

Chairmanship: Italy**CONCLUDING MEETING OF THE
26th ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL FORUM****Promoting economic progress and security in the OSCE area
through innovation, human capital development,
and good public and corporate governance****Opening plenary session (open to the press)**

1. Date: Wednesday, 5 September 2018

Opened: 2.40 p.m.
Closed: 4.30 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador V. Mati (Co-ordinator of 2018 OSCE Italian Chairmanship) (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed – Statements:

Agenda item 1: *Opening session*
 - (a) *Welcoming remarks*
 - H.E. Mr. T. Petříček, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic
 - Mr. V. Žugić, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (EEF.GAL/21/18)

 - (b) *Keynote addresses*
 - H.E. Mr. G. Picchi, Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International Co-operation of Italy (EEF.DEL/45/18 OSCE+)
 - Mr. R. Viola, European Commission

- (c) *Discussion:* Austria-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Norway, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova, San Marino and Ukraine, in alignment) (EEF.DEL/39/18), Austria (EEF.DEL/54/18 OSCE+), Georgia, Belarus (EEF.DEL/47/18 OSCE+), Kazakhstan, Russian Federation (EEF.DEL/40/18), Turkey, Holy See (EEF.DEL/41/18 OSCE+), Armenia, United States of America (EEF.DEL/52/18), Iceland, Azerbaijan (EEF.DEL/42/18 OSCE+), Switzerland, Slovakia

4. Next meeting:

Wednesday, 5 September 2018, at 5 p.m., in the plenary hall

“The Way to Milan”

1. Date: Wednesday, 5 September 2018

Opened: 5.10 p.m.
Closed: 6 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador A. Azzoni (Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council) (Italy) (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed – Statements:

Agenda item 2: “*The Way to Milan*”
 - (a) *Introduction*: Moderator (EEF.GAL/56/18 OSCE+)

 - (b) *Discussion*: Austria-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment), Kazakhstan, Albania, Belarus (EEF.DEL/48/18 OSCE+), Switzerland, Turkey, Armenia, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Canada, Tajikistan, Moderator, France (Annex), Austria, Germany

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 6 September 2018, at 9.30 a.m., in the plenary hall

Plenary session I

1. Date: Thursday, 6 September 2018

Opened: 9.30 a.m.
Closed: 11.15 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador K. Sarybay (Chairperson of the OSCE Economic and Environmental Committee) (Kazakhstan) (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed – Statements:

Agenda item 3: *Fostering a multi-stakeholder approach to leverage the opportunities of the digital economy*
 - (a) *Speakers*
 - Mr. R. Gridl, Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy, Germany (EEF.DEL/43/18)
 - Mr. L. Ott, Canton of Basel-City, Switzerland (EEF.NGO/12/18)
 - Mr. M. Johnson, International Telecommunication Union (ITU) (EEF.IO/7/18)
 - Ms. N. Anvari, State Committee on Investments and State Property Management, Tajikistan (EEF.DEL/44/18)
 - Mr. P. Marca, Stanford University, United States of America (EEF.NGO/13/18)
 - (b) *Discussion:* Kazakhstan, United States of America, Slovakia, Armenia, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) (EEF.IO/8/18)

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 6 September 2018, at 11.30 a.m., in the plenary hall

Plenary session II

1. Date: Thursday, 6 September 2018

Opened: 11.50 a.m.

Closed: 1.10 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ms. D. Battisti (Digital Transformation Team) (Italy) (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed – Statements:

Agenda item 4: *Promoting digital security in the business sector*

(a) *Speakers*

– Ms. C. Biancotti, Bank of Italy (EEF.NGO/14/18)

– Ms. G. Schitteck, Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) (EEF.NGO/15/18)

– Ms. E. Sidorenko, Moscow State Institute of International Relations, Russian Federation (EEF.NGO/16/18)

– Mr. A. Friedman, Department of Commerce, United States of America (EEF.DEL/46/18)

(b) *Discussion:* United States of America, Ms. E. Sidorenko, Ms. G. Schitteck, Switzerland, Mr. A. Friedman, Ms. C. Biancotti, Moderator

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 6 September 2018, at 2.30 p.m., in the plenary hall

Plenary session III

1. Date: Thursday, 6 September 2018

Opened: 2.40 p.m.
Closed: 4.10 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador C. Wild (Switzerland) (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed – Statements:

Agenda item 5: *Digital innovation as a tool to strengthen good public and corporate governance*

(a) *Speakers*
 - H.E. Ms. T. Vodo, Deputy Minister of Justice, Albania (EEF.DEL/49/18)
 - Mr. E. Balkhaajav, Independent Authority against Corruption (IAAC), Mongolia (EEF.NGO/17/18)
 - Mr. Z. Sanikidze, Ministry of Justice, Georgia (EEF.DEL/50/18)
 - Mr. M. Vesović, Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Serbia (EEF.NGO/18/18)
(b) *Discussion:* Kazakhstan, OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Austria-European Union, Armenia, Latvia, Mr. M. Vesović, Mr. Z. Sanikidze, Mr. E. Balkhaajav, H.E. Ms. T. Vodo, Moderator

