

OSCE activities in Energy Security

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Outline of the presentation

- The OSCE and its mandate in Energy Security
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3 Dimensions of the OSCE

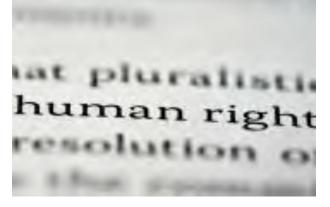
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Economic and Environmental

Human





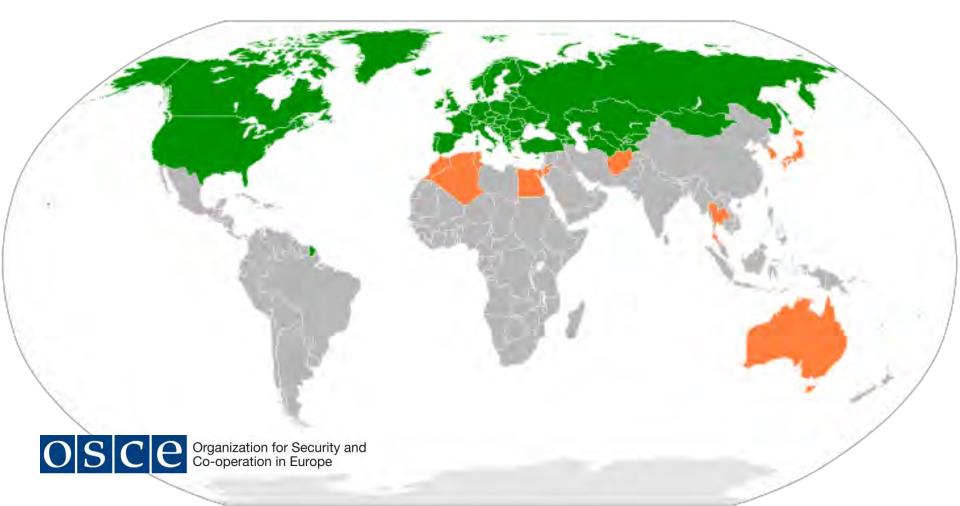




Geographical scope

OSCE participating states

Partners for Co-operation





 15 OSCE Field Presences with 20+ EEOs (Economic and Environmental Officers)
20+ OCEEA staff (Secretariat in Vienna)

KAZ

UZB

TKM

KGZ



UA

Mandate of the OSCE in Energy Security

OSCE involved with Energy Security since 2003 Maastricht Strategy Document for the Economic and Environmental Dimension.



Mandate of the OSCE in Energy Security

Maastricht was followed by 3 MC Decisions from 2006 to 2009

- 1. Brussels Ministerial Council Decision No. 12/06: "Energy Security Dialogue in the OSCE"
- 2. Madrid Ministerial Council Decision No. 6/07: "Protecting Critical Energy Infrastructure from Terrorist Attack"
- 3. Athens Ministerial Council Decision No. 6/09: "Strengthening Dialogue and Co-operation on Energy Security in the OSCE Area"



MC Kiev 2013, new Decisions

MC.DEC/5/13 :

"Improving the environmental footprint of energy-related activities in the OSCE region"

MC.DEC/6/13 :

"Protection of energy networks from natural and man-made disasters"





20th OSCE Ministerial Council

Kyiv, 5-6 December 2013

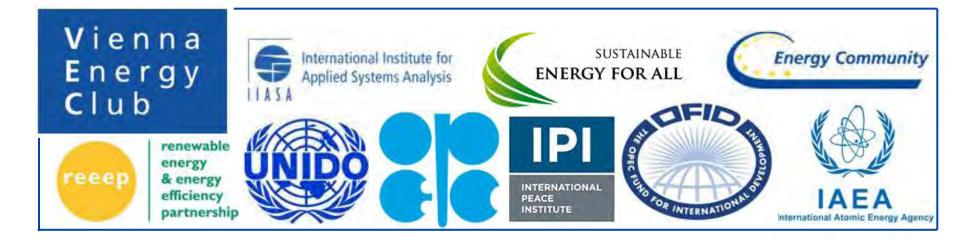


Specific Thematic areas for engagement:

- Promoting good governance, transparency in the energy sector;
- Continued focus on addressing threats to critical energy infrastructure;
- Promoting sustainable energy solutions;
- Promoting increased awareness regarding linkages between energy security & climate change;
- Possible role in confidence building and development of early warning mechanism.



