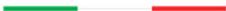


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OSCE LABORATORY PROGRAM

*“The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)
as a model for multilateral regional diplomacy”*

Second cycle of online Seminars
for Italian Universities and the University of San Marino
March - May 2023

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The Cycle of Seminars

- **Seminars** on the OSCE structures, their functioning and main activities.
- The seminars were complemented by **case studies and simulations**.
- For most universities, the cycle was part of the official academic curriculum (with credits)
- Feedback from the first edition was taken into account and included in the new revised programme of the cycle

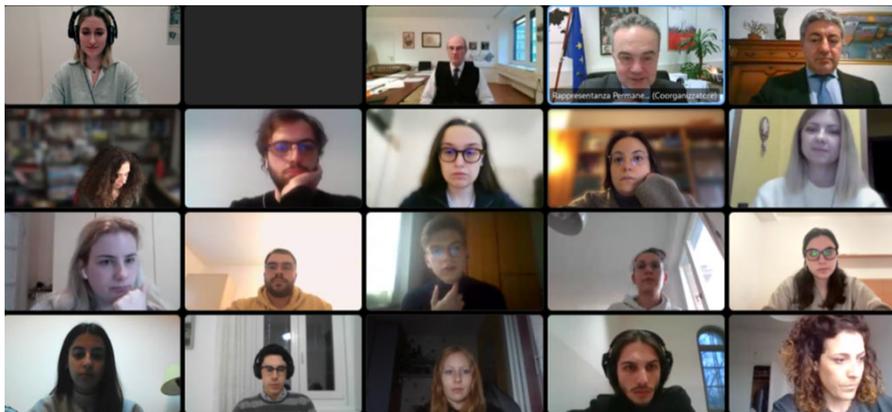


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The aim

- **Make the OSCE better known**
- Promote dialogue on security issues relevant for the OSCE
- Involve practitioners in lecturing activities
- Raise awareness on opportunities in the OSCE for young and motivated people
- Use online format to maximize outreach





The Cycle in numbers

- 10 days (once a week)
- 17 Sessions (1 hour or 1.5 hour each)
- **90 selected participants**
- **13 Italian Universities:**



Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna di Pisa, Università Bocconi Milano, Università Ca' Foscari Venezia, Università degli Studi di Trieste, Università di Bologna, Università di Firenze, Università di Padova, Università di Pavia, Università di Perugia, Università di Siena, Università di Trento, Università LUISS - Guido Carli, Università Roma Tre

- **Università di San Marino**



Some examples

Seminars

- OSCE conflict prevention tools and procedures
- The OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) and the Human Dimension
- The Second Dimension of the OSCE
- The OSCE Parliamentary Assembly



Simulations and case studies

- Simulation: Request for an Electoral Observation Mission
- Simulation: Negotiating a Ministerial Decision on the OSCE Mediterranean Partnership for Cooperation
- Case Study: The fight against trafficking of human beings
- Case Study: Opportunities in the OSCE for young people





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Evaluation Results

Results of the **Final Evaluation Questionnaire**:

- overwhelming support from students and universities who appreciated the initiative and the opportunity to engage with high-level practitioners
- strong interest in understanding the work and functioning of the OSCE (“*an extremely enriching and eye-opening experience*”)
- simulations and case studies deeply appreciated



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Conclusions

- Created a cohort of young professionals interested in and knowledgeable about the OSCE, whose role and contribution to peace and security remains otherwise under-explored in University courses
- The cycle can be easily replicated by other participating States

Ready to share format and experience!



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