



Contribution of the OSCE to the High Level Side Event on
“Strengthening Co-operation on Migration and Refugee Movements
in the Perspective of the Sustainable Development Goals”

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- The OSCE provides a valuable and important platform for a regional dialogue on migration management issues spanning the Euro-Atlantic, Eurasian and Euro-Mediterranean spaces'
- Since the signing of the Helsinki Final Act in 1975, the OSCE has developed a number of commitments on migration. In recent years, Ministerial Council Decision of 2012 on Migration and Ministerial Council Decision of 2014 on Migration Management have stressed the need for all OSCE participating States to adopt effective national frameworks to manage migration'
- The OSCE's security concept considers migration as a powerful lever for development, stability and peace and provides for common principles to guide the response of States to this phenomenon'

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47 O " C5 and the .OM in planning and organising activities addressing organised crime related to smuggling of migrants, especially in the <estern ;al(ans'

- The Office of the Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings (OSRIC) implements activities in cooperation with external partners (among others, LO, OM, HCR and)RO)E=5 in order to address root causes of H; and to build the capacity of immigration authorities and consular personnel, as well as awareness of H; among vulnerable groups, including migrants and internally displaced persons (IPs)
- The Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC) and OSCE field offices liaise with relevant Ministries in host countries (Security, Interior, Human Rights, Refugees) as well as coordinate with 7 agencies, notably the 7 HCR. OSCE field operations do not have a specific mandate in the area of migration management. However, they have been increasingly involved in migration-related activities. In recent months, they have been closely following the situation on the ground in the <estern ;al(ans'
- The OSCE is currently reviewing its activities with the aim to strengthen internal coordination and further expand cooperation with international, regional and sub-regional actors. The Organisation is well-positioned to tackle most recent challenges posed by intensifying flows of migrants and refugees in the Euro-Mediterranean area.
- The OSCE Mediterranean Conference that will take place in Jordan on 02-0* October 02*- and the Security Council's event devoted to migration that will be held in February 02*? will stimulate an inclusive high-level discussion involving participating States, OSCE Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation and executive structures in assessing current needs and prospects for further engagement.