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Biographies of Moderators and Speakers

“Strengthening security and stability in the OSCE area through
anticipating technologies and science-based diplomacy”

CONCLUDING MEETING

Prague, 10 – 11 September 2026

Czernin Palace, Loretánské nám. 5, Prague

VIDEO MESSAGE



H.E. Ignazio Cassis

2026 OSCE Chairperson-in-Office; Federal Councillor, Head of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland

Born in 1961 in Sessa, in the Italian-speaking part of Switzerland (Canton of Ticino), Ignazio Cassis is a Federal Councillor of the Swiss Confederation. Before entering politics, he worked as a medical doctor – active also in various health-sector associations and in the fields of public health and prevention.

While serving as the cantonal physician, he was elected in 2007 to the National Council, the lower chamber of the Swiss Federal Parliament, as a member of FDP-The Liberals. In 2017, Ignazio Cassis was elected to the Federal Council, the Swiss executive, and since then has headed the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), serving as Switzerland's foreign minister. In accordance with the seniority principle of the Federal Council, he became President of the Swiss Confederation in 2022. In 2026, in addition to serving as Chairperson-in-Office of the OSCE – Switzerland's third OSCE Presidency – he will also hold the position of Vice-President of the Confederation.

Ignazio Cassis speaks Italian, German, French and English. Throughout his career, he has been a strong advocate of multilingualism in Switzerland and of the co-existence of its four national languages and cultures, while also underscoring the importance of peaceful co-existence among diverse cultures at the international level.

He is married and lives between Bern, the capital of Switzerland, and his hometown in Ticino.

OPENING SESSION

Thursday, 10 September 2026, 09:00 – 09:45



WELCOMING REMARKS

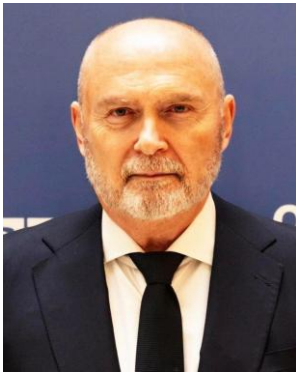
H.E. Petr Macinka

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic

Petr Macinka has served as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic since December 2025. He was elected to the Chamber of Deputies in October 2025 for the South Moravian Region and is the founder and chairman of the Motorists for Themselves party, which he has led since 2022.

From 2008 to 2013 he worked in the Office of the President of the Republic as Head of the Press Service and Deputy Director of the Press Department. From 2013 to 2025 he was a manager at the Václav Klaus Institute, bringing long experience in the public sphere, strategic communication and the media environment.

Mr. Macinka studied political science and international relations at the CEVRO Institute, where he obtained his bachelor's and master's degrees.



WELCOMING REMARKS

H.E. Feridun H. Sinirlioğlu

[OSCE Secretary General](#)

Feridun H. Sinirlioğlu (Türkiye) is the eighth OSCE Secretary General, appointed in December 2024. Prior to his appointment, he served as the Permanent Representative of Türkiye to the United Nations from 2016 to 2023. In 2023, he was also appointed by UN Secretary-General António Guterres as the UN Special Co-ordinator for the Independent Assessment mandated by UN Security Council Resolution 2679 (2023).

He has also held the positions of Minister of Foreign Affairs of Türkiye in the interim government of 2015, and of Permanent Under-Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Türkiye from 2015 to 2016 and from 2009 to 2015.

Mr. Sinirlioğlu holds a PhD from the School of Political Science and International Relations at Boğaziçi University in Istanbul and a bachelor's degree from the Political Science Faculty of Ankara University.



WELCOMING REMARKS

H.E. Alexandre Fasel

[State Secretary, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland](#)

Alexandre Fasel took up his position as State Secretary for Foreign Affairs on 1 September 2023. From June 2021 onwards he served as the Special Representative for Science Diplomacy of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs. As Ambassador of Switzerland in the United Kingdom from autumn 2017, he contributed to the implementation of the Swiss Government's 'Mind the Gap' strategy on Brexit.

During the course of his career he has engaged with the topics of European integration, the interface between foreign and domestic policy, foreign policy analysis and policy formulation as well as multilateral diplomacy, the latter as Head of the UN Division at the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and as Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the Office of the United Nations and other International Organisations in Geneva.