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 6 September 2018, at 4.30 p.m., in the plenary hall

Plenary session IV

1. Date: Thursday, 6 September 2018

Opened: 4.40 p.m.
Closed: 5.55 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Mr. R. Pozzi (Special Representative of the OSCE
Chairperson-in-Office on Youth and Security) (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed – Statements:

Agenda item 6: *Boosting innovative business models and economic connectivity
in the digital era*

(a) *Speakers*
 - Mr. R. Oshakbayev, Centre for Applied Research “Talap”, Kazakhstan (EEF.NGO/19/18)
 - Ms. G. Barni, CoopCulture, Italy (EEF.NGO/20/18)
 - Mr. G. Windsor, Tech Nation, United Kingdom (EEF.NGO/21/18)
 - Mr. M. Vianello, InfoCamere, Italy (EEF.NGO/22/18)
(b) *Discussion:* Mr. A. Abakirov (Kyrgyz Software and Service Developers Association)

4. Next meeting:

Friday, 7 September 2018, at 9.30 a.m., in the plenary hall

Plenary session V

1. Date: Friday, 7 September 2018

Opened: 9.35 a.m.
Closed: 11.05 a.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador A. Benedejčič (Slovenia) (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed – Statements:

Agenda item 7: *Harnessing opportunities and addressing challenges for human capital development in the digital era*

(a) *Speakers*

- Mr. G. Zinke, Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training, Germany (EEF.DEL/51/18) (EEF.DEL/51/18/Add.1)
- Ms. M. Vandeweyer, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) (EEF.IO/9/18)
- Mr. A. Bogliolo, University of Urbino, Italy (EEF.NGO/23/18)
- Ms. Z. Budaghyan, TUMO Center for Creative Technologies, Armenia
- Mr. R. Atabaev, Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations, Uzbekistan (EEF.DEL/53/18)

(b) *Discussion:* Armenia, United States of America, Moderator, Mr. R. Atabaev, Ms. Z. Budaghyan, Mr. A. Bogliolo, Mr. G. Zinke, Ms. M. Vandeweyer, Mr. A. Abakirov (Kyrgyz Software and Service Developers Association), Kazakhstan, Switzerland

4. Next meeting:

Friday, 7 September 2018, at 11.30 a.m., in the plenary hall

Concluding plenary session

1. Date: Friday, 7 September 2018

Opened: 11.35 a.m.

Closed: 12.40 p.m.

2. Chairperson: Ambassador A. Kupchyna (Belarus) (Moderator)

3. Subjects discussed – Statements:

Agenda item 8: *Concluding session*

(a) *Discussion:* Austria-European Union (with the candidate countries Albania, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia; the country of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidate country Bosnia and Herzegovina; the European Free Trade Association country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area; as well as Andorra, Georgia, Moldova and San Marino, in alignment), Spain, United States of America (EEF.DEL/55/18), Switzerland, Turkey, Armenia, Canada, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan, Moderator

(b) *Speakers*

– Mr. T. Greminger, OSCE Secretary General

– Ambassador V. Mati, Co-ordinator of 2018 OSCE Italian Chairmanship (EEF.GAL/57/18 OSCE+)

– Ambassador R. Boháč, Permanent Representative of Slovakia to the OSCE

4. Next meeting:

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Chairmanship: Slovakia



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STATEMENT BY THE DELEGATION OF FRANCE

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.

France aligns itself with the European Union statement on the draft declaration and decision of the Italian Chairmanship on, respectively, the security implications of digital transformation and human capital development. France would like to add a few remarks in its national capacity.

If adopted, the two documents of the Italian Chairmanship, emphasizing the contribution that the economic and environmental dimension makes to security in the OSCE area, would be an essential component of security and stability in Europe. They could be complemented favourably by a document ensuring the link between one of the Italian Chairmanship's fundamental priorities, namely, combating crime and trafficking, and environmental issues, on which the OSCE last stated its position in 2014.

What we could do is, in agreement with the Kazakh Chairmanship of the second dimension committee and the Spanish Chairmanship of the first dimension committee, as well as the Italian OSCE Chairmanship, begin reflecting on the OSCE's contribution to fighting environmental crime.

The transnational nature of environmental crime, its structured and organized networks, and the potential links with drug trafficking, corruption and often firearms trafficking are all subjects of concern which negatively impact security in the OSCE area. The OSCE has the tools to address these issues:

- The Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities;
- The Border Management Staff College;
- The Strategic Police Matters Unit; and
- Field operations.

We welcome the organization of a joint committee on environmental crime on 8 October, with the agreement of the Kazakh Chairmanship of the Economic and

Environmental Committee, the Spanish Chairmanship of the Security Committee and the Italian OSCE Chairmanship.

Between this date and the Ministerial Council in Milan in December, we could, if you agree, begin negotiations to arrive at a decision in Milan on this important matter.

I thank you and I ask the Secretariat to attach this statement to the journal of the day.