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Report by the Chairperson of the OSCE Asian Partners for Co-operation Group (APCG¹)

Following the regular practice, in January 2024 North Macedonia, as an outgoing Chair of the Organization, took over the steering of the OSCE Asian Partners for Co-operation Group.

Aiming to maintain our Chairpersonship's approach, based on transparency and inclusivity, and in line with the commitment to support Malta's Chairpersonship goals in 2024, North Macedonia approached the new task with enthusiasm, creativity and dedication.

The work with the Group began with regular consultations, both in-person and via a video link. North Macedonia took into consideration the components and suggestions submitted by the Partners in the non-paper at the beginning of the year, thus engaging in enhanced thematic co-operation, engagement at the political level and increased visibility of the results of the Asian Partners' activities.

The consultations produced a draft programme of activities for 2024, composed of five APCG meetings, one Interregional Conference, the 2024 OSCE Asian Conference and a Study Visit Programme for OSCE Asian and Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation.

Reflecting on 2024, we are pleased by the fact that we conducted all planned activities, as well as an additional engagement: a Joint Asian and Mediterranean Partners meeting on Cyber ICT security (September 10) on the margins of the Inter-Regional Conference on Cyber/ICT Security. Thanks to the activities of the Asian Partners in 2024, the inseparability of Euro-Atlantic and Asia-Pacific security is increasingly being recognized and the value of the OSCE partnership has increased.

The first meeting of the OSCE Asian Partners for Co-operation Group in 2024 was held on 7 May in collaboration with Japan. The meeting focused on "Women's meaningful participation from norm to practice – Good practices and experience in Asia."

The meeting commenced with opening remarks from H.E. Pajo Avirovikj, Chair of the OSCE Asian Partners for Co-operation Group and Permanent Representative of North Macedonia, H.E. Natasha Meli Daudey, Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council and Permanent Representative of Malta,

¹ The Group consists of Afghanistan, Australia, Japan, the Republic of Korea and Thailand.



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Ambassador Ryuta Mizuuchi, Permanent Representative of Japan, and H.E. Bakyt Dzhusupov, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities. The main thematic discussion centred on “Women’s meaningful participation from norm to practice” and was moderated by Ambassador Jocelyn Kinnear, Permanent Representative of Canada to the OSCE.

The panellists Dr. Yuki Matsuoka, Head of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction, (UNDRR) Kobe Office, Ms. Kartika Wijayanti, Project Management Officer at the ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation, Ms. Tetiana Rudenko, Senior Co-ordination Adviser at the OSCE Office of the Special Representative, and Ms. Lara Scarpitta, Senior Adviser on Gender Issues, Office of the OSCE Secretary General, highlighted the gap between commitments and practice regarding women’s participation in peace and security in the light of the adoption of United Nations Security Council resolution 1325 in 2000. The OSCE has consistently promoted gender equality and women’s involvement in peace and security through various frameworks and action plans. These underlined the importance of inclusive peacebuilding and the OSCE’s commitment to promoting women’s leadership in peacebuilding and mediation, to providing a networking Platform in terms of initiatives such as the Networking Platform for Women Leaders, which was launched to support women’s involvement in peace and security efforts, and to cross-regional co-operation – with an emphasis on sharing experiences and lessons learned to strengthen the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) agenda. Dr. Matsuoka shared the good practice of WPS being incorporated into National Action Plans (NAPs) in disaster-prone Japan, since this is important not only during conflict, but also in disaster prevention and recovery/reconstruction after disasters.

The meeting addressed several key questions, including: the impact of women’s participation on democracy and peace; challenges in promoting women’s participation across different contexts; effective areas for cross-regional co-operation; the risks faced by women in crisis situations and how their participation can mitigate these; and the contribution of women’s economic and environmental participation to societal stability.

The OSCE Asian Partnership for Co-operation Group meeting successfully facilitated an interactive discussion on enhancing women’s roles in peace and security. The exchange of good practices and experiences from Asia will serve as a foundation for further strengthening the WPS agenda both



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within and beyond the OSCE region. The event underscored the importance of addressing existing gaps and fostering inclusive peacebuilding processes through active female participation.