KEYNOTE SPEECH

Professor Marilyne Andersen

[Director General, Geneva Science and Diplomacy Anticipator \(GESDA\)](#)

Marilyne Andersen is the Director General of the Geneva Science and Diplomacy Anticipator (GESDA), where she leads efforts to bridge frontier science with global diplomacy and long-term decision-making.

Trained as a physicist and a leading expert in the field of daylight in relation to neuroscience and psychophysics, she is a Full Professor at EPFL, working at the intersection of science, engineering, design and society to translate research into real-world impact. Dean of the ENAC School at EPFL from 2013 to 2018, she has also been a Professor at MIT and a Visiting Professor at the Lawrence Berkeley Lab and at SUTD in Singapore.



MODERATOR

Ambassador Raphael Nægeli

Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the OSCE

Ambassador Raphael Nægeli was born on 29 September 1969 in Zurich, Switzerland. He attended schools in Zurich and graduated in 1996 with a Master of Philosophy after studies in History, Economy and History of Eastern Europe at the University of Zurich and the Free University Berlin.

Following professional experience in journalism and banking, he started his diplomatic career in 1998 at the Office of European Integration within the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs. He was subsequently posted at the Embassies in Sarajevo and Budapest and, from 2002 to 2004, as first collaborator of the Swiss Embassy in Sarajevo.

On his return to Bern in 2004, he became head of the policy planning unit at the Human Security Division of the FDFA. Seconded to the International Civilian Office, he headed its Unit for Minority Integration from 2008 to 2011. Returning to Bern in 2011, Raphael Nægeli first became Regional Coordinator for South Eastern Europe, in 2012 Deputy Head in the rank of Minister, and in 2015 Head of the Task Force for the Swiss OSCE Chairmanship.

From August 2016 to August 2018 he was Deputy Head of the Human Security Division of the FDFA with the rank of Minister, and from August 2018 to May 2022 Assistant State Secretary for Asia/Pacific in the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs.

SESSION I

Leveraging the OSCE's potential through anticipating technologies

Thursday, 10 September 2026, 09:45 – 10:30



MODERATOR

Ambassador Melita Župevc

Permanent Representative of the Republic of Slovenia to the UN, OSCE and other International Organizations in Vienna; Chair of the OSCE Economic and Environmental Committee

Ambassador Melita Župevc has held various prominent positions, including serving as State Secretary in the Office of the Prime Minister of Slovenia from 2022 to 2024. She was a Member of Parliament from 2008 to 2014, chairing the Commission for Public Office and Elections and participating in several key parliamentary committees, including the Committee on Defence and the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

She also led Slovenia's delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly and acted as Public Relations Adviser to the President of the Republic of Slovenia. Her earlier career includes advisory roles within the National Assembly and experience as a journalist.

Ambassador Župevc holds a Master's degree in International Relations from the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, and an MSc in International Strategy and Diplomacy from the London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom.



S P E A K E R

Mr. Michal Gromek

Fintech Executive, Ecosystem Builder and Author; Leading Virtual Asset Expert to the OSCE

Michal Gromek is a specialist in financial crime risk, virtual-asset regulation, and the cross-sectoral dynamics that shape compliance, supervision, and policy across the crypto and fintech ecosystem, and serves as the Leading Virtual Asset Expert to the OSCE.

He works at the intersection of blockchain technology, AML/CFT frameworks, and supervisory practice, with a focus on how illicit actors exploit virtual assets and how states and institutions can respond effectively. His work explores how money-laundering and sanctions-evasion risks spread across cryptocurrency markets, over-the-counter networks, and decentralised finance protocols, translating these dynamics into regulatory guidance, supervisory strategies, and training frameworks designed for practical enforceability.

With over a decade of international experience across 42 countries, he has advised institutions including the OSCE, the Council of Europe, the UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), INTERPOL, the Egmont Group, Adam Smith International, Transparency International, national financial intelligence units, central banks, and supervisory authorities on virtual-asset AML/CFT, decision-support tools, and crypto-informed regulatory and enforcement planning. His work has contributed to shaping legislative frameworks, including MiCA-style regimes, as well as large-scale capacity-building programmes for regulators and law enforcement.

