

2017 OSCE Youth Conference @OSCEYouthMalaga

PROGRAM



















Youth is not only a demographic and democratic imperative nowadays but an important stakeholder in the maintenance and promotion of peace and security. Armed conflicts and the rise of political, ethnic and religious radicalization and violent extremism in the OSCE area requires to address youth needs but also to count on the important contribution of young people. They still are an untapped resource whose positive contribution can add much to the common efforts to achieve stability and development in our region.

December 2015 was a hallmark in the Youth and Security agenda due to the unanimous adoption of UN Security Council Resolution 2250, on Youth, Peace and Security. The resolution recognizes the important and positive role of young people and delivers a clear message to the international community to take active measures for the participation of youth in promoting a culture of peace, in conflict prevention, conflict resolution and post-conflict situations.

The OSCE is not losing track of these developments. The last Chairmanships-in-Office of Switzerland, Serbia and Germany gave new impetus to youth participation recognizing their role in the implementation of OSCE commitments. Thus, in 2014, the Basel Ministerial Declaration (MC.DOC/3/14) reaffirmed the contribution of Youth in the implementation of OSCE commitments in all three dimensions; and in 2015 in Belgrade two Ministerial Declarations were adopted on Youth and Security (MC.DOC/5/15), and on Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism and Radicalization that Lead to Terrorism (MC.DOC/4/15) acknowledging the importance of working with youth. This important effort has been taken up by Austria as current Chairmanship in Office by setting youth issues as one of its priorities during 2017.

Ten years ago, the First OSCE Youth Forum took place in Madrid during the OSCE Spanish Chairmanship of 2007. This Anniversary provides a timely occasion to revisit the achievements of these 10 last years and to discuss UN Security Council Resolution 2250 on Youth, Peace and Security and OSCE commitments and its implementation, as well as opportunities for young people's participation in peacebuilding today, how to support them, and the ways to promote Youth participation and Youth mainstreaming in the work of the Organization.

Furthermore, in these 10 years new Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) have contributed to change the way citizens perceive the world. Social networks are used by young people to spreading ideas, opinions and insights. Its impact on international security is difficult to measure but this is an undisputable fact. From the North of Africa to the heart of Europe, or to Central Asia, the mass exchange of information through twitter or Facebook, manly among youngsters, has influenced important geopolitical changes.

This is also the right time to take advantage of the important transformation that the social media and new ICTs bring. Young women and men, many of them *digital natives,* are in the best position to offer creative solutions benefiting from the new ICTs in order to strengthen security and cooperation across the OSCE.

In this regard, the Conference takes into consideration this perspective, not only in the substance through the three OSCE dimensions but also as a methodology. An online platform (www.osceyouthmalagaconference2017.es) was established to facilitate the preparation of the debates. Participants have already started the discussions. We are looking forward to seeing you in Málaga.









AGENDA

May 24th

Arrival of Participants and Registration

20:00-21:00 **Dinner** (Venue: Patio Pabellón Bahía)

May 25th

- 09:00-09:45 **Registration**
- 10:00-10:20 **Opening ceremony** (Venue: Pabellón Ipacaraí) (Streaming and English-Spanish interpretation)
 - Director of CEULAJ, Mr. Javier Berlanga
 - Ambassador Special Representative for the Austrian OSCE Chairmanship 2017, Mr. Christian Strohal
 - OSCE Secretary General, Mr. Lamberto Zannier
 - Minister of Health, Social Services and Equality of Spain, Ms. Dolors Montserrat

10:20-10:30 **Family photo** (Venue: Patio Pabellón Bahía)

10:45-11:45 **High Level Session I – Supporting and empowering Youth: challenges and opportunities for the young generations** (Venue: Pabellón Ipacaraí) (Streaming and English-Spanish interpretation)

Supporting and empowering youth is nowadays an ongoing work for national governments and regional and international organizations. Youth is at the same time a group with particular needs that require attention and an important stakeholder to ensure sustainable peace and economic prosperity.

The motivation to incorporate youth in issues of peace and security was born primarily out in relation to security threats. Yet, in the last years, the role of youth in shaping lasting peace and security, in preventing radicalization and extremism, or in building inclusive ant tolerant societies has been further acknowledge and emphasized, namely by Security Council resolution 2250 (2015) on Youth Peace and Security.

The session will provide a platform to discuss the need to work for and with young people; how to address young women and young men threats and priorities and how to meaningful engage and empower young people to shape a world that is inclusive and beneficial for all.

- President of the Spanish Youth Council, Ms. Julia Chica Linares
- Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs of Montenegro, Mr. Zoran Jankovic
- Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs of Greece, Mr. Ioannis Amanatidis
- ODIHR Director, Mr. Michael Link
- CiO Special Representative for Youth and Security of the OSCE Chairmanship, Mr. Nico Schernbeck
- Director General for United Nations and Human Rights, Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Spain, Mr. Francisco Javier Sanabria Valderrama







11:45-12:45 High Level Session II – Building security together: enlarging youth participation

(Venue: Pabellón Ipacaraí) (Streaming and English-Spanish interpretation)

There is a tendency by decision makers to talk about youth rather than work with youth. Security Council Resolution 2250 and other international commitments such as resolutions Countering Terrorism deliver a clear message to the international community stressing the need to involving youth on issues of peace and security.

