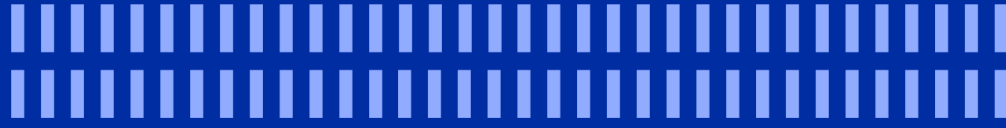


# Warsaw Human Dimension Conference

6–17 October 2025



## Agenda

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### Monday, 6 October 2025

14:00 – 18:00 **Opening session**

*Introductory remarks by:*

- H.E. Elina Valtonen, 2025 OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland
- H.E. Radosław Sikorski, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland
- Ms. Maria Telalian, Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights
- H.E. Ambassador Feridun H. Sinirlioğlu, OSCE Secretary General
- Ambassador Jan Braathu, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media
- Ambassador Christophe Kamp, OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities
- Mr. Pere Joan Pons Sampietro, President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

*Keynote speeches by:*

- Mr. Michael O’Flaherty, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe
- Ms. Berit Lindeman, Secretary General of the Norwegian Helsinki Committee

*Statements by participating States*

*Moderated by Ambassador Vesa Häkkinen, Permanent Representative of Finland to the OSCE, Chairperson of the Permanent Council*

19:00      **Opening reception** hosted by the Finnish Chairpersonship  
Villa Foksal

## Tuesday, 7 October 2025

### 10:00 – 13:00 **Plenary session 1: Humanitarian issues, including:**

- International Human Rights Law and International Humanitarian Law
- Humanitarian challenges, including in the context of armed conflict

*Introductory remarks by:*

- Mr. Jonathan Agar, Head of External Affairs, Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Court
- Mr. Nathaniel Raymond, Executive Director, Yale Public Health/ Humanitarian Research Lab
- Ms. Kateryna Rashevskya, Legal Expert, Regional Center for Human Rights Ukraine

*Moderated by Ambassador Véronique Pepin-Hallé, Permanent Representative of Canada to the OSCE*

13:00 – 15:00 Break

### 15:00 – 18:00 **Plenary session 2: Democratic institutions, including:**

- Democracy at the national, regional and local levels
- Democratic elections

*Introductory remarks by:*

- Mr. David Carroll, Director, the Carter Center
- Ms. Amu Urhonen, Member of ODIHR Advisory Panel on the Political Participation of Persons with Disabilities
- Mr. Adrien Licha, Coordinator of the Secretariat and the Eastern Partnership Unit, European Association for Local Democracy (ALDA)

*Moderated by Ambassador Raphael Nägeli, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the OSCE*

## Wednesday, 8 October 2025

### 10:00 – 13:00 **Plenary session 3: Fundamental Freedoms I, including:**

- Freedom of expression, freedom of the media
- Safety of journalists

*Introductory remarks by:*

- Ambassador Jan Braathu, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media
- Ms. Gulnoza Said, Europe and Central Asia Programme Coordinator at the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ)
- Mr. Valentyn Koval, First Deputy Head of the National Council of Television and Broadcasting of Ukraine

*Moderated by Ambassador Andrea Cascone, Permanent Representative of Italy to the OSCE*

## Thursday, 9 October 2025

10:00 – 13:00 **Plenary session 4: Rule of Law I, including:**

- Prevention and eradication of torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment
- Exchange of views on the question of abolition of capital punishment
- Protection of human rights when combatting terrorism

*Introductory remarks by:*

- Mr. Oleg Gushchyn, Legal Counsellor of the Coordination Headquarters for the Treatment of Prisoners of War, Ukraine
- Mr. Ben Saul, UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms while countering terrorism (online)
- Dr. Slavica Dimitrievska, State Counsellor for the National Preventive Mechanism at the North Macedonia Ombudsman Office and Member of the European Committee for the Prevention of Torture (CPT)

*Moderated by Ambassador Ellen Svendsen, Permanent Representative of Norway to the OSCE*

## Friday, 10 October 2025

10:00 – 13:00 **Plenary session 5: Rule of Law II, including:**

- Independence of the judiciary
- Right to a fair trial
- Democratic law-making

*Introductory remarks by:*

- Judge Diana Kovatcheva, Judge of the European Court of Human Rights
- Ms. Tuija Brax, Director of the Rule of Law Centre at the University of Helsinki
- Judge Mariarosaria Guglielmi, President of the association Magistrats Européens pour la Démocratie et les Libertés (MEDEL)

*Moderated by Ambassador Florian Raunig, Permanent Representative of Austria to the OSCE*

## Monday, 13 October 2025

10:00 – 13:00 **Plenary session 6: Tolerance and non-discrimination I, including:**

