

## Draft Agenda

# OSCE Parallel Civil Society Conference 2014

## Basel, 2-3 December 2014

Tuesday, 2 December 2014

### Venues

- ≥ Hotel Pullman, Clarastrasse 43, 4058 Basel (from 09.00 to 16.30)  
Please take the tram 6/14/15 to “Clarastrasse”
- ≥ Various places in Basel City (from 16.45 to 18.45)  
Please follow the instructions given at the conference in Session 4
- ≥ Kaserne Basel, Rosstall, Klybeckstrasse 1b, 4057 Basel (from 19.00)  
Nearest tram stop “Kaserne” (tram 8)

Day 1	Programme
09.00 – 10.00	Registration & welcoming coffee
10.00 – 10.30	<p><u>Conference opening</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≥ Welcoming words <i>Prof. Laurent Goetschel, Director of swisspeace</i> <i>Natascha Cerny Ehtesham, swisspeace OSCE Program Officer</i></li> <li>≥ Introductory words <i>Brigitte Dufour, Representative of the Civic Solidarity Platform</i></li> <li>≥ The Swiss OSCE Chairmanship 2014 and reflections on preliminary results <i>Amb. Heidi Grau, Head of the Swiss OSCE Chairmanship Task Force</i></li> <li>≥ The Serbian OSCE Chairmanship 2015 and introduction to the Serbian priorities <i>Amb. Dejan Šahović, Head of the Serbian OSCE Chairmanship Task Force</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Moderator</u> Prof. Laurent Goetschel, Director of swisspeace</p>
10.30 – 12.00	<p><u>Session 1 – Civil society challenges</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≥ Overview of key challenges, in particular shrinking civic space and harassment of human rights activists. Are we keeping pace with the proliferation of forms and contexts where this is happening or is the pushback becoming “the new norm”? <i>Iva Dobichina, Program Manager at Open Society Foundations (United Kingdom)</i></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≥ The OSCE response to these challenges. What strategies have been identified to respond to the pushback, and are they the right ones? <i>Yuri Dzhibladze, President of the Centre for Democracy and Human Rights (Russia)</i></li> <li>≥ What does civil society recommend OSCE to do to address the problems of shrinking space for civil society and harassment of human rights defenders? What advocacy strategies does civil society need to develop to respond to the challenges in the OSCE framework? <i>Mariya Yasenovska, Director of Public Alternative (Ukraine)</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Moderator</u> Harry Hummel, Director of the Netherlands Helsinki Committee (Netherlands)</p>
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch
13.00 – 14.30	<p><u>Session 2 – Discrimination and hate crime</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≥ General introduction on discrimination, racism, intolerance. Racist parties and movements. <i>Ralph du Long, UNITED for Intercultural Action (Netherlands)</i></li> <li>≥ Hate crimes, extreme right groups and abuse of 'anti-fascist' discourse with regard to Ukraine <i>Maksym Butkevych, No Borders Project (Ukraine)</i></li> <li>≥ Overview of the OSCE activities in this field and reaction to recommendations proposed <i>Cristina M. Finch, Head of the Tolerance and Non-Discrimination Department of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights ODIHR of the OSCE</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Adoption of the Basel Declaration on Rising Intolerance, Discrimination, and Hate Crimes</i></p> <p><u>Moderator</u> Konstantin Baranov, International Youth Human Rights Movement (Russia)</p>
14.30 – 16.00	<p><u>Session 3 – Combating torture and enforced disappearances</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≥ Civil society recommendations on the prevention of torture <i>Eva Csergö, Association for the Prevention of Torture apt (Switzerland)</i></li> <li>≥ Investigations of torture cases <i>Natalia Taubina, Public Verdict Foundation (Russia)</i></li> <li>≥ Work and challenges of the NGO coalition against torture <i>Nigina Bakhrieva, Public Foundation Nota Bene (Tajikistan)</i></li> <li>≥ Overview of the OSCE activities in this field and reaction to recommendations proposed <i>Omer Fischer, Deputy Head of the Human Rights Department of the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights ODIHR of the OSCE (tbc)</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Moderator</u> Simon Papuashvili, International Partnership for Human Rights (Belgium)</p>

16.00 – 16.15	<p><u>Introduction to Session 4: The Swiss self-evaluation on the implementation of OSCE Human Dimension commitments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≥ Introduction to the model of self-evaluation on the implementation of the OSCE Human Dimension commitments <i>Odile Robert, Political Advisor on the OSCE Human Dimension of the Swiss OSCE Chairmanship Task Force</i></li> <li>≥ Introduction to the Swiss self-evaluation and procedure of on-site visits and encounters with Swiss NGOs (in groups) <i>Matthias Hui, humanrights.ch (Switzerland)</i> <i>Coordinator of the Swiss NGO Working Group OSCE</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Moderator</u> Matthias Hui, humanrights.ch (Switzerland) Coordinator of the Swiss NGO Working Group OSCE</p>
16.15 – 16.30	Short coffee break and departure in small groups
16.45 – 18.45	<p><u>Session 4 – Spotlights in Basel: Implementation of Human Dimension commitments in Switzerland</u> (Various places in Basel City)</p> <p>Topics of on-site visits and encounters with Swiss NGOs (in groups):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≥ Refugees: reception, procedure, deportation</li> <li>≥ Inclusion/ exclusion and political participation of non-citizens</li> <li>≥ Human trafficking</li> <li>≥ Gender equality in the political and public life</li> <li>≥ Swiss corporations and the respect for human rights</li> </ul> <p><i>For each group a separate programme will be available soon.</i></p>
19.00 – 19.30	Reception (Kaserne Basel, Rosstall)
19.30 – 20.15	<p><u>Continuation of Session 4 – Spotlights in Basel: Implementation of Human Dimension commitments in Switzerland</u> (Kaserne Basel, Rosstall)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≥ Wrap-up: Human rights in Switzerland</li> <li>≥ Self-evaluation: NGO assessment of the model and hand-over to Serbia</li> </ul> <p><u>Moderator</u> Matthias Hui, humanrights.ch (Switzerland) Coordinator of the Swiss NGO Working Group OSCE</p>
From 20.15	Dinner (Kaserne Basel, Rosstall)