His current work examines the emergence of systemic risks within interconnected crypto and fintech infrastructure, as well as the application of blockchain analytics, public-private partnerships, and advanced investigative techniques to strengthen the resilience of financial systems against crypto-enabled financial crime. He previously served as Chief Compliance Officer at Safello, a Stockholm-based Nasdaq-listed virtual-asset service provider; chairs the Digital Asset Task Force of the Global Coalition to Fight Financial Crime and sits on its Executive Committee; and his commentary has been featured in Forbes, INTERPOL, World Economic Forum, OSCE, and UNODC publications, as well as at major fintech and AML conferences worldwide.



S P E A K E R

Dr. Homero Paltán

[International Expert on Energy, Water and Systemic Risks; Teaching and Research Fellow, University of Oxford](#)

Homero Paltán is an international practitioner and a Teaching and Research Fellow at the University of Oxford, with over 15 years of experience in systemic risk, infrastructure resilience and cross-sectoral dynamics under global change. His work examines how climate and resource pressures propagate across energy, water and supply chain networks.

He develops and applies integrated analytical frameworks, geospatial approaches and decision-support tools that translate complex risk dynamics into investment strategies, infrastructure solutions and policy design, with an emphasis on robustness and long-term performance.

Dr. Paltán has worked across more than 30 countries, advising institutions including the World Bank, OSCE, the Inter-American Development Bank and several United Nations agencies on systemic risk management, the development of decision-support tools and systems, and climate-informed infrastructure planning. His work has shaped major public-sector programmes and large-scale infrastructure investments.

His current activities lie in understanding the emergence of systemic risks in interconnected infrastructure, and in the application of Earth observation, geospatial platforms, artificial intelligence, participatory approaches and nature-based solutions to inform global public and private investments and to strengthen the resilience of water and energy systems.

He holds a doctorate from the University of Oxford on global climate risks and infrastructure systems, and his research has been featured in international media including Bloomberg, the Financial Times and the Washington Post.

SESSION II

Strengthening the OSCE's ability to anticipate

Thursday, 10 September 2026, 11:00 – 12:30



M O D E R A T O R

Ambassador Brian Flynn

[Permanent Representative of Ireland to the OSCE](#)

Ambassador Brian Flynn has served as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Ireland to the OSCE since September 2025. Prior to this, he was Deputy Political Director with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade in Dublin from 2022 to 2025.

From 2017 to 2022 Ambassador Flynn served as Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Ireland to the UN in New York, including during Ireland's term on the Security Council (2021–2022). Previous assignments have included at the Embassy of Ireland in Berlin (Deputy Head of Mission from 2013 to 2015 and Head of Political and Foreign Policy from 2011 to 2013), Deputy Director of the Russia/Europe Section in Dublin from 2009 to 2011, and

Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Ireland in Prague, with secondary accreditation to Ukraine, from 2005 to 2009.

On entering the diplomatic service in 2002, Ambassador Flynn gained experience in the Protocol and Consular Divisions of the Department. From 2000 to 2002 he worked as a Fund Accountant with AIB/Bank of New York in Dublin.

Ambassador Flynn holds a Master of Science in Economics (Policy Analysis) from the National University of Ireland in Dublin, a Master of Arts in European Integration from the University of Limerick, and a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations and Politics from Coventry University.

Ambassador Flynn is married and has three children.



KEYNOTE SPEECH

Mr. Christos Stylianides

Member of Parliament and former Minister for Climate Crisis and Civil Protection (Greece), former European Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management

Christos Stylianides is currently a Member of Parliament of the Hellenic Republic, elected with the New Democracy Party on 25 June 2023.

In 2025, together with a group of global experts and political personalities, he established the Foundation for Geopolitics, Strategy and Development for Europe and the Eastern Mediterranean (IGESA) to address the geopolitical challenges of a volatile global environment, promote regional collaboration and formulate pragmatic and concrete policies. He is currently IGESA's Honorary Chairman.

In 2021, he was appointed Minister of Climate Crisis and Civil Protection of Greece and in 2023 he was appointed Minister of Maritime Affairs and Insular Policy of Greece until 2025.

He also served as European Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management (2014–2019). In addition, the European Council appointed him EU Ebola Coordinator. For his global humanitarian work he was characterised as the “humanitarian face of Europe”. He is also considered the “architect” of rescEU, the bold initiative that upgraded significantly the European civil protection system.

He also served as Member of the European Parliament (European People's Party) until his confirmation as European Commissioner. In 2021, he was appointed by the European Commission as EU Special Envoy for Freedom of Religion or Belief (FoRB).