The second meeting of the OSCE Asian Partners for Co-operation Group took place on 3 June 2024. The Permanent Mission of the Republic of North Macedonia to the OSCE, United Nations, and other international organizations in Vienna hosted a special meeting on "Afghan Women's Rights – regional problem with global impact. Can we do more?"

The meeting commenced with opening remarks from H.E. Pajo Avirovikj, Chairman of the OSCE Asian Partners for Co-operation Group, H.E. Natasha Meli Daudey, Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council, Ms. Helga Maria Schmid, Secretary General of the OSCE, and Ambassador Manizha Bakhtari, Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan to the OSCE.

The central theme addressed the severe challenges faced by Afghan women since the return of the Taliban regime, including restrictions on education, healthcare, employment, and basic freedoms. The discussion was moderated by Dr. Lara Scarpitta, OSCE Senior Adviser on Gender Issues.

Panellists included Mr. Richard Bennett, Special Rapporteur on Human Rights in Afghanistan, Ms. Heather Barr, Women's Rights Division, Human Rights Watch (via a video link), Ms. Mariam Meetra, women's rights activist, researcher, poet, and journalist (in person), Ms. Hadia Ibrahimkhel, women's rights activist, and Ms. Elham Kohistani, from Afghanistan, WIN for Women and Men project.

The meeting underlined the following issues: the importance of gender inequality and violations, as well as the marginalization of Afghan women, as a regional issue with global implications for stability and development; the need for empowerment and support in terms of vocational training, microfinance access and entrepreneurial opportunities for Afghan women; the needed investment in healthcare infrastructure; legal reforms to protect women's rights and support survivors of violence; and the international community's role, pinpointing the importance of global solidarity in supporting Afghan women's rights and achieving sustainable peace and security.

The APCG meeting underlined the importance of OSCE involvement in advocating for Afghan women through various platforms and programmes, such as the OSCE Networking Platform for Women



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Leaders, focusing on peacebuilding and mediation efforts, the commitment to gender equality as a central element of the OSCE's comprehensive security approach, and promoting democracy and sustainable development.

This meeting aimed to identify obstacles to women's political and social engagement in crisis contexts, as in Afghanistan, raising awareness of challenges to their human rights and exploring solutions. It was concluded that the OSCE and its partners should continue their efforts in empowering Afghan women, advocating for their rights, and promoting gender equality as a cornerstone of peace and prosperity. The meeting underscored the urgency and necessity of international co-operation for addressing these pressing issues.

The third meeting of the OSCE Asian Partners for Co-operation Group, co-organized by the Republic of North Macedonia and Thailand, focused on enhancing human security by protecting youth and children from online exploitation and trafficking. This meeting, held on 21 June 2024 in Vienna, brought together representatives from various countries and organizations to discuss challenges and solutions related to the online safety of youth and children.

The session began with opening remarks from key representatives Ms. Adelina Marku, Deputy Permanent Representative of North Macedonia, Ambassador Vilawan Mangklatanakul, Permanent Representative of Thailand, Mr. Michael Cluett, Head of Policy & Planning, OSCE Chairmanship of Malta, and Dr. Kari Johnstone, Special Representative for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings.

The meeting's thematic discussion was entitled "Enhancing Human Security: Protecting Youth and Children from Online Exploitation and Trafficking" and was moderated by Ambassador Hatun Demirer, Permanent Representative of Türkiye to the OSCE. Panellists included Mr. Wanchai Roujanavong, Thailand's representative to the ASEAN Commission, Mr. Robbert Hoving, Director of the NGO "Offlimits" and Ms. Marianne Angvik, Executive Programme Officer, OSR/CTHB.

The discussion highlighted the increasing risks posed by misuse of the Internet and other technology, which facilitate child exploitation and trafficking. It also underlined that the Internet's rapid expansion has increased the vulnerability of youth and children to online exploitation and trafficking.



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The discussion showed that the proliferation of online platforms has led to a significant rise in child sexual abuse material cases, so, there is an urgent need for co-ordinated international responses. Thailand has been proactive in safeguarding youth and children through several measures: designation of a National Internet Safety Day, formation of a Safe Internet Coalition, utilization of AI-driven tools for support and prevention, and educational initiatives on digital literacy and cyber threats. Thailand's regional leadership in ASEAN has also been pivotal in promoting co-operative strategies to combat online exploitation.