- Addressing racism, xenophobia and discrimination, anti-Semitism and intolerance and discrimination against Christians, Muslims and members of other religions

*Introductory remarks by:*

- Rabbi Andrew Baker, Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Anti-Semitism
- Ambassador Evren Dağdelen Akgün, Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Intolerance and Discrimination against Muslims
- Dr. Wolfgang Palaver, Personal Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Combating Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination, also focusing on Intolerance against Christians and Members of Other Religions
- Ms. Nyanchama Okemwa, Chair of the European Network Against Racism (ENAR) Foundation

*Moderated by Tea Jaliashvili, First Deputy Director of ODIHR*

13:00 – 15:00 Break

15:00 – 18:00 **Plenary session 7: Tolerance and non-discrimination II, including:**

- Rights of persons belonging to national minorities
- Roma and Sinti issues

*Introductory remarks by:*

- Ambassador Christophe Kamp, OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities
- Dr. Jennifer Jackson-Preece, Associate Professor of Nationalism, European Institute & Department of International Relations, London School of Economics and Political Science
- Đorđe Jovanović, President of European Roma Rights Centre (ERRC)

*Moderated by Cristi Mihalache, Senior Adviser, Chief of Contact Point for Roma and Sinti Issues, ODIHR*

## Tuesday, 14 October 2025

10:00 – 13:00 **Plenary session 8: Tolerance and non-discrimination III, including:**

- Equal opportunities for women and men
- Preventing and combating violence against women and girls
- Implementation of the OSCE Action Plan for the Promotion of Gender Equality

*Introductory remarks by:*

- Ms. Saara-Sofia Sirén, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Gender, Member of Finnish Parliament
- Ms. Dubravka Šimonović, President of the Association PARITY NOW FOR GENDER EQUALITY, former UN Special Rapporteur on VAW and CEDAW expert
- Mr. Dag Schölper, Executive Director of the Federal Forum Men/Bundesforum Männer

*Moderated by Ambassador Anna Olsson Vrang, Permanent Representative of Sweden to the OSCE*

## Wednesday, 15 October 2025

10:00 – 13:00 **Plenary session 9: Humanitarian issues and other commitments, including:**

- Combating trafficking in human beings
- Refugees and displaced persons

*Introductory remarks by:*

- Mr. Jean-Benoit Manhes, Deputy Co-ordinator, Office of the OSCE Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings
- Mr. Dursa Mama Kadu, Co-founder and President of Spark15 and Board Member of Voicify
- Ms. Jane Lasonder, Anti-trafficking Advocate, Vice-Chair of the ODIHR International Survivors of Trafficking Advisory Council (ISTAC)

*Moderated by Ambassador Fatène Benhabylès-Foeth, Permanent Representative of France to the OSCE*

## Thursday, 16 October 2025

10:00 – 13:00 **Plenary session 10: Fundamental freedoms II, including:**

- Freedom of peaceful assembly and association
- Human rights defenders
- National human rights institutions
- Freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief

*Introductory remarks by:*

- Ms. Anu Juvonen, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office on Civil Society, Executive Director of DEMO Finland
- Ms. Mariana Katzarova, UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Russian Federation
- Mr. András Léderer, Head of Advocacy, Hungarian Helsinki Committee

*Moderated by Mr. James Ford, Deputy Head of Mission, United Kingdom Delegation to the OSCE*

## Friday, 17 October 2025

09:00 – 10:30     *Roundtable discussion reflecting perspectives from the field*

The human dimension is well reflected in the work of the OSCE field operations and institutions. Over the past decades, the field missions have assisted host countries in building democratic institutions, strengthening the rule of law and supporting local civil society. This roundtable will bring together representatives from OSCE field operations and local stakeholders to discuss the implementation of human dimension commitments from a field perspective, highlighting collaborative approaches and success stories, while also reflecting on the challenges. Concrete examples from the field will provide a better understanding of the OSCE's value in promoting respect for human rights and fostering democratic resilience.

Speakers:

- Ambassador Jan Haukaas, Head of Mission, OSCE Mission to Montenegro
- Mr. Ivan Radulović, Program Coordinator, Civic Alliance, Montenegro
- Ms. Fedra Idzaković, Program Officer Gender and Youth, OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Ms. Gorica Ivić, Executive Director, Foundation United Women, Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Mr. Nicholas Masik, Senior Human Dimension Officer, OSCE Program Office in Astana
- Ms. Zulfiya Baisakova, Chair of the Union of Crisis Centers, Kazakhstan

*Moderated by Aurora Saares, Head of Human Dimension, Finland's 2025 OSCE Chairpersonship*

10:30 – 11:00     Break

11:00 – 14:00     Closing session

*Reinforced by the participation of human rights directors and/or human rights ambassadors*

*Moderated by Ambassador Katja Pehrman, Human Rights Ambassador of Finland*