In two different periods he served as Government Spokesperson of the Republic of Cyprus (2013–2014 and 1998–1999). Between 2006 and 2013 he was a Member of the House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus (elected in 2006 and 2011 with DISY) with a strong parliamentary record. From 2006 to 2011 he was also a member of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and was elected a Member of its Bureau in 2012.

He has been Visiting Professor in Practice at the Medical School of the University of Nicosia-Cyprus and he served as Visiting Professor at the

Department of Health Policy at the London School of Economics (LSE) in Great Britain, and at the Ruhr Universität Research School of Germany.



S P E A K E R

Ms. Céline Jauffret

[Director, Division of Meteorological and Sectoral Services, World Meteorological Organization](#)

Céline Jauffret is Director of the Division of Meteorological and Sectoral Services at the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) in Geneva. Her work focuses on enhancing the delivery of user-oriented services that support decision-making across weather- and climate-sensitive key sectors, including early warnings and disaster risk reduction, marine, aviation, agriculture, health and energy.

Prior to joining the WMO, her career was marked by extensive operational experience within the French Meteorological Service, Météo-France, particularly in the areas of nowcasting, early warning and crisis management in support of authorities. She notably led frontline meteorological teams during high-impact events, including Cyclone Chido, which struck Mayotte in December 2024.

This experience provided her with deep expertise in operational forecasting in support of emergency response, and the delivery of actionable meteorological information to decision-makers and vulnerable communities.



S P E A K E R

Ms. Federica Onori

[OSCE PA Special Representative on Artificial Intelligence, Member of Parliament of Italy](#)

Federica Onori is an Italian Member of Parliament, elected to the Chamber of Deputies in October 2022. She serves as Secretary of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and is a member of the Italian delegation to the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly. In September 2025, she was appointed OSCE PA Special Representative on Artificial Intelligence.

She is active in international initiatives for youth: she is Vice-Chair of the Young Parliamentarians Network within the OSCE PA and co-chair of the IMF Global Young MP Initiative. She holds a bachelor's degree in Mathematics and a PhD in Statistics from Sapienza University of Rome. She previously worked as a statistical assistant at the European Commission.



S P E A K E R

Mr. Yussel De Kraa

Senior Client Manager, Public Sector Solutions, Vice President, Swiss Reinsurance Company Ltd

Yussel De Kraa is Senior Client Manager in Swiss Re's Public Sector Solutions team, which supports governments at all levels in strengthening their financial resilience. He works with public sector stakeholders to address their risk management needs by co-creating innovative insurance solutions within public-private partnerships.

Mr. De Kraa started his career in mergers and acquisitions in the utility and renewable energy sector before joining Swiss Re's commercial insurance business, focusing on medium and large enterprises. He subsequently moved to Swiss Re's reinsurance business in Hong Kong and later joined the Public Sector Solutions team in Zurich. After initially focusing on the Middle East and Africa, he now works primarily across the Benelux, Nordics and Central Asia.

He holds an MSc in Financial Economics from Erasmus University Rotterdam in the Netherlands.

The Swiss Re Group is a leading wholesale provider of reinsurance, insurance and other insurance-based forms of risk transfer. Swiss Re deploys its capital strength, expertise and innovation power to enable the risk taking upon which enterprise and progress in society depend.

SESSION III

The role of science in diplomacy

Thursday, 10 September 2026, 14:00 – 15:15



MODERATOR

Ambassador Evangelos Kalpadakis

[Permanent Representative of Greece to the OSCE](#)

Evangelos Kalpadakis is the Permanent Representative of Greece to the OSCE in Vienna. He joined the Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2005 and has served as Director of the Diplomatic Office of the Prime Minister (2015–2019), Diplomatic Adviser to the Head of the Main Opposition (2019–2023) and founding Director of the Alexis Tsipras Institute for Peace, Justice and Sustainable Growth (2023–2025).

Earlier he served at the Permanent Representation of Greece during the 2009 OSCE Chairpersonship (2008–2010), at the Embassy of Greece in Ankara (2011–2014), the Directorate for NATO, Euro-Atlantic Security and the OSCE, the Directorate for Turkey–Aeronautical Affairs Section, the Directorate for Southeast European Countries, supporting the Greek 2006 SEECP Presidency, and the Diplomatic Office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Ambassador Kalpadakis holds a BSc in History, Philosophy and Sociology of Science from UCL and MSc degrees in European Politics and Policy, as well as Sociology, from the London School of Economics.



KEYNOTE SPEECH

Mr. Robert Abisoghomonian

[Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Republic of Armenia](#)

Mr. Robert Abisoghomonian was appointed Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia in February 2025 and oversees the portfolios of international security, multilateral diplomacy and human rights. Prior to his appointment, he was Adviser to the Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2023 to 2025 and Assistant to the Minister from 2021 to 2023.

Earlier in his diplomatic career, he held various positions at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia, the Embassy of Armenia in Romania and the Permanent Mission of Armenia to the OSCE, working primarily on international security and multilateral affairs.

Mr. Abisoghomonian holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in International Relations from Yerevan State University and a PhD in Political Science from the University of Bucharest. He is the author of several scholarly articles.



S P E A K E R

Mr. Ping Yowargana

Senior Research Scholar, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis

Ping Yowargana is an interdisciplinary researcher focusing on enhancing the policy relevance of scientific assessments in the fields of nature-based solutions and sustainable energy. His research aims to bridge the gap between scientific findings and practical application in policymaking. His work translates complex scientific data into actionable insights for decision makers, ensuring that it contributes to effective policies and initiatives that promote sustainability at the national, regional and global levels.

At IIASA he leads large-scale initiatives that address complex environmental issues, such as the RESTORE+ project, which is among the institute's most ambitious externally funded projects with multifaceted objectives around the topic of forest and landscape restoration. He also leads the work on equitable power sector decarbonisation for Indonesia, which aims at analytical integration between land use and energy system modelling.

Mr. Yowargana first joined IIASA in 2014 after finishing his tenure as a Director overseeing the delivery of energy sector priorities for the President's Delivery Unit for Development Monitoring and Oversight of Indonesia (UKP4). He holds a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering from Tsinghua University and a master's degree in socio-ecological economics and policy from the Vienna University of Economics and Business.



S P E A K E R

Dr. Svitlana Krakovska

Vice National Focal Point of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change to Ukraine; Science Policy Interface Member of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification

Dr. Svitlana Krakovska leads the Laboratory of Applied Climatology at the Ukrainian Hydrometeorological Institute. She holds a PhD in Geophysics with over three decades of experience in meteorology, climate modelling and adaptation. Since 2013, she has represented Ukraine as Vice National Focal Point for the IPCC and contributed to IPCC AR6 as Review Editor, Lead and Contributing Author.

She serves on the UN Taskforce Expert Group on Net Zero and the UNCCD Science-Policy Interface. She overwintered at Ukraine's Antarctic station "Akademik Vernadsky" in 1997/98 and in 2021 received the Order of Princess Olga (Third Class) for her contributions to polar science.

Nature included her among its "10 people who helped shape science in 2022" in a profile titled Voice for Ukraine, highlighting her efforts to link fossil fuel dependence, climate change and the war in Ukraine. In 2025, she was elected an International Member of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences.



S P E A K E R

Mr. Francesco Sermi

Team Lead, European Commission Joint Research Centre, Knowledge Centre on Migration and Demography

Francesco Sermi is a team and project leader at the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC). He holds a PhD in Engineering in Informatics, Multimedia and Telecommunications and has worked at the EU Knowledge Centre on Migration and Demography since its establishment in 2016.

As a researcher and senior data scientist, he has designed and developed several interactive tools supporting the European Commission's evidence-based policymaking on international migration and demography across Member States and their regions.

Before joining the Commission, he worked in academia as a postdoctoral researcher at the Italian National Laboratory of Radar and Microwaves, and in the private sector as an R&D engineer specialising in radar systems. Drawing on this background, in his first project at the JRC he designed and developed an innovative radar sensor for drones and aerostats to support search and rescue operations for migrants in the Mediterranean Sea.

STATEMENTS BY DELEGATIONS

Thursday, 10 September 2026, 15:45 – 17:30



M O D E R A T O R

Mr. Nicolas Plattner

Minister, Deputy Head of Mission, Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the OSCE

Minister Nicolas Plattner is Deputy Head of Mission at the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the OSCE, the United Nations and other International Organizations in Vienna, a post he has held since 2022.

He joined the Swiss diplomatic service in 2007 and had his first assignment at the Swiss Embassy in Berlin. Between 2008 and 2009, he worked at the Swiss Mission to the United Nations in Geneva and served at the World Health Organization and the International Labour Organization. From 2009 to 2013 he was Deputy Head of the Swiss Embassy in Islamabad, covering also Afghanistan. From 2013 to 2018, he was Deputy Head of the Swiss Mission to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. From 2018, Minister Plattner worked as Head of arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation, as well as Deputy Head of the security policy division at the FDFA in Bern.

Before he started his career as a diplomat, Nicolas Plattner worked on terrorism and non-proliferation at the Federal Department of Defence for seven years.

Minister Nicolas Plattner earned his MA degree in International Relations at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva and has a Security Studies Diploma from York University, Toronto, Canada.

Nicolas Plattner speaks French, German and English. He is married and has two children.

SESSION IV

Technologies in action – strengthening local actors and capacities

Friday, 11 September 2026, 09:00 – 10:15



MODERATOR

Ambassador Djordje Radulović

Permanent Representative of Montenegro to the OSCE, UN and other International Organizations in Vienna

Ambassador Djordje Radulović is currently the Permanent Representative of Montenegro to the United Nations, the OSCE and other International Organizations in Vienna. He is a former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro and former Foreign Policy Adviser to the Prime Minister of Montenegro.

As a career diplomat with extensive experience in foreign policy, European integration and international relations, he also served as National Co-ordinator of Montenegro for the Berlin Process and as Director of the EU Affairs Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro. Earlier in his career, Ambassador Radulović was posted to the Embassy of Montenegro in Romania.

His diplomatic career spans bilateral and multilateral affairs, EU integration, regional co-operation and strategic foreign policy.



SPEAKER

Ms. Aliya Salimzhuarova

Energy Transition, Investment and Sustainable Infrastructure Specialist – Central Asia; Member, OSCE Central Asian Women in Energy Network

Aliya Salimzhuarova is an energy transition, investment and sustainable infrastructure specialist with over 13 years of experience across Central Asia. Her experience spans major energy and infrastructure projects, including hydropower modernisation under EPC/FIDIC frameworks with international financial institution financing, as well as renewable energy development, investment facilitation and energy and climate policy advisory. She has contributed to assignments and initiatives with organizations including the World Bank, UNDP and the OSCE, bringing together investment, policy and practical implementation perspectives.

Ms. Salimzhuarova holds a joint Master's degree in Global Studies from the University of Freiburg and FLACSO Argentina, is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP), and was selected as a 2025 TechWomen Emerging Leader. She is a member of the OSCE Central Asian Women in Energy Network and a mentor with the Global Women's Network for the Energy Transition (GWNET).



S P E A K E R

Dr. Sarvarbek Rakhimov

[Prosecutor, Research Center for Analysis of Shadow Economy of the General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Uzbekistan](#)

Dr. Sarvarbek Rakhimov has served as a prosecutor at the Research Center for Analysis of Shadow Economy of the General Prosecutor's Office of the Republic of Uzbekistan since 2025.

From 2008 to 2025 he held various positions within the Customs Committee, including Operational Officer, Deputy Head of the Personal Security Department, Deputy Head of a Faculty at the Customs Institute, and Head of a Department. His current responsibilities include overseeing compliance with legislation by agencies involved in combating the shadow economy, as well as conducting analytical work in this area.

He completed a trainer preparation programme on combating drugs, arms trafficking and terrorism, organised within the framework of co-operation between the Customs Committee and the OSCE. He subsequently obtained a national trainer certificate and organised joint training seminars.

At the Customs Institute, he served as Head of the Operational-Search Activity Department, where he trained customs personnel in combating corruption, terrorism and organised crime. He currently also lectures on a contractual basis at the Law Enforcement Academy, providing training to prosecutors and operational officers on combating economic crime and the shadow economy.

Dr. Rakhimov holds degrees in Economics from the Customs Institute and in Systems Analysis from the Higher School for Strategic Analysis and Forecasting. He also holds a PhD in Political Science.



S P E A K E R

Dr. Bojan Tubić

[Forest Management Planning Specialist, Public Enterprise "Vojvodinašume" of the Republic of Serbia](#)

Dr. Bojan Tubić is Independent Expert Associate for Forest Management Planning at the Directorate of Public Enterprise "Vojvodinašume", where he has co-ordinated forest management planning across the enterprise's forest estates since 2010. He has more than twenty years of experience in forestry engineering and geospatial analysis.

He has led the enterprise-wide introduction of GIS and WebGIS systems and oversees the use of unmanned aerial vehicles, multispectral imaging and LiDAR sensors in forest monitoring, applying remote sensing and data analytics to climate change adaptation and wildfire prevention.

Dr. Tubić has managed cross-border projects under the Interreg IPA and Horizon programmes, including Stop Fires on forest fire protection between Hungary and Serbia. He holds a PhD in Biotechnology Sciences and a bachelor's degree in Forestry Engineering from the Faculty of Forestry of the University of Belgrade. His doctoral research addressed multicriteria decision-making methods for setting forest management goals.

SESSION V

Governing and applying new technologies for anticipatory risk management

Friday, 11 September 2026, 10:45 – 12:00



MODERATOR

Ambassador Ellen Svendsen

[Permanent Representative of Norway to the OSCE](#)

Ambassador Ellen Svendsen assumed the post of Permanent Representative of Norway to the OSCE on 26 August 2024.

Ambassador Svendsen has been in the Norwegian Foreign Service since 2007 and has previously served as Deputy Permanent Representative at the Norwegian Delegation to NATO in Brussels from 2020 to 2024, and as Deputy Director General at the Section for Peace and Reconciliation at the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Oslo in 2020.

She has also served in various functions at the Norwegian Commission on Afghanistan, the Norwegian Representative Office to the Palestinian Authority and the Norwegian Embassy in Kabul.



SPEAKER

Dr. Philine Warnke

[Deputy Head, Department of Foresight, and Co-ordinator, Foresight for Policy and Administration, Fraunhofer Institute for Systems and Innovation Research](#)

Philine Warnke is Deputy Head of the Department of Foresight and co-ordinator of the team “Foresight for Policy and Administration” at Fraunhofer ISI. She holds a degree in mechanical engineering and a PhD in philosophy of technology. Since joining ISI in 2002 her research has focused on foresight methodology and institutionalisation and on the dynamics of socio-technical change.

She held researcher positions at the Institute for Prospective Studies of the European Commission (JRC-IPTS) and the Austrian Institute of Technology AIT in Vienna, and was employed at the German Federal Chancellery in Berlin, in the department “Strategic Foresight and Policy Planning”, to support the establishment of foresight within the government.

Dr. Warnke has designed and implemented foresight processes in support of decision makers in policy, society and industry in Europe and beyond. Through conferences, seminars, manuals and journals, she has contributed to advancing and sharing insights on foresight theory and practice.



S P E A K E R

Ms. Ramona Strugariu

Director, National Institute of Justice of the Republic of Moldova

Ramona Strugariu is the Director of the National Institute of Justice of the Republic of Moldova. A lawyer by profession, she has more than two decades of professional experience in the fields of law, European affairs and project management. Throughout her career, she has worked in the public and non-governmental sectors, focusing on the rule of law, anti-corruption, judicial reform, good governance and democratic institutions.

From 2019 to 2024, she served as a Member of the European Parliament, where she sat on the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, the Budgetary Control Committee and the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and served as Vice-Chair of the Delegation to the EU–Republic of Moldova Parliamentary Association Committee. She has been portrayed by independent monitoring platforms or publications such as Politico as one of the most active and influential European politicians: top 5 legislative work on Justice and Home Affairs, top 15 Budget, top 20 Institutional and Constitutional Affairs.

Since March 2025, she has been leading the National Institute of Justice in Chişinău, where she is committed to strengthening judicial education, promoting professional excellence and supporting the development of an independent, modern and European-oriented justice system.



S P E A K E R

Mr. Lukas Zumbrunn

Postdoctoral Researcher in Standards and Regulation, Oxford-Hyundai Motor Group Foresight Centre, Saïd Business School, University of Oxford

Lukas Zumbrunn works as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in Foresight and Scenario Planning at the Oxford-Hyundai Motor Group Foresight Centre, University of Oxford. During his PhD at the University of St. Gallen, he researched the roles of public administrations in strategic foresight, with a special emphasis on interactions between policymakers and public servants.

At the Foresight Centre in Oxford, Mr. Zumbrunn focuses on how future-oriented governance systems can help shape plausible futures for emergent technologies. In particular, he leads the research stream on the futures of recycling standards and regulation.

He has worked with both national and international organizations such as the Swiss Federal Administration, the OECD and the European Parliament. In this, he has helped to shape workshops and futures outcomes on developing topics.



JOINT REFLECTIONS

Ms. Jevrosima Pejović

Vice-Chair of the OSCE PA General Committee on Political Affairs and Security,
Member of Parliament of Montenegro

Jevrosima Pejović is a Member of Parliament of Montenegro and Vice-Chair of the General Committee on Political Affairs and Security of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, to which she was re-elected in 2025. She serves on the Security and Defence Committee, the Committee on European Integration and the Anti-Corruption Committee, and represents Montenegro in the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

She has ten years of professional experience in employment and labour policy, including as General Director of the Directorate for Labour and Employment in the Ministry of Economic Development, and headed Montenegro's negotiating group for Chapter 19 on social policy and employment.

Ms. Pejović graduated in psychology from the Faculty of Philosophy in Nikšić and completed studies in Gestalt psychotherapy at the Gestalt Psychotherapy Training Institute Malta. She studied at the Sigmund Freud University in Vienna as an awardee of a scholarship provided by the Government of Austria (OeAD), and undertook professional placements at the Austrian Employment Institute and the Institute for Women's Policy Research in Washington, D.C.



JOINT REFLECTIONS

Ms. Jana Stanković

OSCE Pool of Young Experts

Jana Stanković is a political scientist specialising in international and regional affairs. She holds an MA in International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law from the Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Belgrade (2021), and an MA in Nationalism Studies from Central European University (2024).

Ms. Stanković began her engagement with the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe as a participant in the OSCE Dialogue Academy in 2018. She subsequently worked with the OSCE Mission to Serbia and participated in OSCE/ODIHR Election Observation Missions to Serbia. In October 2024, she joined the OSCE Pool of Young Experts. She currently serves as a Junior Project Officer at DCAF – Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance in Belgrade, where she works on a programme focused on good governance in cybersecurity.

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CONCLUDING SESSION

Perspectives for a resilient and forward-looking OSCE area

Friday, 11 September 2026, 12:00 – 13:00



MODERATOR AND CONCLUDING REMARKS

Ambassador Bakyt Dzhusupov

Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

Ambassador Bakyt Dzhusupov joined the OSCE as the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities in February 2024. With nearly 20 years of experience, he began his career in 2008 as Attaché in the Department of Eastern Countries of the Kyrgyz Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

From 2010 to 2017, Ambassador Dzhusupov held various positions in the Presidential Administration, the Office of the Government Administration and the Office of the President of the Kyrgyz Republic, including Deputy Head of the Foreign Policy Department. In 2017, he was appointed Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kyrgyz Republic to the Republic of Austria and Permanent Representative of the Kyrgyz Republic to the OSCE and other international organizations in Vienna. In this capacity, he co-chaired the OSCE Group of Friends of Youth and Security, took up membership at the UN Commission on Narcotic Drugs, and included Kyrgyzstan in the UNIDO Programme for Country Partnership.

He also served as Ambassador of the Kyrgyz Republic to Hungary, Slovenia, Slovakia and the Czech Republic. Prior to joining the OSCE, Ambassador Dzhusupov served as Director of the International Organizations Department at the Kyrgyz Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where he oversaw co-operation with the UN, the OSCE and other international organizations.



CONCLUDING REMARKS

Ambassador Raphael Nägeli

Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the OSCE

Biography: see Opening Session.



CONCLUDING REMARKS

Ambassador Melita Župevc

Permanent Representative of the Republic of Slovenia to the UN, OSCE and other International Organizations in Vienna; Chair of the OSCE Economic and Environmental Committee

Ambassador Melita Župevc has held various prominent positions, including serving as State Secretary in the Office of the Prime Minister of Slovenia from 2022 to 2024. She was a Member of Parliament from 2008 to 2014, chairing the Commission for Public Office and Elections and participating in several key parliamentary committees, including the Committee on Defence and the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

She also led Slovenia's delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly and acted as Public Relations Adviser to the President of the Republic of Slovenia. Her earlier career includes advisory roles within the National Assembly and experience as a journalist.

Ambassador Župevc holds a Master's degree in International Relations from the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, and an MSc in International Strategy and Diplomacy from the London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom.