

**12th Annual Meeting
of the OSCE Border Security and Management
National Focal Points Network**

**Modern Approaches to Border Security and Management in the Face
of Emerging Transnational Threats and Challenges in the OSCE area**

**Vienna, Austria
12 – 13 April 2018**

BACKGROUND

The Border Security and Management Concept (BSMC), adopted by the OSCE participating States (pS) at the Ministerial Council in Ljubljana in 2005, represents a key document comprising border-related activities within the OSCE and encompasses political commitments and obligations of pS concerning border security and cross-border co-operation.

The OSCE Border Security and Management National Focal Points (NFP) Network, mandated by Permanent Council Decision No. 757 (2006), has the primary objective to serve as an instrument for co-operation among pS on border security and management issues, centred on facilitation of regular border-specific information sharing among pS and the OSCE Partners for Co-operation (Pfc). The OSCE maintains the National Focal Points Network by developing opportunities for sharing practice, information and ideas through the annual NFP meeting, multi-media conferencing, and activities for smaller working groups.

The Annual NFP Meeting aims at providing the NFPs with an opportunity to discuss about emerging threats, risks, and available cross-border co-operation mechanisms to address them with consideration to the OSCE current and planned activities in the area of border security and management (BSM). The NFP network members will have the opportunity to discuss further developments of the network and future activities and to propose initiatives to be supported by the OSCE. In addition, this year's meeting will include the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation's network of points of contact, which provides a forum for discussion and brainstorming on new and innovative ways to further advance the implementation of the OSCE Border Security and Management Concept by the OSCE pS and in prospects, by the Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation's states.

The meeting will be organized by the Italian OSCE Chairmanship and the OSCE Transnational Threats Department/Border Security and Management Unit (TNTD/BSMU), in Vienna, Austria. The event will focus on the conclusions of previous Annual Meetings and is in line with the 2018 Italian OSCE Chairmanship's priorities.

MEETING OBJECTIVES

- Promote cross-border co-operation and information exchange;
- Explore innovative approaches to investigation and prosecution of cross-border corruption cases;
- Identify ways forward how to overcome gender-related challenges in BSM, both internally (within services level) and externally, by sharing best practices in gender equality mainstreaming in BSM;
- Discuss current trends and challenges in combating illicit trafficking in cultural property;

- Analyze emerging threats and risks related to BSM issues and assess available international, regional and cross-border co-operation mechanisms to address them;
- Examine and propose ways of improving co-operation on BSM at the national, regional, and international levels;
- Discuss on-going initiatives and agree on future activities.

PARTICIPANTS

The meeting is open to officially designated NFPs, and points of contact, relevant national experts, representatives of the OSCE field operations that address border security and management issues in their host country, and officials from international and regional organizations dealing with relevant issues that are willing to contribute to the discussions.

The Italian OSCE Chairmanship is planning to invite suitable border security and management experts from the OSCE Partners for Co-operation to take part in some sessions of the meeting.

DRAFT AGENDA

Thursday, 12 April		
<i>Study Visit (optional) – Visit to Kunsthistorisches Museum in Vienna, Austria</i>		
09:45		<i>Meeting point: Entrance to Kunsthistorisches Museum</i>
10:00 – 11:30		Presentation made by the International Council of Museums (ICOM) on protection of cultural heritage
11:30 – 12:00		<i>Tour of Kunsthistorisches Museum</i>
12:00 – 13:00	<i>Vorsaal, 5th floor</i>	Lunch (served at Hofburg Congress Centre)
Venue: Hofburg Congress Centre		
13:30 – 14:00	<i>Accreditation Container Hofburg Entrance</i>	<i>Registration of participants at Accreditation Container outside Hofburg</i>
14:00 – 14:30	<i>Ratsaal</i>	Opening remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambassador Luca Fratini, Deputy Permanent Representative of Italy to the OSCE • Ms. Rasa Ostrauskaite, Co-ordinator of Activities to Address Transnational Threats, Transnational Threats Department (TNTD)/OSCE • Mr. Dennis Cosgrove, Head, Border Security and Management Unit (BSMU), TNTD/OSCE

<p>14:30 – 16:00</p>	<p><i>Ratsaal</i></p>	<p>Evolving Cross-border Threats and Challenges to Border Security and Management in the OSCE area.</p> <p><i>During this session the invited speakers will review current and emerging cross-border threats and challenges within the OSCE area and beyond. The participants are invited to review existing mechanisms for cooperation in the region and brainstorm on their effectiveness/efficiency to respond to current and emerging cross-border threats and risks.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Clare Hutchinson, NATO Secretary General’s Special Representative for Women, Peace and Security • Tofik Murshudlu, Chief of Implementation Support Section, Organized Crime and Illicit Trafficking Branch, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) (TBC) • Ms. Ana Cristina Jorge, Director of Operational Response Division, Frontex • Mr. Anton Travner, Head, Border Security Programme, Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) • Ms. Mariya Polner, Policy Advisor, Enforcement and Compliance, World Customs Organization (WCO)
<p>16:00 – 16:30</p>	<p><i>Vorsaal, 5th floor</i></p>	<p>Coffee break Group photo</p>
<p>16:30 – 17:30</p>	<p><i>Ratsaal</i></p>	<p>Combatting Illicit Trafficking in Cultural Property</p> <p><i>Combating trafficking in cultural property has recently gained more attention within the OSCE area due to the importance of protecting cultural heritage and also in light of revealed links between the trafficking in cultural heritage and the financing of terrorism. Participants will be invited to discuss ways to enhance national expertise, interagency co-operation, and information sharing mechanisms with a view to improve the capacity of border security and management services to identify and prevent this cross-bordercrime.</i></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Lt. Col. Arturo Sessa, Expert on Police Matters and Combating Human Trafficking</p> <p><u>Invited Experts:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major Massimo Maresca, Commander of the Archaeological Section at the Operational Department of Carabinieri Headquarters for the Protection of Cultural Heritage in Rome (Italy) • Dr. Peter B. Campbell, Underwater Archaeologist • Ms. Elke Kellner, Managing Director, International Council of