This APCG meeting aimed to raise awareness about online exploitation and its socio-economic impacts, share best practices among OSCE participating States and Asian Partners, and foster a whole-of-society approach to strengthen protective measures. The misuse of technology by traffickers remains a significant challenge, with a noted increase in cases during the pandemic. In addition, the meeting emphasized the importance of international co-operation and the role of civil society in addressing these issues. The OSCE Asian Partners for Co-operation Group meeting successfully brought attention to the critical issue of online exploitation and trafficking of youth and children. By fostering dialogue and sharing best practices, the meeting set the stage for enhanced international collaboration and policy development to protect vulnerable populations.

The fourth meeting of the OSCE Asian Partners for Co-operation Group, held under the Chairpersonship of the Republic of North Macedonia in collaboration with Australia, took place on 11 October 2024. The meeting focused on "Global Economic Engagement in the Indo-Pacific for Peace, Prosperity, and Security."

The session commenced with opening remarks delivered by Ms. Adelina Marku, Deputy Permanent Representative of North Macedonia to the OSCE and Chair of the Group, Ambassador Ian Biggs, Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations and Other International Organizations in Vienna, Ms. Elizabeth Abela Hampel, Representative of the OSCE Chairpersonship and Mr. Ralf Ernst, Deputy Co-ordinator/Head of Economic Activities, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA).

The discussion was moderated by Ambassador Florian Raunig, Permanent Representative of Austria to the OSCE. The panel included Professor Shiro Armstrong, Director of the Australia-Japan Research



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Centre of the Australian National University, who participated virtually, Ms. Chanunya Bandhukul, Executive Director of the Bureau of America, Pacific and International Organizations, Ministry of Commerce of Thailand (virtual), Ms. Lina Viltrakiene, Counsellor of the External Economic Relations and Economic Security Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania, and Mr. Greg Malkoun, Director, Countering Foreign Interference and Foreign Arrangements Scheme (Outreach Section), Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

The meeting gathered representatives from OSCE participating States and Asian Partners for Co-operation, who emphasized the growing importance of economic security in the Indo-Pacific region and its role in reinforcing global peace and stability. The thematic discussion, moderated by Mr. Florian Raunig, focused on collaborative economic engagement in trade and governance between countries in the Indo-Pacific region and OSCE pS can enhance regional and global peace while strengthening the economic security of both regions. The panel discussed the challenges and opportunities of strengthening economic resilience and supply chain diversification in an increasingly interconnected global economy. It stressed that geopolitical tensions pose risks to global trading systems and economic stability, and that there is a need for co-ordinated, transparent economic security measures to prevent adverse impacts on global governance.

The discussion during the meeting focused on how to encourage the sharing of best practices concerning resilient supply chains, strategies for increasing economic resilience through diversification, convincing businesses of the benefits of export market diversification, and measures promoting economic governance and transparency.

The meeting successfully generated an interactive discussion on enhancing economic security in the Indo-Pacific region. It highlighted the importance of international co-operation and shared strategies to enhance the economic security of the interconnected OSCE and Indo-Pacific regions.

The fifth meeting of the OSCE Asian Partners for Co-operation Group was held on 11 November 2024; it was co-organized by North Macedonia and the Republic of Korea. This meeting aimed to discuss the outcomes of the Seoul 2024 REAIM Summit on the responsible use of artificial intelligence (AI) in the military domain. The meeting also aimed to foster dialogue among OSCE participating States and



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partners on the responsible development, deployment, and use of AI technologies in military applications.

The APCG meeting commenced with opening remarks by Ms. Adelina Marku, Deputy Permanent Representative of North Macedonia to the OSCE, Ambassador Sangwook Ham, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the OSCE, Lieutenant Colonel Christian Zammit Cordina, Head of Politico-Military Dimension, Maltese OSCE Chairmanship 2024, and Colonel (retired) Robin Mossinkoff, Chief of Communications and Technology Unit, Conflict Prevention Centre.

