

# **The Climate-Security Nexus Conference**

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## **Climate Change and Security in the OSCE Context**

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# OSCE at a glance

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**57** participating States

Comprehensive approach to security

**3** Dimensions

Politico-military  
Economic and Environmental  
Human dimension

**Decision-making bodies**

Summits/Ministerial Councils  
Permanent Council  
Forum for Security Co-operation



**Secretariat**

Conflict Prevention Centre  
**Office of the Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities (OCEEA)**  
Special Representative and Co-ordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings  
Transnational Threats Department

**Field Operations**

**3** Institutions

Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights  
High Commissioner on National Minorities<sup>2</sup>  
Representative on Freedom of the Media

# OSCE and the environment

## Linkages between environment and security:

- **Environmental degradation** can be a potential source of tensions
- **Environmental co-operation** can contribute to good neighbourly relations, conflict prevention and confidence-building



# OSCE and climate change



Offers a **platform** for political dialogue

Implements **activities on the ground**



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## Objectives:

- Create **awareness** on potential security implications of climate change and the need for **regional and transboundary co-operation** in adaptation
- Strengthen **capacities** to anticipate, prevent and mitigate potential security risks resulting from climate change

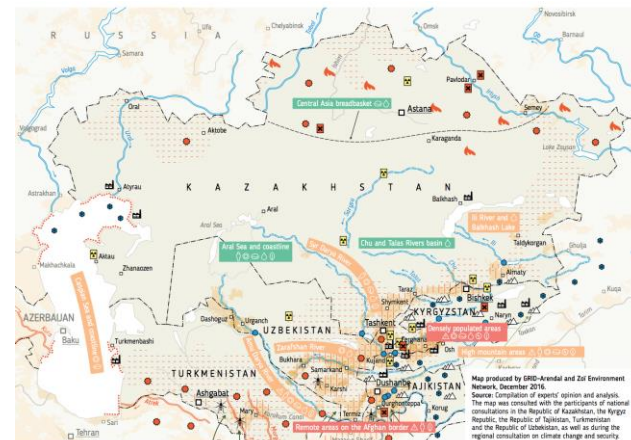
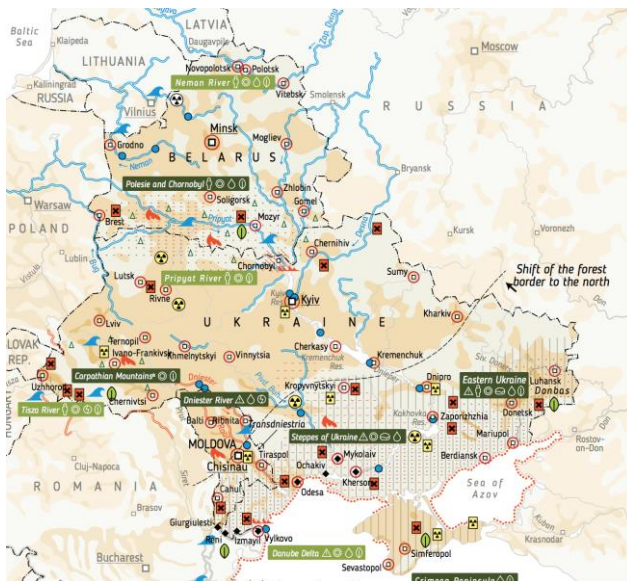
## Partnership:

- ENVSEC Initiative: OSCE, UNDP, UNEP, UNECE, REC
- European Union (Instrument for Stability)
- Austrian Development Agency



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## Climate security hotspots

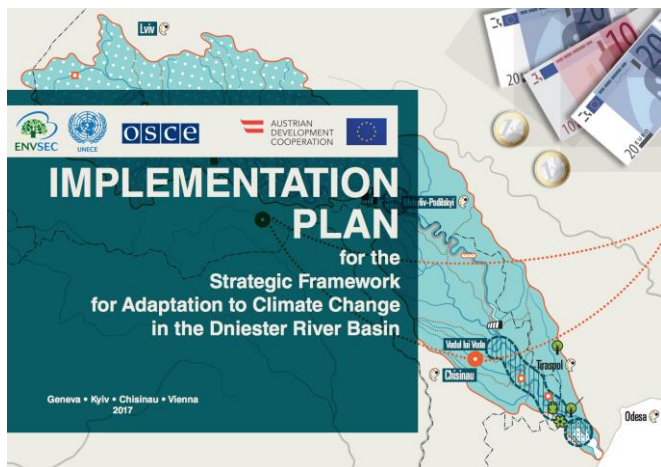
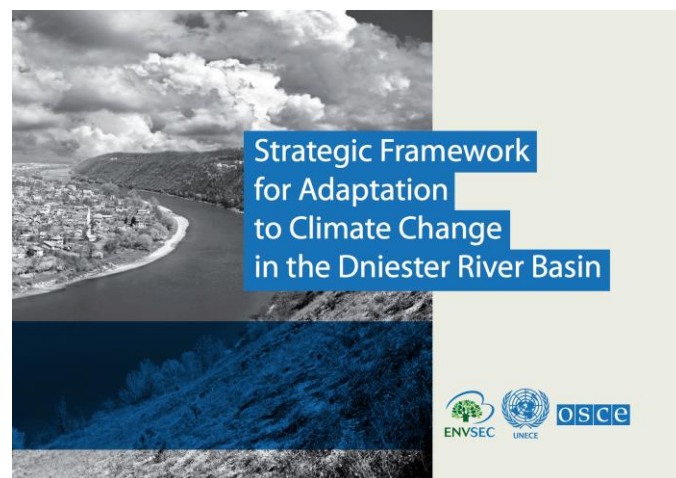


Climate change and security hotspots in Central Asia

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## Transboundary adaptation strategy for the Dniester River Basin

Endorsed by Ukraine and Moldova at the ministerial level



Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe



AUSTRIAN  
DEVELOPMENT  
COOPERATION

# Lessons learned

- Climate change co-operation, joint action and **climate diplomacy** can be good entry points for facilitating good neighbourly relations and strengthening trust
- Addressing climate change at **regional level** is critical as it links the efforts undertaken at the global and national levels
- The inherent complexity of climate-security challenges require “**whole-of-government**” and “**whole-of-society**” approaches to balance the interests of different sectors
- Climate-security hotspots need further **research and in-depth analysis**
- The Dniester co-operation process can be used as a **good practice example**
- **Awareness-raising** on potential security implications of climate change should continue





# What is next?

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- Participatory risk assessment in the South Eastern Europe region
- Awareness-raising targeting national authorities, parliamentarians, media
- Partnership with the Union for the Mediterranean (UfM)

## For more information:

<https://www.osce.org/projects/climate-change-and-security>

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