		Museums (ICOM) Österreich/Austrian National Committee
17:30 – 18:00	<i>Ratsaal</i>	<p>Wrap up of main points from panel presentations</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Gorancho Stojkovski, Customs Advisor, Border Security and Management Unit (BSMU), TNTD/OSCE</p>
18:30 – 20:00		Reception at Palmenhaus hosted by the Italian OSCE Chairmanship
Friday, 13 April		
9:00 – 10:00	<i>Ratsaal</i>	<p>Innovative Approaches and Promotion of Gender Mainstreaming in Border Security and Management</p> <p><i>Female staff in border security and management services continues to be under-represented and the number of women involved in decision-making processes and leadership positions is low. The under-representation of women negatively impacts the culture and operational effectiveness of border security and management agencies. The participants will be invited to discuss the reasons for gender inequality within their services and explore ways to effectively mainstream a gender perspective in border security and management.</i></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Ms. Inesa Nicolaescu, Associate Border Security Officer, Border Security and Management Unit (BSMU), TNTD/OSCE</p> <p><u>Invited Experts:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Amarsanaa Darisure, Senior Advisor on Gender Issues, Gender Section, OSCE Secretariat • Ms. Deborah Pierce, Former Deputy Assistant Director of the Criminal Division, FBI • Mr. Stefan Steyaert, Gender Mainstreaming Expert, Belgium
10:00 – 11:00	<i>Ratsaal</i>	<p>Investigating and Prosecuting Corruption Cases in Border Security and Management</p> <p><i>The 2005 OSCE BSMC defines the fight against corruption as one of the priority areas for improved co-operation among national border security and management services. During this session, participants will discuss about investigative and prosecutorial techniques, both within their agencies and on the national level, identify strengths and weaknesses in preventing and investigating corruption, and make recommendations on ways to improve existing mechanisms. The participants will also learn about innovative training approaches in the investigation and prosecution of cross-border</i></p>

		<p><i>corruption cases.</i></p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Dennis Cosgrove, Head, Border Security and Management Unit (BSMU), TNTD/OSCE</p> <p><u>Invited experts:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Francesco Testa, Head of the Public Prosecutor's Office at the Court of Chieti (Italy) • Ms. Deborah Pierce, Former Deputy Assistant Director of the Criminal Division, FBI • Mr. Christopher Lehmann, Executive Director, Central and Eastern European Law Initiative (CEELI) Institute
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Vorsaal, 5th floor</i>	Coffee break
11:30 – 12:00	<i>Ratsaal</i>	<p>OSCE Border Management Staff College</p> <p><i>The representative of the OSCE Border Management Staff College will provide a briefing on recent College achievements and will elaborate on future plans of the College in terms of education opportunities for border security and management agencies for 2018.</i></p> <p><u>Invited expert:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Jon Holland, Director, Border Management Staff College, OSCE Programme Office in Dushanbe
12:00 – 13:00	<i>Ratsaal</i>	<p>Interventions of the National Focal Points (NFPs)</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Ms. Inesa Nicolaescu, Associate Border Security Officer, Border Security and Management Unit (BSMU), TNTD/OSCE</p> <p><i>National Focal Points will be invited to discuss:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>future plans and projects;</i> • <i>communication tools and mechanisms (POLIS, video-conferencing, NFP newsletter);</i> • <i>perspective joint NFP Network activities</i>
13:00 – 14:00	<i>Vorsaal, 5th floor</i>	Lunch
14:00 –	<i>Ratsaal</i>	Mediterranean Partners for Cooperation Interventions

14:30		<p><u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Gorancho Stojkovski, Customs Advisor, Border Security and Management Unit (BSMU), TNTD/OSCE</p>
14:30 – 15:15	<i>Ratsaal</i>	<p>Way forward Session</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Simon Deignan, Programme Manager/Travel Document Security</p> <p>Advance Passenger Information (API) System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of an online working space on passenger data within POLIS for the exchange of best practices and legislation on API and Passenger Name Record (PNR) implementation. • Possible further NFP Network and other BSM activities
15:15 – 15:30		<p>Final closing remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambassador Alessandro Azzoni, Permanent Representative of Italy to the OSCE • Mr. Dennis Cosgrove, Head, Border Security and Management Unit (BSMU), TNTD/OSCE
15:30 – 16:00		<p>Coffee break</p>
16:00 – 17:30	<i>Ratsaal</i>	<p>Session with Border Security and Management Representatives from the OSCE Field Operations</p> <p><u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Dennis Cosgrove, Head, Border Security and Management Unit (BSMU), TNTD/OSCE</p>