The young generation represents a demographic and democratic imperative we cannot ignore. The whole potential of the young generations can only be untapped by engaging and empowering youth to participate at all levels, local, national and international. This may require structural reforms, new forms of political participation and an increased youth involvement in decision making and policy formulation.

The session will provide a platform to discuss how can we transcend the boundaries of traditional youth participation and explore new forms of youth engagement at all levels.

- OSCE Secretary General, Mr. Lamberto Zannier
- Vice Minister for Youth of Kazakhstan, Mr. Akylbek Kamaldinov
- Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs of Egypt, Ms. Laila Bahaa El-Din
- Chair of the General Committee on Democracy, Human Rights and Humanitarian Questions, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, Mr. Ignacio Sánchez Amor
- Vice President of the European Youth Forum, Ms. Carina Anna Autengruber
- Director General of the Spanish Institute for Youth, Mr. Javier Dorado

(Note: Coffee corner available)

12:45-13:15 Work programme presentation

(Venue: Pabellón Ipacaraí)

- Mr. Ignacio Talegón Campoamor, Youth and Security Focal Point, OSCE Secretariat
- Ms. Milena Stosic, Former CiO Special Representative
- Working Groups Facilitators
- 13:30-14:30 **Lunch** Offered to all Delegates and participants (Venue: Patio Pabellón Bahía)

15:30-19:30 Working Groups sessions

(Venue: Pabellón Tenquemada) Youth, Facilitators, Experts and Rapporteurs Coffee breaks available

I Dimension Working Group I: "Youth, Peace and Security"

In the light of UNSC Resolution 2250/15, in which ways can we increase inclusive representation of youth in decision-making and in mechanisms for the prevention and resolution of conflicts? How can we facilitate an enabling environment in which youth actors are provided with adequate support to implement prevention activities and support social cohesion? How could OSCE Missions in the field take into account youth-related considerations regarding their work? How can we reinforce synergies between United Nations, the European Union and the OSCE in order to promote the role of Youth in peace and security?

Facilitator:

 Ms. Sandra Saccheti, Head of External Co-operation Section, Office of the OSCE Secretary General







Rapporteur:

• Ms. Nigina Abdullaeva, Youth Focal Point, OSCE Office in Tajikistan

Invited experts:

- Mr. Bojan Janković, Focal Point on Youth Affairs, Youth Advisory Group Co-ordinator (OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina)
- Mr. Tobias Peyerl, Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force, United Nations Department of Political Affairs
- Mr. Nico Schernbeck, CiO Special Representative for Youth and Security of the OSCE Chairmanship
- Ms. Maaike van Adrichem, Adviser on gender issues, OSCE Gender Section
- Ms. Anna Ielisieieva, Youth Focal Point, Youth Contact Group Initiative Co-ordinator (OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine)
- Ms. Fatiha Hassouni, Programme Manager at the Social & Civil Affairs division of the Union for the Mediterranean

I Dimension Working Group II: "Youth and social media: countering radicalization and extremism"

Social media can be used as a tool for prevention when facing terrorist threats or combating radicalization and extremism. How can youngsters take advantage of their knowledge of social media to foster this preventive role? How can young people participate in designing and implementing awareness raising and prevention campaigns? How can the main social networks contribute to spread inclusive messages and to counter radicalization?

Facilitator:

• Mr. Víctor Fernández Manosalvas, Spanish Police representative

Rapporteur:

• Ms. Sulkhiyo Ruzieva, Youth Focal Point, OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan

Invited experts:

- Mr. Marcos Vega Gómez, Ambassador, Special Adviser on International Cooperation against Terrorism and Transnational Organized Crime
- Mr. Matteo Pugliese, CiO Special Representative for Youth and Security of the OSCE Chairmanship
- Ms. Tanja Oblak-Črnič, University of Ljubljana "Peer to peer challenging extremism"

II Dimension Working Group III: "Cybersecurity and the economic impact of malware"

Cybercrime is getting easier and has significant costs and impacts to individuals and economy: loss of intellectual property, additional costs for securing networks, cost of recovering from cyber-attacks. Is the solution a better monitoring of the digital world? In that case, what about privacy? How can we prevent youngsters from getting involved with cybercrime and use these skills positively?

Facilitator:

• Mr. Asif Safdary, CiO Special Representative for Youth and Security

Rapporteur:

• Ms. Meline Nahapetyan, Youth Focal Point, OSCE Office in Yerevan

Invited experts:

- Mr. Käroly Dán, Ambassador Permanent Representative of Hungary to the OSCE, Chair of the Informal Working Group on Cybersecurity
- Mr. Fernando Aranda Sánchez, Cibersecurity Operations Center, INDRA







II Dimension Working Group IV: "Youth Environmental Platforms: creating a sustainable world"

Young people are key actors in addressing environmental challenges and critical agents of change in building a sustainable future. How can youth environmental platforms reinforce the participation of young people in environmental protection and in policy making? How can young people engage different stakeholders in a dialogue on environmental challenges? How can we promote environmental education and generate greater awareness about environmental issues?

