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AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2026 OSCE ASIAN CONFERENCE

(Bangkok, 28 and 29 May 2026)

The Permanent Council,

Further to the discussion within the framework of the OSCE Asian Partners for Co-operation Group,

Welcoming the offer by Finland and Thailand to co-host the 2026 OSCE Asian Conference,

Decides:

1. That the 2026 OSCE Asian Conference will take place in Bangkok on 28 and 29 May 2026 on the topic "Countering transnational threats in the digital era through enhanced co-operation in Asia and the OSCE Region";

2. To organize the 2026 OSCE Asian Conference in accordance with the agenda and organizational modalities contained in the annex to this decision.

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Annex

AGENDA, TIMETABLE AND ORGANIZATIONAL MODALITIES OF THE 2026 OSCE ASIAN CONFERENCE "COUNTERING TRANSNATIONAL THREATS IN THE DIGITAL ERA THROUGH ENHANCED CO-OPERATION IN ASIA AND THE OSCE REGION"

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Co-organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)

I. Agenda

Thursday, 28 May 2026

2–3.30 p.m.	Opening remarks Addresses by: – Representative of Finland, Chair of the OSCE Asian Partners for Co-operation Group – Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand – Representative of Switzerland, the OSCE Chairmanship – Representative of tbc, Chair of the OSCE Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation Group – Secretary General of the OSCE – Representatives of the OSCE Asian Partners for Co-operation – Representative of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) (tbc) Group photo
3.30–3.45 p.m.	Coffee break
3.45–5.15 p.m.	Session 1: Strategic exchange on transnational threats in the digital era across the OSCE region and Asia Transnational threats in the digital era increasingly operate across borders and sectors and challenge the OSCE region and

Asia. Common to transnational threats and human trafficking is that they combine the misuse of technology, the manipulation of information, and other forms of interference designed to undermine trust in State institutions and economic and societal cohesion. They challenge traditional policy responses, requiring enhanced situational awareness as well as co-ordinated approaches across governmental and non-governmental stakeholders. Addressing such risks calls for strategic dialogue that promotes a shared understanding of evolving threat landscapes while fostering transparency, confidence-building and resilience. The session will focus on:

– Exchange on strategic threat assessments and policy responses to transnational threats across the OSCE region and Asia;

– Sharing best practices on multi-stakeholder co-operation to prevent and respond to transnational threats;

– Exchanging regional expertise on different transnational threats.

Friday, 29 May 2026

9.30–11 a.m. Session 2: Strengthening economic resilience against transnational threats in the digital era

Economic resilience in the digital era is increasingly challenged by illicit financial flows that enable transnational crime, causing both financial and human harm. Strengthening international co-operation, public-private partnerships and information-sharing mechanisms is therefore essential to detecting, preventing and disrupting such activity, while safeguarding transparency, accountability, the rule of law and human rights. The session will focus on:

– Discussing an approach towards resilient economies and societies through enhanced trust and safety in the digital era;

– Sharing effective national and international policies to reduce vulnerabilities;

– Showcasing international efforts both in the OSCE region and in Asia to build resilient regulatory and compliance frameworks and deeper public-private co-operation.

11–11.15 a.m.	Coffee break
11.15 a.m.–12.45 p.m.	Session 3: Enhancing media and information literacy to strengthen interregional security in the digital era Enhancing media and information literacy and critical thinking skills and promoting the responsible use of emerging digital technologies are key to building societal resilience, particularly among vulnerable groups such as the elderly, children, youth and the disabled. This is becoming increasingly important as digital technologies continue to reshape how information is created and shared. This challenge is further amplified by the growing use of AI in generating and disseminating content on a large scale. Gaps in media and information literacy can increase societal vulnerability to manipulation, disinformation and misleading or harmful online content. The session will focus on: – Sharing best practices on media and information literacy to prevent long-term threats to security; – Advancing national and international multi-stakeholder co-operation to enhance knowledge and dialogue on media and information literacy; – Encouraging public-private co-operation to promote transparency and facilitate responsible access to relevant data, in line with rule-of-law and human rights standards.
12.45–1.15 p.m.	Closing remarks

II. Participation

The OSCE participating States and Partners for Co-operation are invited to attend and contribute to the Conference.

