Vienna, Austria
9-10 November 2020

Leveraging Innovation and Technology to Address 21st Century Security Challenges and Crises across the OSCE and Asian Partners for Co-operation.

Sofitel Hotel and via teleconference (upon registration)

**Analysis**

Discussions and analysis of the complex challenges currently being faced, as well as sharing best practice and innovative approaches.

**Leveraging technologies**

**Engagement**

Opportunities for engaging with experts and building your network for enhancing international co-operation and collaboration.

**Strengthening co-operation**

**About TNTD BSMU**

The Border Security and Management Unit of the OSCE Transnational Threats Department supports OSCE participating States and Partners for Co-operation to address emerging border security risks and challenges.
8:30-9:00  
Registration of Participants

9:00-9:30  
Opening Remarks

9:30-11:00  

Trafficking in human beings is one of the most pressing and complex crimes in the OSCE participating States and Asian Partners for Co-operation. Human trafficking, whether for sexual or labour exploitation, is a very complex crime to detect in ‘normal’ times. The coronavirus pandemic made the investigation of human trafficking cases even more challenging pushing victims further from possible detection and assistance. The complexity of obstacles associated with combating this crime means that anti-trafficking actors have to adopt innovative measures in order to effectively overcome them. During this session, the participants will discuss how new technology tools can prevent and counter human trafficking by detecting both offenders and victims. The panel will also elaborate on how co-operation among OSCE pS and Asian PfC on countering human trafficking can amplify shared expertise on addressing this major security threat.

11:00-11:30  
Coffee Break

11:30-13:30  
Enhancing Regional and International Security Co-operation by Sharing Good Practices and Innovative Approaches to Combat Terrorism in the OSCE and Asian Partners for Co-operation.

The pandemic generated by COVID-19 has severely depleted governments’ and security resources. These circumstances enable terrorists to take advantage of the disruption and insecurity generated by the pandemic to promote fear, hatred, and violent action and to recruit new followers, both online and offline. The panel will analyse, among other, good practices, innovative tools, as well as viable mechanisms enhancing international co-operation against terrorism in the OSCE and Asian PfC. This session will underline the importance of building a broader community network to support the prevention of violent extremism and radicalization that lead to terrorism (VERLT) and enhanced multi-agency co-ordination, including with actors beyond law enforcement and criminal justice institutions. Discussions will explore how the OSCE and Asian PfC can achieve better leverage on capacity-building programmers to effectively combat terrorism related threats. Additionally, the panel will elaborate on effective mechanisms of preventing and countering the use of Internet for terrorist purposes.

13:00-14:00  
Lunch
8:00-10:00
Strengthening and Advancing International Co-operation in Border Security and Management during Crises.

Borders a vulnerable in times of crises as they are increasingly under pressure of fighting criminals who see the outbreak as an opportunity to increase or diversify their activities. As crises rarely respect international borders, cross-border co-operation and communication, enhanced use of modern technologies and adequate contingency planning are of utmost importance to effectively respond to crises. This session will assess how well prepared border agencies were in dealing with the current health crisis and will provide guidelines for a more efficient crisis response and contingency planning. The session will focus on enhancing the base-level co-operation between border agencies, customs services, sanitary agencies and other security sector actors in a systematic manner.

It will touch upon Integrated Border Management (IBM) and its focus on international co-operation as a viable tool for early warning and risk assessment. The panel will discuss and share innovative capacity building activities (e-learning, webinars, etc.) in border security and management and elaborate on the role of gender mainstreaming in border security, particularly during crises.

10:00-10:30
Coffee Break

10:30-12:00
Leveraging Technology in Addressing Transnational Security Threats and Crises in the OSCE pS and Asian PFC.

During this session, the panel will explore the possibilities of using and combining the existing and new technologies (Biometrics, API/PNR Systems, e-passports, automated border gates, national and international databases) in an effort to facilitate cross-border movement and prevent transnational crimes and terrorism. The participants will also discuss protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms in development and application of the listed technologies. Additionally, the participants will explore best ways of leveraging modern technologies in dealing with crises similar to the current one triggered by COVID-19. In the context of the current health crisis, governments are substantially enhancing the use of technology in order to ensure adequate level of security on the front line of defence – the state borders. Given the pandemic, transnational crimes are on the rise putting incredible pressure on border and law enforcement officers worldwide. Using modern technologies and exploring innovative approaches in addressing transnational crimes can help border and law enforcement agencies in managing and securing their borders.

12:00-12:30
Closing Remarks