



**Working with Youth for Youth:
Protection against Radicalization**

Belgrade, 3-4 September 2015

Annotated Agenda

Thursday, 03 September

09:00 - 09:30 **Registration and Accreditation, Palace of Serbia, Main Entrance**

09:30 – 10:30 **Opening plenary session**

Opening remarks:

- Ms. Snezana Klačnjaja, OSCE Chairmanship-in-Office; Assistant Minister of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Serbia
- Mr. Michael Uyehara, Deputy Head of the OSCE Mission to Serbia
- Ms. Beatriz Balbin, Deputy Director, ODIHR

Key note speeches:

- Ms. Anna-Katharina Deiner, Special Representative of the Chairmanship-in-Office on Youth and Security
- Ms. Christina Schori Liang, Geneva Centre for Security Policy

Presentation of the #unitedCVE campaign:

- Ms. Vera Djemelinskaia, OSCE Transnational Threats Department / Action against Terrorism Unit

Facilitator: Ms. Sanja Milinkovic, Ambassador, OSCE Chairmanship-in-Office

10:30 - 11:00 **Coffee break**

11:00 - 13:00 **Introductory plenary discussion:
Youth participation in the OSCE framework - Working with Youth for Youth**

Youth has a prominent place already in the Helsinki Final Act. Now, 40 years later there are number of youth-related activities implemented by different OSCE structures. Consecutive Chairmanships of Switzerland and Serbia in 2014 and 2015 prioritized youth in their Joint Work plan; 57 Youth Ambassadors developed Youth Action Plan and Special Representatives on Youth and Security were appointed. Declaration on Youth was adopted at the Ministerial Council in Basel last year acknowledging the potential of young people to contribute to economic, political and social development.

Nevertheless, youth policies across OSCE Participating States reflect diversity in terms of development, level of youth participation and understanding of 'youth' per se. Is working WITH youth still to be enabled within the OSCE? The plenary discussion will tackle questions of youth participation in the OSCE, benefits of it in commitments regarding peace, tolerance and cooperation, doubts and fears, while taking into account examples of good practice of other international organizations.

Moderator: Milena Stosic, Special Representative of the Chairmanship-in-Office on Youth and Security

Panelists:

Mr. Jean Luc Oesch, Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the OSCE

Ms. Sanja Milinković, Ambassador, OSCE Chairmanship-in-Office

Ms. Natalia Zarudna, Ambassador, Head of the OSCE Programme Office in Astana

Mr. Tim Cartwright, Head of the Council of Europe Office in Belgrade

Mr. Dejan Bojanić, Youth Forum Board Member

Ms. Alexandra Klutzka, OSCE Youth Ambassador from Poland

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch

14:30 - 15:30 Parallel sessions

Session 1:

Countering radicalization and protecting human rights as mutually reinforcing goals: unwrapping the youth angle

Violent extremism and radicalization that lead to terrorism (VERLT) is a denial of democracy and of human rights, which are at the very core of the OSCE. What can be done towards an effective approach where countering radicalization and human rights protection are mutually reinforcing goals? Can young people, often marked as especially vulnerable in this context, have more than an observer role? How can we make educational efforts work in the digital era? While human rights and fundamental freedoms must be promoted and protected in the context of combating VERLT, particularly freedom of expression, (new) media sometimes are playing the exact opposite role. Members of religious and minority communities are often being marked as 'suspects' in public discourse and attempts of Internet regulation are back-firing.

This session will examine a human rights angle in discussing the impact of VERLT on youth, their role in prevention measures, and an overall combating strategy of VERLT in the OSCE region - in the light of existing commitments and positions, as well with exploring fresh youth ideas.

