

The OSCE and Energy Security

Workshop

“Building a Green Economy in an oil-producing country”

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Morning Session: Background to Green Economy and Rio+20: different perspectives

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Outline of the presentation

- **Introduction to the OSCE**
- **OSCE Mandate in Energy Security**
- **Programmatic Activities in Energy Security**

Dimensions of OSCE

Politico-military



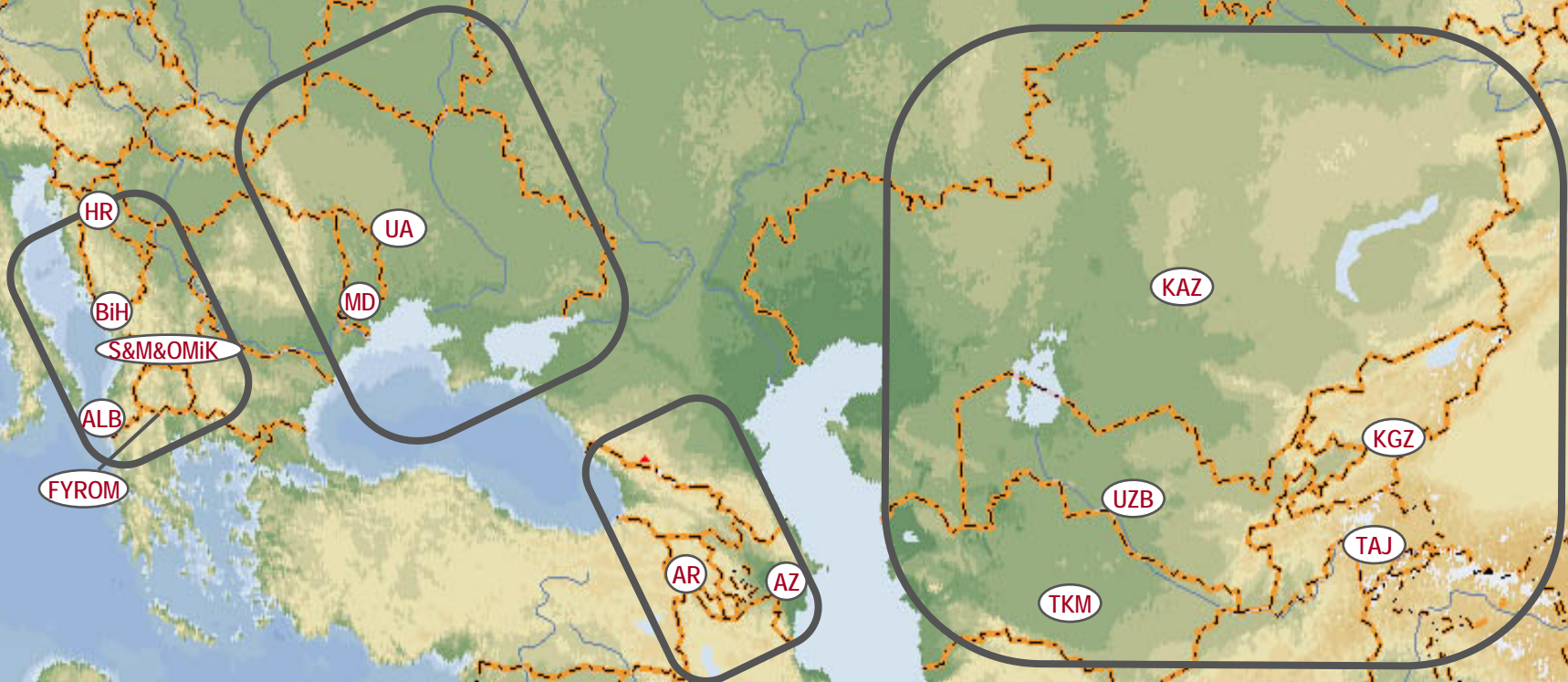
Economic &
environmental



Human



- 17 OSCE Field Presences
- 20+ Economic and Environmental Officers (EEOs) + assistants
- 19+ OCEEA staff



Role of OSCE in Energy Security

The Organization's involvement with Energy Security started in Maastricht in 2003, with the Strategy Document for the Economic and Environmental Dimension.

“We recognize that a high level of energy security requires a predictable, reliable, economically acceptable, commercially sound and environmentally friendly energy supply, which can be achieved by means of long-term contracts in appropriate cases. We will encourage energy dialogue and efforts to diversify energy supply, ensure the safety of energy routes, and make more efficient use of energy resources. We will also support further development and use of new and renewable sources of energy.”

Specific Thematic areas for engagement:

- Promoting good governance and 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.

Programmatic Activities

Secretariat in Vienna – discussion on legal framework issues.

Centre in Ashgabat – Energy Diplomacy training.

Office in Tajikistan – Small Hydropower, Standardization of Investment Procedures

Project Co-ordinator in Uzbekistan – Support to Renewable Energy Efficiency

Office in Baku – Workshop on Creation of Legal Framework for Promotion of Renewable Energy Sources

Activities going forward

OCEEA activities in Energy Security in 2012 will reflect both a continuity of purpose with activities undertaken during recent years (and in synchronization with international institutions and organizations), as well as attention towards the incoming CiO priorities of good governance and transparency.

UN has declared 2012 to be the International Year for Sustainable Energy for All (resolution 65/151).

The OSCE will continue to work with specialized energy-related organizations, including those of the Vienna Energy Club (Energy Community, IAEA, IIASA, OFID, OPEC, REEEP, UNIDO), and organizations located outside of Vienna, including the Energy Charter Secretariat, the International Energy Agency (IEA), and NATO.

In Conclusion

- Political dialogue and fostering regional co-operation are areas where the OSCE can add value and play a catalytic role;
- The OSCE is well placed to raise awareness and disseminate experiences on issues related to energy security and related topics (such as environmental issues, good governance, transparency, critical energy infrastructure protection);
- The OSCE stands ready to continue its co-operation with partners.



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As part of its comprehensive approach to security, the OSCE is concerned with economic and environmental matters, recognizing that co-operation in these areas can contribute to peace, prosperity and stability.

OSCE Chairmanship workshop discusses confidence-building role of economic and environmental activities

Participants in an OSCE Chairmanship-organized workshop held in Vienna on 30 May discussed the potential of economic and environmental activities to effectively build confidence and trust..

OSCE supports discussion on how climate change affects food security in Eastern Europe

Experts and policy makers from Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine gathered on May 26, 2011 in Kyiv to discuss how food security in the region could be affected by climate change and what measures their governments should start implementing...

OSCE human rights chief offers support for reforms in Morocco

RABAT, 26 May 2011 - The Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR), Ambassador Janez Lenarčič, today concluded a two-day visit to Morocco, stressing that the OSCE's institutions are ready to consider requests for support for the country's ongoing reform efforts...

OSCE chairs ENVSEC Management Board Meeting

High-level representatives of the Environment and Security (ENVSEC) Initiative Partners met in Vienna on 18 May 2011 for the first Management Board meeting since the OSCE assumed its 2011 chairmanship in

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Links

- OSCE Chairmanship Workshop on Economic and Environmental Activities as Confidence-building Measures

Featured

Activity report of the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, June 2009 - May 2010

Factsheet of the Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities, Русский

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