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Economic and Environmental Dimension



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Key Milestones:

- OSCE Programme Office in Astana

1992: Accession of Kazakhstan to CSCE

1998: Centre in Almaty established

2007: Office moved to Astana

2015: Becomes OSCE Programme Office in Astana / New Mandate

Facts in 2017:

Headquarter -- Astana Staff -- 6 intl and 22 local personnel EED Budget -- EUR 290,700





OSCE Programme Office's Mandate:

- Implementing OSCE principles and commitments;
- Maintaining contacts with authorities, academia, business and civil society organizations;
- Arranging OSCE regional events;
- Capacity building of national stakeholders and facilitating the information exchange;
- Contributing to awareness raising of the OSCE's values, principles and field activities among stakeholders.





Foundation – Energy Efficiency / Environmental Activities OSCE

- -- Helsinki Final Act
- -- 2003 Maastricht EED Strategy Document
- -- 2007 Madrid Declaration on Environment and Security
- -- 2009 Athens's MC Decision on Energy Security

Kazakhstan's Government

- -- 100 Steps / Government of Kazakhstan
- -- 5 Institutional Reforms
- -- OSCE POiA's mandate in the host country
- -- MFA / POiA List of Activities in line with POiA's mandate





OSCE Programme Office in Astana – Environmental / Energy Efficiency Portfolio



Energy Portfolio

Green Economy

Water Governance (IWRM) / DRR

Aarhus Convention

Climate Change

Education



Green Economy

- -- Environment / Energy Portolio
- EXPO 2017
- Trainings in environmentally friendly practices
- Organic Farming awareness raising, legal support and education
- Strategic Environmental Assessment







Water Governance

- -- Environment Portfolio
- Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM)
- Transboundary water cooperation
- · Ground water management
- Water Basin councils capacity building







Climate Change / Sustainable Development -- Environment / Energy Portfolio

- Dam safety as part of disaster risks management
- Workshops on decarbonization and Paris Climate Agreement
- Green Technologies Transfer Center
- Green Bridge Partnership Programme







Promoting Aarhus Convention -- Environment Portfolio

- Aarhus Centers Capacity-
- Building
- Aarhus Centers Operations Manual
- Aarhus Centers seminars, workshop and roundtable discussions
- Judiciary and Aarhus Convention





Education

- -- Environment / Energy Portfolio
- School students education and awareness raising on energy efficiency
- School teachers education and awareness raising on environment
- Secondary schools education manual – 6th, 7th Grade students
- Summer School / Leadership Programmes for Youth / Young Leaders



Cooperation Opportunities – Possibilities for a stronger role of the OSCE in Central Asia

- Promotion of subregional activities with participation of neighboring countries
- Identification of focus areas for selected big projects instead of implementing numerous small activities
- Promotion of good governance for better investment climate, based on the Rule of Law, improved access to information, justice, transparent and accountable institutions, strong and consistent legislation
- Multi-year activities vs singleyear activities?



Thank You!