The OSCE Executive Structures and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly will be invited to participate in and contribute to the Conference.

The international organizations that may be invited are the security-related organizations mentioned in Permanent Council Decision No. 951 of 29 July 2010.

Consideration will be given to the possibility of inviting security-related scientific institutes, think tanks of international standing and NGOs to be represented as members of national delegations.

III. Timetable and other organizational modalities

The Conference will begin at 2 p.m. (opening remarks) on 28 May 2026 and end at 1.15 p.m. on 29 May 2026.

Each session will have a moderator and a rapporteur. The consolidated summary will be forwarded to the Permanent Council.

The Rules of Procedure and working methods of the OSCE will be applied, *mutatis mutandis*, to the Conference.

The Conference will be held in Bangkok. The working language will be English.

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Attachment 1

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INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE

By the delegation of Türkiye:

"Thank you, Mr. Chairperson,

In connection with the adoption of this decision on the agenda, timetable and organizational modalities of the 2026 OSCE Asian Conference, we would like to make the following interpretative statement under paragraph IV.1(A)6 of the OSCE Rules of Procedure.

We welcome the offer by Finland and Thailand to co-host the 2026 OSCE Asian Conference on 28 and 29 May 2026 in Bangkok, devoted to the topic 'Countering transnational threats in the digital era through enhanced co-operation in Asia and the OSCE Region'.

In this regard, we would like to comment on the modalities set out under section II of the draft decision regarding the participation of other international organizations.

We wish to recall that more than fifteen years have passed since the adoption of the referred Permanent Council Decision No. 951 of 29 July 2010. Evidently, this list needs to be updated.

In this context, we would like to bring to your attention the invitation of the Organization of Turkic States (OTS) and its affiliate, the Parliamentary Assembly of Turkic States (TURKPA), which operate in similar areas with the OSCE and OSCE Parliamentary Assembly both in their mandates and geography, to the Conference.

The OTS has been advancing tangible co-operation in connectivity, transport, digitalization, energy security and disaster management – all of which contribute to the resilience and well-being of its wider region.

The fact that all members of the OTS are also participating States of the OSCE demonstrates the untapped potential for increased co-operation.

We therefore request the co-hosts to consider inviting the OTS and TURKPA to the upcoming Asian Conference.

We request that this statement be attached to the decision and reflected in the journal of the day.

Thank you, Mr. Chairperson.”

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Attachment 2

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INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT UNDER PARAGRAPH IV.1(A)6 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR SECURITY AND CO-OPERATION IN EUROPE

By the delegation of the Russian Federation:

"Having joined the consensus regarding the Permanent Council decision on the agenda, timetable and organizational modalities of the 2026 OSCE Asian Conference, the Russian Federation notes the following.

We regret that the process of drafting the decision was not accompanied by a consultation process involving the participating States and the OSCE Asian Partners for Co-operation, which would have allowed any concerns to be addressed already at that stage; instead, the decision was immediately submitted to the other States, States that had not been involved in its drafting, as a final document.

The Russian Federation disagrees with the decision's politicized language, such as 'manipulation of information designed to undermine trust in State institutions', which is used in Western countries for political censorship, and with the singling out of telecommunications and information literacy as the sole tool for combating cyberfraud and computer scams, while other important avenues for countering this form of crime are ignored.

We stress that our expression of support for this decision is based on the desire to maintain consensus in the Organization.

We call upon the incoming Swiss Chairmanship of the Asian Partners for Co-operation Group to take these comments into account when making preparations for the OSCE Asian Conference in 2027. We are ready to engage constructively in this work.

I request that this statement be attached to the adopted decision and included in the journal of today's meeting of the Permanent Council."