The thematic session moderated by H.E. Ms. Véronique Pepin-Hallé, Permanent Representative of Canada to the OSCE, began with the keynote addresses delivered by Ms. Jiyoung Yun, Director, Disarmament and Non-proliferation Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea and Ms. Eline Bötger, Senior Policy Officer for New Technologies, Security Policy Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands. The panel included Mr. Neil Davison, Senior Adviser, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, Ms. Caroline Wörgötter, Head of Unit for Conventional Weapons and Disarmament-Related Aspects of New Technologies, Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs, and Dr. Jan Ganschow, Ministry of Defence of Germany.

The meeting centred on the implications of AI for the military domain, including humanitarian, legal, societal, and ethical concerns. Discussions highlighted the need for international co-operation to establish appropriate normative and governance frameworks for military AI applications. Additionally, the meeting highlighted one outcome of the Seoul 2024 REAIM Summit: the Blueprint for Action, a roadmap for establishing AI norms and governance in the military domain, which was adopted. It also stressed the importance of international co-operation and multi-stakeholder dialogues involving government, industry, academia and civil society, and pointed to the opportunities, challenges and benefits of AI in enhancing military operations while acknowledging associated risks.

The discussions focused on the international peace and security implications of AI for the military domain, on how different regions approach military AI applications and on what should be prioritized when establishing AI governance in the military domain.



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The meeting successfully facilitated discussion on responsible applications of AI in the military domain, highlighting the need for collaborative efforts to address the challenges and opportunities presented by AI technologies. The outcomes of the Seoul 2024 REAIM Summit serve as a foundation for future actions and international co-operation in this critical field. Participants agreed on the necessity for continued dialogue and co-operation to advance the responsible use of AI in military applications, thus ensuring that technological advancements do not compromise international peace and security.

In 2024, North Macedonia and the Partners, with the support of the OSCE Secretariat, organized two conferences.

The OSCE 2024 Asian Conference, co-organized by North Macedonia and Japan, was held in Vienna on 15–16 October 2024, on the topic “Towards stronger partnerships for sustainable peace and security.” The Conference emphasized strengthening partnerships for sustainable peace and security, facilitating dialogue among participants from different regions, and highlighting the importance of collaboration between the OSCE and its Asian partners. It provided an opportunity for countries from both the OSCE and Asian regions to address common interests and identify areas for deeper co-operation.

The Conference was the result of a consensus reached through an inclusive and transparent consultation and negotiation process with OSCE participating States.

Introductory speeches by high-level guests opened the Conference, setting the tone for further discussions on fostering co-operation. The opening remarks session, moderated by H.E. Pajo Avirovikj, Permanent Representative of North Macedonia to the OSCE, featured two high-level speakers: the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of North Macedonia, Zoran Dimitrovski, who expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to chair the OSCE Asian Partners for Co-operation Group in 2024 and reiterated its commitment to partnerships and multilateralism; and Japan’s State Minister for Foreign Affairs, TSUGE Yoshifumi, who emphasized that the security of the Euro-Atlantic and Indo-Pacific regions had become even more and critical, as well as the importance of partnerships and dialogue in finding common solutions to shared challenges.



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Three thematic sessions followed. The first session focused on enhancing synergies between the OSCE and Asia in advancing the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) agenda, building on the APCG meeting in May 2024 and underscoring the irreplaceable role of women in peace processes. Experiences and best practices that emphasized the integration of gender perspectives into security frameworks were shared. Ms. MATSUZAWA Tomoko, Director for International Co-operation on Women, Peace and Security (WPS), and Gender Advisor to the Japanese Ministry of Defence, a panellist from Japan, introduced the four pillars of the Ministry of Defence's efforts to promote WPS: raising awareness, developing organisational systems, international co-operation and reflecting gender awareness. Being a strong supporter of the WPS agenda, North Macedonia contributed a panellist to this thematic session: Ambassador Kire Ilioski, Director for Multilateral Relations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of North Macedonia.

The second thematic discussion addressed effective OSCE-Asia co-operation in tackling the challenges of climate change, emphasizing the significant security risks that it represents. Speakers also discussed the environmental impact of landmines and strategies for climate adaptation and resilience.

Another panellist from Japan, Dr. ONO Keishi, a senior researcher at the Socio-Economic Research Office, National Institute for Defense Studies, presented the impact of climate change on security risks in the seas around Japan and the co-operation of various countries in responding to climate change.