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Day 2	Programme
09.00 – 10.30	<p><u>Session 5 – Shrinking Space for Civil Society in Conflict Situations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>≥ Reports <i>Civil society representatives from the OSCE region</i></li><li>≥ Responding expert <i>Dr. Thania Paffenholz, Senior Researcher at the Graduate Institute’s Centre on Conflict, Peacebuilding and Development (Switzerland)</i></li><li>≥ Responding expert <i>Dr. Nora Refaeil, Independent Human Rights Expert (Switzerland)</i></li></ul> <p><u>Moderator</u> Sidonia Gabriel, Director of the Centre for Peacebuilding (KOFF) at swisspeace</p>
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 – 12.30	<p><u>Session 6 – Narratives for the Future in the Western Balkans</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>≥ General introduction on the importance of narratives in reconciliation <i>Izabela Kisić, Serbian Helsinki Committee for Human Rights (Serbia)</i></li><li>≥ Narratives in documentation and archives <i>Vesna Teršelić, Documenta (Croatia)</i></li><li>≥ Examples <i>Jasna Bastić, Peace Boat (Bosnia &amp; Herzegovina)</i></li><li>≥ Responding expert <i>Julianne Funk, Independent Expert on Peacebuilding (Switzerland)</i></li><li>≥ Responding expert <i>Marianne von Grünigen, Swiss Helsinki Association (Switzerland)</i></li></ul> <p><u>Moderator</u> Dr. Briony Jones, swisspeace (Switzerland)</p>
12.30 – 13.45	<p>Lunch and side event on “The Future of OSCE Field Operations” organized by the OSCE Network of Think Tanks and Academic Institutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>≥ <i>Dr. Frank Evers, Deputy Head of CORE - Centre for OSCE Research of the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg (Germany)</i></li><li>≥ <i>Barend ter Haar, Senior Fellow at Clingendael, Netherlands Institute of</i></li></ul>

	<p><i>International Relations (Netherlands)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≥ <i>Oleksandr Tytarchuk, Chief Scientist of the Foreign Policy Research Institute (Ukraine)</i></li> <li>≥ <i>Dr. Wolfgang Zellner, Head of CORE - Centre for OSCE Research of the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg (Germany)</i></li> </ul>
13.45 – 15.15	<p><u>Session 7 – Freedom of expression</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>≥ Overview of the developments in the field of freedom of expression across the OSCE region <i>Civil society representative from the OSCE region</i></li> <li>≥ Freedom of expression issues in Serbia <i>Sasha Jankovic, Ombudsman of the Republic of Serbia (tbc)</i></li> <li>≥ Civil society recommendations on the freedom of expression <i>Andrei Aliaksandrau, Article 19 (UK and Belarus)</i></li> <li>≥ Overview of the OSCE activities in this field and reaction to recommendations proposed <i>Dunja Mijatović, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media (tbc)</i></li> </ul> <p><u>Moderator</u> Ivar Dale, Norwegian Helsinki Committee (Norway)</p>
15.15 – 15.45	Coffee break

15.45 – 17.00

Conference Closing

- ≥ Welcoming remarks and introduction round  
*Prof. Laurent Goetschel, Director of swisspeace*
- ≥ Presentation of the Civil Society Recommendations  
*Yuri Dzhibladze, Representative of the Civic Solidarity Platform*
- ≥ *Presentation of the 'Basel Declaration on Rising Intolerance, Discrimination, and Hate Crimes'*  
*Izabela Kisić, Representative of the Civic Solidarity Platform*
- ≥ Remarks from the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office  
*Didier Burkhalter, OSCE Chairperson-in-Office*
- ≥ Remarks from the incoming OSCE Chairperson-in-Office  
*Ivica Dačić, incoming OSCE Chairperson-in-Office*
- ≥ Remarks from the Director of ODIHR  
*Michael Link, Director of the ODIHR*
- ≥ Questions and comments from the audience, followed by reactions from the Panel

Moderator

Prof. Laurent Goetschel, Director of swisspeace

*Departure of speakers due to the press conference held at the Media Centre of the OSCE Ministerial Council*

- ≥ Final remarks  
*Olga Zakharova, Representative of the Civic Solidarity Platform*  
*Matthias Hui, Coordinator of the Swiss NGO Working Group OSCE*