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**Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe**

**Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE  
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To: All OSCE Delegations  
Partners for Co-operation  
Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation

Subject: **17<sup>th</sup> OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum – Part 1  
19 - 20 January 2009, Vienna**

Attached herewith is a document consisting of the **tentative Agenda for the 17<sup>th</sup> OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum – Part 1**, on “Migration management and its linkages with economic, social and environmental policies to the benefit of stability and security in the OSCE region”, 19 – 20 January 2009, Vienna.



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OSCE Congress Centre, Hofburg, Heldenplatz, 1010 Vienna, Neuer Saal, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

**“Migration management and its linkages with economic, social and environmental policies to the benefit of stability and security in the OSCE region”**

**TENTATIVE AGENDA**

**Monday, 19 January 2009**

09.30 – 11.00      **Opening Session** (open to Press)

**Welcoming remarks**

- Representative of Greece/OSCE Chairmanship for 2009
- OSCE Secretary General
- Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities

**Keynote presentations followed by discussion**

**Possible topics that could be addressed during the session**

- Benefits from legal migration for countries of destination
- Benefits from legal migration for countries of origin
- Main conclusions / recommendations of the Prague preparatory conference and how they could be taken forward

11.00 – 11.30      Coffee Break

11.30 – 13.00            **Session I – Prerequisites for effective migration policies**

**Presentations followed by discussion**

**Possible topics that could be addressed during the session**

- Developing data collection and research tools for policy makers and the need for data harmonization
- Assessment of labour market demand and supply and the linkages with migration policy responses
- Inter-agency co-operation at national level to manage both control and facilitation

13.00 – 14.30            Lunch Break

14.30 – 16.00            **Session II – Interstate co-operation for temporary labour migration**

**Presentations followed by discussion**

**Possible topics that could be addressed during the session**

- Actions required by destination and origin countries to make circular migration work
- Experience sharing on implementation of circular migration programmes in the OSCE region
- Best practices exchange in regional and bilateral labour agreements

16.00 – 16.30            Coffee Break

16.30 – 18.00            **Session III – Facilitation of legal migration**

**Presentations followed by discussion**

**Possible topics that could be addressed during the session**

- Information on legal migration channels, requirements and other support services
- Regulation of labour and employment agencies for effective policy implementation
- Promoting enhanced co-operation of labour and employment agencies (public and private, nationally and across borders) as well as of migrant information centres

18.15                      **Reception hosted by the CoEEA**

## **Tuesday, 20 January 2009**

09.30 – 11.00      **Session IV – Combating criminal networks involved in smuggling of migrants and illegal migration**

**Presentations followed by discussion**

**Possible topics that could be addressed during the session**

- Interstate and inter-agency co-operation and coordination frameworks
- Exchange of experience on good practices and effective policies in combating illegal migration and criminal networks
- Joint cross-border investigation teams to dismantle facilitators' networks

11.00 - 11.30      Coffee Break

11.30 - 13.00      **Session V – Regional co-operation towards a comprehensive approach to migration**

**Presentations followed by discussion**

**Possible topics that could be addressed during the session**

- Opportunities for closer intra- and inter-regional co-operation and coordination
- What can international and regional organizations do to facilitate faire, transparent and efficient administration of labour migration and address illegal migration
- What can the OSCE do to promote strengthened regional co-operation on migration issues

13.00 – 14.30      Lunch Break

14.30 – 16.00      **Concluding Discussion – Follow-up to the Forum**

16.00 – 16.30      Coffee Break

16.30 – 17.00      **Closing Session** (open to Press)

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