Moderator: Ms. Milena Stosic, Special Representative of the Chairmanship-in-Office on Youth and Security

Panelists:

Mr. Hubert Wurth, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Luxembourg to the OSCE

Mr. Juan Barata Mir, Principal Adviser, Office of the OSCE Representative on the Freedom of Media

Mr. Henrik Villadsen, Director, Office of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities
Ms. Yulia Korysheva, Programme officer, ODIHR
Ms. Maja Bjelos, Belgrade Center for Security Policy
Ms. Christina Schori Liang, Geneva Centre for Security Policy
Ms. Marketa Studena, OSCE Youth Ambassador from Czech Republic

Session 2:

Youth and politics in participating States - threat or remedy

Radicalization of youth that leads to terrorism seems to be spreading faster than development of prevention policies gets to see its implementation. Although there is strong political will to counter VERLT, the path from commitment to changes on the ground appears to be long. At the same time, recruitment methods and activities of extremists groups are maturing and getting more sophisticated, political mainstream itself is under threat of radicalism and extremist candidates are increasingly gaining favor on an electoral level. What is the relationship between law enforcement and dissatisfied youth escalating to the formation of paramilitary groups? Who are young foreign fighters and what Participating States can do to address this security issue? How can youth organizations become more concretely involved in anti-extremist strategies? This session will try to address these questions in the framework of politico-military dimension of the OSCE.

Moderator: Anna-Katharina Deininger, Special Representative of the Chairmanship-in-Office on Youth and Security

Panelists:

Ms. Desirée M.J. Kopmels, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the OSCE
Mr. Jonathan Moore, Ambassador, Head of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina
Ms. Najat Boudra, 180 Grad Wende
Mr. Ulrich Kropiunigg, Women without Borders
Ms. Radka Vicenova, Centre for European and North Atlantic Affairs
Ms. Hillary Briffa, OSCE Youth Ambassador from Malta

Session 3:

Bridging differences, building trust: Empowering youth in the Economic and Environmental Dimension

Economic and social disparities, environmental challenges, lack of the rule of law, weak governance, corruption, widespread poverty and high unemployment are among the factors that contribute to global threats such as terrorism, violent extremism. Youth from marginalized groups, not seeing possibilities for self-fulfillment, might succumb to VERLT narratives.

Authorities are increasingly isolating their efforts to counter violent radicalization from initiatives aimed at achieving goals related to integration and social cohesion. Efforts to achieve these latter goals are important per se and authorities tend to believe that they can also help in countering violent radicalization. At the same time, it is increasingly believed that a counter-radicalization strategy that blurs the line between supporting social cohesion and countering radicalization is likely to achieve neither. Efforts are therefore increasingly kept separate and the entities implementing them are different.

This session will also try to address the following questions: How can the needs of youth be mainstreamed in migration policy? Which alternatives could public-private partnerships or Civil Society provide to youth? Can engagement of youth in environmental decision making processes including through environmental networks offer an alternative path to youth at risk? Is empowerment of youth to successfully develop and manage small and medium-sized enterprises as a poverty reduction measure a possible step in radicalization prevention?

Moderator: Mr. Paul Steiner, OSCE Youth Ambassador from Germany

Panelists:

Ms. Blanka Jamnisek, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia

Ms. Nino Malashkhia, Office of the Co-ordinator for OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Mr. Mato Meyer, Office of the Co-ordinator for OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Mr. Evrim Ersan-Akkilic, Institute for Islamic Studies, University of Vienna

Mr. Mirko Popovic, Belgrade Open School

Mr. Aaron Joshua Pinto, OSCE Youth Ambassador from Canada

15:30 - 16:00 **Coffee break**

16:00 - 17:00 **Continuation of parallel sessions**

Friday, 04 September

09:00 - 10:30 **Plenary session- Reports from parallel sessions**

Facilitator: Ms. Sanja Milinkovic, Ambassador, OSCE Chairmanship-in-Office

Rapporteurs:

Session 1:

Zukhra Iakupbaeva, OSCE Youth Ambassador from Kyrgyzstan

Roger Padreny, OSCE Youth Ambassador from Andorra

Session 2:

Blaz Grilj, OSCE Youth Ambassador from Slovenia

Matteo Pugliese, OSCE Youth Ambassador from Italy

Session 3:

Robin Metral, OSCE Youth Ambassador from Switzerland

Mariam Sikharulidze, OSCE Youth Ambassador from Georgia

10:30 - 11:00 **Coffee break**

11:00 - 12:00 **Discussion**

12:00-13:00 **Closing remarks**

- Ms. Milena Stosic, Special Representative of the Chairmanship-in-Office on Youth and Security
- Ms. Roksanda Ninčić , Ambassador, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia