economic growth and development
- Promoting transparency, good governance, and the rule of law in preventing and combatting corruption including in the environmental sphere

**Moderator: Mr. Constantine Palicarsky**, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, Thematic Support Section, Corruption and Economic Crime Branch, UNODC

### **Speakers:**

- **Mr. Emir Bašić**, Director, Agency for the Management of Seized Property of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Ms. Veronica Dragalin**, Head, Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office, Moldova
- **Dr. Isabel Teichmann**, National Contact Point for the OECD Guidelines, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action, Germany
- **Mr. Avazkhon Khaydarov**, Ekolog NGO, Uzbekistan
- **Prof. Anita Ramasastry**, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Corruption

## Discussion

**12:30 - 13:00** Coffee/Tea Break

**13:00 - 14:00**      **Closing Session**

**Statements by Delegations**

**Concluding remarks**

- **Ambassador Bakyt Dzhusupov**, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities
- **Ms. Deborah M. Borg**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Malta to the OSCE

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