

# **OSCE Annual Police Experts Meeting**

## **Improving the Role of the OSCE in Police-related Activities: Experiences and Lessons-Learned**

**24-25 October 2013**

**Vienna, Hofburg Conference Centre**

### **ANNOTATED AGENDA**

In accordance with the Ministerial Council Decision No. 9, MC(9).DEC/9, *Police-Related Activities*, Ninth Ministerial Council Meeting in Bucharest, 4 December 2001 and with the PC.Dec/1049 “The OSCE Strategic Framework for Police-related Activities”, the Annual Police Experts Meeting (APEM) provides a platform for dialogue on current topics of both regional and international level.

Police services that enjoy community support and improve security can have a positive impact on development.

In this way, police reform through community policing became a key element of conflict management in the OSCE area.

The OSCE concept of community policing as a tool for police reform emphasises the importance of a clear philosophy, a carefully thought-out plan and a well-managed process to achieve it.

Donors and international organisations are becoming increasingly involved in police reform.

The task is complex and often encounters political, financial, logistical and historical obstacles.

A better understanding of what is required for effective police reform is essential.

A community-based approach aims both to reform the police and to improve their public image. It is not confined to dealing with crime, but proposes that police and communities work together to address citizens' concerns. If successful, it can support development, as well as boosting security.

A well-planned reform strategy, clearly defined action plans for implementing the strategy and a political will for reform by the government backed by a commitment to providing the required funds and resources, are needed to make reform work. International actors need to co-ordinate their assistance based on a shared understanding of the reform goals.

The purpose of the 2013 APEM will be to gather from the participating States and international partner organizations experiences and good practices in implementing community policing while implementing police reform with the aim to strengthen safety and security in pS. This compilation of good practices shall subsequently lead participating States to improve their crime prevention efforts and police reform approaches.

During the discussions in the APEM following the presentations of the panellists, the experts from participating States will have the opportunity to express their views on the topics of each of the sessions.

The plenary sessions of the APEM will focus on the experts' exchange of experiences and good practices in the strategic planning and implementation of community policing and crime prevention at the legislative, strategic, procedural, organizational and training level.

Participants of the APEM will be requested to draw up conclusions and recommendations on how to improve police reform efforts amongst pS and on how to improve the collaboration between police services and other law-enforcement agencies in the OSCE area.

### **Thursday, 24 October 2013**

**13:00 – 15:00          Registration**

**13:00 – 14:45          Lunch Buffet offered by TNTD/SPMU**

**15:00 – 15:30          Opening Session**

#### Welcoming remarks:

H.E. Ambassador Ihor Prokopchuk - Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council

H.E. Ambassador Lamberto Zannier - OSCE Secretary General

Mr Volodymyr Berezan - Head of the Main Headquarters of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Ukraine

**15:30 – 15:45      Introductory Session:**

Mr Marco Kubny - Acting Head, TNTD/SPMU

Following the adoption of PC.DEC/1049 in July 2012, a meeting of experts from relevant ministries and /or agencies from the pSs as well as representatives of international and regional organizations will further discuss the role of the OSCE in assisting the law enforcement agencies in addressing threats posed by criminal activities. The aim will be to facilitate co-operation, both at international and national levels and to promote and develop effective and sustainable police reform programs in OSCE pS.

**15:45 – 16:45      Session I:**

**Norms and Standards guiding Police Reform**

**Community-based Policing as a Key Tool of Crime Prevention**

**To be addressed:** Norms and Standards of Police Reform;  
Policing in Multi-Ethnic Societies;  
Community-based Policing as a Confidence Building Measure (CBM);  
Methods of Community-based Policing, such as School Policing,  
Crime Prevention Tools;  
Examples of Implementation of Community Policing Projects;

**Panellists:**

**Czech Republic**

- Ms Petra Binkova - Crime Prevention Department, Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic

**OSCE Office in Yerevan / Ministry of Internal Affairs of Armenia**

- Ms Susanna Naltakyan - National Politico Military Programme Officer, OSCE Office in Yerevan  
- Mr Andranik Ghazaryan - Deputy Head, Republic of Armenia Police Headquarters

**16:45 – 17:15      Coffee Break**

**17:15 – 18:00      Switzerland**

- Mr Jacques Meuwly - Regional Commander, Centre of the Cantonal Police of Fribourg