The third session highlighted the importance of human rights and the rule of law as essential factors for sustainable peace and security. One panellist, Professor MATSUO Hiroshi, Vice-Dean of Keio University Law School, Japan, used the example of Japan's past legal assistance in Asia to illustrate the importance of establishing the rule of law in a way that reflects the diversity of countries and flexible assistance to that end. He affirmed that respecting human rights and the rule of law is vital for peace, security, and sustainable development, aligning with OSCE commitments.

The Conference had an excellent turnout, with 46 OSCE participating States in attendance and all five partners from the OSCE Asian Partners for Co-operation Group. At the same time, in accordance with



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the commitment to gender mainstreaming, the Conference achieved gender balance as regards the panels' moderation and participation, with an equal number of male and female panellists. Overall, the 2024 OSCE Asian Conference was a success, demonstrating the importance of collaboration in addressing global security challenges. Also, the Conference highlighted the fact that security in the Euro-Atlantic and Indo-Pacific regions is inseparable and that the value of the OSCE partnership has also increased. The content of the conference – the crucial role of women's participation in peace processes, the impact of climate change, and the importance of human rights and the rule of law – was highly valued.

Being aware that cyber/ICT security is one of the most topical themes in contemporary security challenges, North Macedonia supported the organization of the 4th Inter-Regional Conference on Cyber/ICT Security, organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea in collaboration with the OSCE. This Conference took place on 9 September 2024 in the Hofburg in Vienna. The event brought together experts and officials from various regions to discuss pressing issues in cyber/ICT security, focusing on international law, capacity-building, and gender aspects.

The opening remarks dealt with the cyber/ICT security environment in the Asian and OSCE regions. Notable speakers included: H.E. Pajo Avirovikj, Chair of the OSCE Asian Partners for Co-operation Group; Rhee Dong-yeol, Ambassador for International Cybersecurity Affairs of the Republic of Korea; H.E. Natasha Meli Daudey, Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council; H.E. Christophe Kamp, Chair of the OSCE's cyber/ICT security Informal Working Group established by Permanent Council Decision No. 1039, and H.E. Alena Kupchyna, OSCE Co-ordinator of Activities to Address Transnational Threats. The first session addressed the applicability of international law in cyberspace, an area requiring further exploration. Discussions focused on how regional organizations might contribute to the United Nations' work and how states might develop national positions on international law in cyberspace. The session was moderated by Ms. Liis Vihul, Founder and CEO of Cyber Law International, Estonia. The panellists included Dr. Sohyun Shin, The Asan Institute for Policy Studies, Korea; Ms. Kimberley Raleigh, U.S. Department of State; Mr. Yoeeri van Haaften, European External Action Service; Mr. Kaleem Ahmed Usmani, African Union; and Ms. Anne Aagten, Clingendael Institute (via a video link).



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The second session emphasized the significance of cyber/ICT security capacity-building, and explored regional specificities and the sharing of good practices. It dealt with the ways in which regional experiences might inform United Nations discussions and was moderated by Ambassador Rhee Dong-yeol, Korea. The speakers included Ms. Joanna Pawełek-Mendez, Poland, Mr. Alban Andreu, France, Ms. Yrasty Zhalilkhanova, Kazakhstan, Mr. Wansuck Yi, Korea Internet & Security Agency, Mr. Khurelbaatar Tsegmid, Mongolia, Professor Wisit Wisitsora-at, Thailand, Mr. Nebojša Jokić, Serbia, Ms. Mariana Jaramillo, Organization of American States (OAS).

The final session built on previous discussions about the role of women in cyber policy. It focused on promoting gender equality to enhance cyber stability and resilience, presenting concrete examples of gender aspects in cyber/ICT security confidence-building measures. This session was facilitated by Mr. Arthur David, Global Affairs Canada, Ms. Sandra Anastasovska, North Macedonia, Ms. Allison Pytlak, Stimson Center (via a video link) and Ms. Ahn Hye-yeon, WISSET, Korea (via a video link).

The closing remarks were delivered by Ms. Kyung-ah Lee, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea to the OSCE, and Ms. Szilvia Toth, Cyber Security Officer from the OSCE's Transnational Threats Department.