Facilitator:

• Ms. Esra Buttanri, Senior Environmental Affairs Adviser, Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCCEA)

Rapporteur:

• Ms. Jemal Meredova, Youth Focal Point, OSCE Centre in Ashgabat

Invited experts:

- Mr. Miguel García-Herraiz, Deputy Secretary General of the Union for the Mediterranean in charge of Water and Environment
- Ms. Bibigul Izbair, OSCE Programme Office in Astana
- Ms. Veronica Minaya, Water Youth Network

III Dimension Working Group V: "Promoting tolerance and countering disinformation online"

Social media and online platforms can be a channel for the promotion of tolerance and non-discrimination but also for the dissemination of hate speech or divisive rhetoric. How can young women and men cooperate to promote contents compatible with OSCE values and commitments? How to avoid online violent extremism while protecting the right to freedom of expression and freedom of information? How to increase quality and reliability of online content? How to harmonize active State tolerance and non-discrimination policies with editorial independence and media development? How to coordinate the action between digital intermediaries and content editors in order to avoid any possible interference or undesired forms of private censorship?

Facilitator:

• Mr. Joan Barata Mir, Legal consultant at Albany Associates

Rapporteur:

• Ms. Noemi Becerra Molina, Director of Institutional Relations and Training, Helsinki España-Human Dimension

Invited experts:

- Mr. Bruno del Mazo de Unamuno, Spanish Institute for Youth Council of Europe "No hate speech campaign"
- Mr. Irfan Saeed, Director for Countering Violent Extremism, Bureau of Counterterrorism, US State Department
- Ms. Henriett Dinok, Hate Crimes Expert







III Dimension Working Group VI: "Youth Political Participation"

New technologies are continuously changing the way citizens perceive democratic processes and affect the fu technologies are transforming the modalities democratic institutions can use to encourage political participation and increase public trust. Young women and men are taking a leading role in shaping this process and are changing the way democratic institutions need to think about political participation. While conventional political participation of youth is giving signs of significant decline in many OSCE participating States, other findings indicate that youth continue to be interested in politics, asking for new forms of political participation and the ability to identify those issues most relevant to them as well as the most effective tools to exert their influence. How, and to what extent, are young men and women able to promote new forms of political participation? How ready and open are our democratic institutions in embracing new direct and indirect forms of political participation for youth? What could be the role of new technologies in reframing youth political participation? And how can we ensure that new forms of political participation will protect rights of marginalized youth groups?

Facilitator:

• Mr. Jacopo Leone, Democratic Governance Officer, OSCE/ODIHR

Rapporteur:

• Mr. Andrea Salvoni, OSCE Secretariat, Junior Professional Officer

Invited experts:

- Mr. Ignacio Sánchez Amor, Chair of the General Committee on Democracy, Human Rights and Humanitarian Questions, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly
- Ms. Anna-Katharina Deininger, CiO Special Representative for Youth and Security of the OSCE Chairmanship
- Ms. Natalia Duminica, ODIHR Expert for Roma & Sinti issues
- Dr. Tomaž Deželan, Young Political Participation Expert
- Ms. Rode Margrete Hegstad, Norwegian Children and Youth Council

19:30-20:30 hs Dinner







May 26th

08:00-09:00 Breakfast

09:45-11:00 **Youth Forum Plenary session** Youth, Facilitators, Experts and Rapporteurs (Venue: Sala Europa - Pabellón Tenquemada)

The conclusions drawn up in the Working Groups will be presented by the Speakers.

Facilitators:

- Mr. Ignacio Talegón Campoamor, Youth and Security Focal Point, OSCE Secretariat
- Ms. Milena Stosic, Former CiO Special Representative
- 11:00-11:30 hs Coffee break

11:30-13:00 hs Conference Plenary session: the way forward (Delegations and Young Participants) (Venue: Pabellón Ipacaraí)

Presentation by the Keynote Speakers and recommendations of the Forum to the OSCE. Open Debate.

Facilitator:

• Special Representative for Youth and Security of the OSCE Chairmanship, Mr. Matteo Pugliese

Keynote speakers:

- Vicepresident of the European Union Committe, Spanish Parliament, M.P., Mr. Pablo Casado Blanco
- OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine, Ambassador, Mr. Vaidotas Verba

Presentation of the recommendations by Representatives from the Working Groups

13:00-13:30 Closing ceremony

(Venue: Pabellón Ipacaraí)

- OSCE Secretary General, Mr. Lamberto Zannier
- Director General of the Spanish Institute for Youth, Mr. Javier Dorado
- Chair of the OSCE Group of Friends of Youth and Security, Ambassador Ms. M. Victoria González Román

13:30-14:30 Lunch and farewell

(Venue: Patio Pabellón Bahía)















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