**DCAF**

- Mr Paulo Costa – Head, Police Programme

**Moderator:** Mr Marco Kubny - Acting Head TNTD/SPMU

**Rapporteur:** Ms Hana Snajdrova - Police Affairs Officer, TNTD/SPMU

**Friday, 25 October 2013**

**09.30 – 12:00**      **Session II**

**National Police Reform Frameworks, Strategies and Capacities**

The participants, experts from the police services, will be invited to discuss possible measures and forms of assistance to requesting pS that could be provided by the OSCE executive structures and Institutions, in particular in close cooperation with the UNODC with a view to upholding the rule of law, ensuring respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, improving the functioning of law enforcement systems including strengthening when necessary the national relevant legislation. One of the issues for discussion could be the role of the OSCE in the effective implementation by participating States of the UN Convention on Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC, 2000) and its Protocols which provides a robust international legal framework for law enforcement co-operation including in combating organized crime, illicit drugs and other forms of trafficking, such as trafficking in human beings.

**To be addressed:**      Examples of National Police Reform Experiences;  
Examples of OSCE assistance in Police Reform – Lessons Learned;  
Current strategic approaches in the field of modern management of police services;

**Panellists:**      **Georgia**

- Mr. Konstantine Elizbarashvili - Deputy Head, Reforms and Development Agency, MIA of Georgia

**OSCE Mission to Serbia / Ministry of Interior of Serbia**

- Mr Golub Gacevic – Head, Department for Organization, Prevention and Community Policing at the Uniformed Police Directorate, Ministry of Interior
- Ms Branka Bakic, National Programme Officer

**OSCE Office in Tajikistan / Ministry of Interior of Tajikistan**

- Mr Ulf Billving - Counter Terrorism and Police Issues Advisor
- Mr Nurillo Oripov - First Deputy Minister of Internal Affairs

**Ukraine**

- Mr Volodymyr Berezan - Head, Main Headquarters of the Ministry of Internal Affairs

**Moderator:**

**ODIHR**

- Ms Snjezana Bokulic - Head, Human Rights Department

**Rapporteur:**

Mr Valery Korotenko - Police Affairs Officer, TNTD/SPMU

**12:00 -13:30**

**Lunch Buffet offered by TNTD/ SPMU**

**13:30 – 13:45**

**Introduction of the new Guidebook**

*“Police Reform within the Framework of Criminal Justice System Reform.”*

**13:45 -14:45**

**Session III**

**International, National and Local Crime Prevention Frameworks, Strategies and Capacities  
The Management and Co-ordination of Crime Prevention**

The most effective method of reducing crime in a community is preventing it from happening in the first place. Although not often the subject of front-page news, crime prevention methods are an effective, cost-saving measure that improves quality of life for all, and contributes to the overall wellbeing.

From a policing perspective, preventing crime cannot be accomplished solely through law enforcement. In order to truly affect crime, community members, social groups, businesses and governments must be able to identify crime trends, be educated in prevention strategies, and be prepared to apply overall best practices - together.

**To be addressed:**

- Sustainability of Crime Prevention Strategies and Programmes;
- Specific Crime Issues and Perceptions;
- Examples of International, National and Local Approaches;
- Gender Aspects in Crime Prevention;

**Panellists:**

**OSCE Mission in Skopje**

- Mr Viacheslav Vorobiev - Head, Public Safety and Community Outreach
- Ms Zaklina Prosaroska - Senior Police Commissioner, Public Peace and Order

**UNODC**

- Ms Anna Giudice Saget - Drug Control and Crime Prevention Officer

**14:45 – 15:15**

**Coffee Break**

**15:15 – 16:15**

**UNHABITAT**

- Ms Cecilia Andersson - Local Government and Decentralisation Unit, Safer Cities Programme

**Turkey**

- Mr Hikmet Yapsan – Superintendent, Turkish National Police

**Moderator:**

**DCAF**

- Mr Paulo Costa - Head, Police Programme

**Rapporteur:**

Mr Thorsten Stodiek - Police Affairs Officer, TNTD/SPMU

**16:15 – 16:45**

**Conclusions and Recommendations**

Mr Alexey Lyzhenkov - OSCE Co-ordinator of Activities to address Transnational Threats

In close co-operation with the moderators of the four sessions, the OSCE Co-ordinator of Activities to address Transnational Threats will present the conclusions and recommendations of the meeting to the participants.

**Closing Remarks:**

H.E. Ambassador Ihor Prokopchuk - Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council