The Conference provided a platform for valuable discussions on cyber/ICT security challenges and opportunities, which emphasized the need for international co-operation, capacity-building and gender inclusion in cyber policy. The insights and strategies that were shared are expected to inform future regional and global cybersecurity initiatives.

On 10 September 2024, North Macedonia and Finland, in their capacity as Chairs of the Asian and Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation Group, organized a side event on the margins of the Interregional Conference entitled "Strengthening Cyber/ICT Security Trust-Building and Co-operation: OSCE and its Partners". The event took place in the Hofburg and aimed to explore the role of confidence-building measures in enhancing collaboration among the OSCE, Asian, and Mediterranean regions in light of the evolving landscape of cyber/ICT security and its current challenges.



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The event sought to investigate the importance of confidence-building measures in fostering collaboration, address best practices and lessons learned in cybersecurity, and provide a platform for dialogue on co-operation opportunities and capacity-building initiatives aimed at strengthening cyber resilience mechanisms.

The event's introductory speech was delivered by H.E. Pajo Avirovikj, Permanent Representative of the Republic of North Macedonia to the OSCE and Chair of the Asian Partners for Co-operation Group, Lieutenant Colonel Christian Zammit Cordina, Head of Political-Military dimension of the Maltese OSCE Chairmanship, and Malgorzata Twardowska, Head of External Co-operation at the OSCE Secretariat. The session was moderated by Gorica Atanasova-Gjorevska from the OSCE's External Co-operation Section. The panel discussion, moderated by Szilvia Toth, OSCE Cyber Security Officer, featured two notable experts: Dr. Sherif Hashem, Professor of Information Sciences and Technology at George Mason University, representing Egypt, and Mr. Wansuk Yi, Principal Researcher at the Korea Internet and Security Agency (KISA), representing the Republic of Korea. The panellists addressed critical cyber/ICT security challenges faced by participating States and OSCE partners, emphasizing how inter-regional co-operation could help tackle these issues. They discussed confidence-building measures and highlighted the necessity for trust and collaboration among OSCE participating States and partners in the field of cybersecurity. The role of the OSCE in enhancing cyber resilience and promoting responsible state behaviour in cyberspace was also discussed.

Panellists pointed out that mechanisms such as information sharing, capacity-building, and technical assistance played a vital role in improving cybersecurity outcomes. They shared several successful examples of cybersecurity initiatives that promote co-operation and co-ordination between the OSCE and its partners.

The side event underscored the importance of collaborative efforts and confidence-building in addressing the complex challenges of cyber/ICT security. Through shared experiences and initiatives, participating States and partners can enhance their resilience against cyber threats and foster a safer digital environment.



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North Macedonia, in its capacity as APCG Chair, also supported **the 2024 OSCE Study-Visit Programme for the Partners for Co-operation** organized by OSG/External Co-operation Section, by sponsoring a networking event together with Finland as the holder of the 2024 Chair of the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation Group. This programme provided a unique opportunity for young diplomats and experts from OSCE partners, including from Australia, the Republic of Korea and Thailand, to deepen their understanding of the OSCE's vital mandate and activities. This initiative embodies the OSCE's commitment to fostering diplomacy and collaboration among the OSCE and its Partners for Co-operation. Participants, through a series of briefings and presentations, gained invaluable insights into OSCE values, principles, and commitments. They also engaged directly with OSCE work and had the chance to visit key OSCE Executive Structures, including the Office of the Representative on Freedom of the Media and the Vienna office of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly; finally, they were privileged to attend the concluding session of the 31st OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum, held in Prague.

The programme not only enhanced individual knowledge but also strengthened ties between the OSCE and its Partners for Co-operation, ensuring that the next generation of leaders will be well-equipped to navigate the complex landscape of international relations.

The actions taken in the course of 2024 showcased North Macedonia's strong support of, and dedication to multilateralism and co-operation among OSCE participating States and our Partners.

In terms of the OSCE Asian Partners for Co-operation Group, 2024 was a successful year. The value of OSCE partnerships is also being recognized as resulting in a growing understanding of the inseparability of Euro-Atlantic and Indo-Pacific security within the OSCE.