OSCE Partners for Energy



+ Organizations outside of Vienna, including Energy Charter Secretariat, IEA, IRENA, UNECE and NATO.

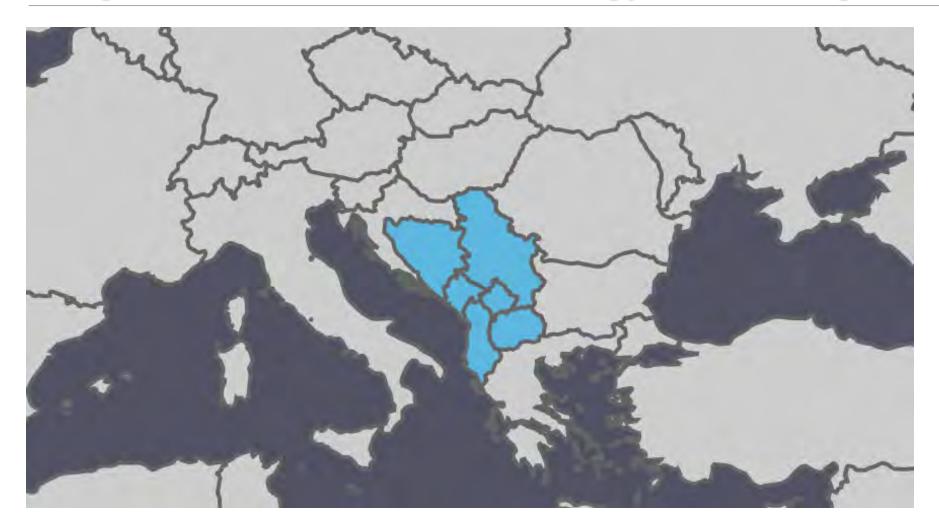


International Renewable Energy Agency

OSCCCCOrganization for Security and Co-operation in Europe



Programmatic Activities in Energy in SEE region





OSCE Energy-related Activities in Serbia

- "Enhancing Environmental Security by Addressing Energy Challenges", seminar in Belgrade, February 2013.
- "Energy Efficiency Forum", in Sremski Karlovci, May 2013.
- * "Educational camp on Energy Security and Environmental Democracy", in Sremski Karlovci, June 2013.



OSCE Energy-related Activities in Albania

- Two regional meetings on mining and oil "Promoting the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI)", organized by the OSCE Presence in Albania, March 2014.
- High-level workshop to promote EITI at national level, Tirana, April 2014.
- Roundtable on "Initiatives in the field of Renewable Energies - an important step towards Sustainable Development", Aarhus Centre Vlora, Orikum, June 2014.



Major Energy-related OSCE Activities since 2013

- 21st OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum in 2013 on "Increasing Stability and Security: Improving the Environmental Footprint of Energy-Related Activities"
- Chairmanship Conference on Energy Security and Sustainability, Turkmenistan, October 2013
- Workshops on Energy Diplomacy, Turkmenistan (2013/14) and Tajikistan (2013)
- Workshops on Sustainable Energy (Uzbekistan October 2013, Mediterranean Partners in Vienna April 2013)
- Centre of Excellence on Renewable Energy in Mary, Turkmenistan, March 2014.



Previous OSCE activities in NNCEIP

- First OSCE Expert Meeting on "Protecting Non-Nuclear Critical Energy Infrastructure from Terrorist Attacks" in Vienna, back in July 2008.
- Last OSCE training on "Protecting Non-Nuclear Critical Energy infrastructure from Terrorist Attacks", Kyrgyzstan, October 2014.







Recent activities in NNCEIP - Natural Disasters

- Sharing Best Practices to Protect Electricity Networks from Natural Disasters", Expert Workshop, Vienna, July 2014.
- Securing Energy Supply : How to better protect energy networks from disruptions", Bratislava Energy Charter Forum, October 2014.









OSCE Energy Activities Going Forward & Conclusion







Upcoming OSCE activities in Energy

1. Promote sustainable energy

- Side event on Sustainable Energy, Astana Economic Forum, May 2015.
- Advancing Sustainable Energy, Contact Group Meeting with the Mediterranean Partners, September 2015.
- Field Study to Germany and Austria on Renewable Energy for the OSCE Mediterranean Partners, Summer 2015.

2.Strengthen energy sector resilience to climate change

 Development of a Handbook of Best Practices on "Energy Networks Protection from Natural Disasters", release planned towards the end of 2015.



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