

# MEDIA SECTION FOR ALBANIAN 2020 OSCE CHAIRMANSHIP



## Political /Diplomatic Importance

Starting as of January 1, 2020, Albania chair the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe; OSCE, over a calendar year until December 31, 2020. For the first time in its history, Albania will assume the Chairmanship of this large organization. As a result, Albania will be part of the Troika of the Organization Chairmanship together with Italy and Slovakia, when in 2018 and 2019 respectively they were Chairs of the Organization.

Since 1 January 2020, Albania will be in focus of not only the other 56 participating countries, but also of the Mediterranean Partner countries and Asian countries, attributing it not only a broader diplomatic role but also a great responsibility of chairing one of the largest main organizations in the international arena. Tirana will host major events Conferences with over 4000 participants, together with high level personalities for the Chairmanship.

Albania's commitment to strengthen peace and stability in the WB region and that of the OSCE constitutes a proper guarantee for a very successful Chairmanship. Also, as the Chair of Organization in 2020, Albania will show maturity, full responsibility, pushing forward the efforts made by Troika (Italy 2018; Slovakia 2019), by ensuring the continuity of the main Organization's priorities.

The Albanian OSCE Chairmanship for 2020 is the biggest political and diplomatic success in its multilateral engagements since its membership in NATO. Therefore, Albania will chair the OSCE inspired by a sense of responsibility and motivated by the determination to contribute to the continent's overall security, stability and democratization.

Form a historical background, Albania joined this organization in 1991 and since then it has been a major beneficiary in many institutional aspects, especially in the transition period, to develop a stronger state with democratic values and obviously in view of the respect for fundamental rights.

Almost just three decades later, Albania is now close to the historic moment when preparations are underway to lead this organization to afford a significant contribution thereto.

Albania views the Chairmanship as an excellent opportunity to significantly increase its promotion as an active country contributing to peace and stability. Albania will face an exceptional challenge, but nonetheless it is a well-deserved international appreciation for its active role in promoting democratic values, security and stability in the international arena.

## Main Objectives for year 2020

Albania will continue the good work of the previous Chairmanships for the prevention, management and resolution of conflicts within the OSCE space. Conflict resolution will be at the top of the Albanian agenda, of course, with special focus on the crisis in Ukraine and its surrounding regions, contributing to peaceful crisis resolution in Ukraine and its surrounding regions, which remains Europe's most urgent security challenge.

Albania will continue to support the OSCE's commitment to conflict resolution, backing up the efforts of the OSCE Minsk Group Co-Chairs in the context of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, in line with the Geneva International Discussions on the situation in Georgia, as well as the Transnistria Conflict Resolution Process. In addition, special attention will be paid to the non-escalation of the situation in Georgia, as well as to the process of resolving the Transnistria conflict.

On the other hand, Albania will be committed to promote good governance and anti-corruption principles throughout the space covered by the Organization.

Albania will address the joint efforts for all participating countries of this organization, in view of the prevention of trafficking in human beings, as well as in fighting the culture of impunity in general.

In 2020 Albania will have a special priority to the promotion of universality of human rights and fundamental freedoms.

A special role during the Albanian Chairmanship will of course be played by the youth, which has been defined as an inter-dimensional priority of the Albanian Chairmanship, not only because Albania is good example, but also based on the need that youth should not only treated as a future generation, but as a generation that needs current attention and strengthening of its role in society and institutions in general.

It is also worth noting that during the Albanian Chairmanship, special attention will be paid to strengthening the role of women internationally during peace processes.

We do all believe to a successful OSCE Chairmanship in 2020.



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