

**THE OSCE:
INCLUSIVE MEDIATION
FOR
COMPREHENSIVE SECURITY**

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Mediation and dialogue facilitation at the OSCE

- A variety of instruments:
 - CiO and his/her Special/Personal Representatives and Envoys (Transdniestrian Settlement Process (Moldova), Geneva International Discussions (Georgia), Minsk Process (Armenia-Azerbaijan), Trilateral Contact Group (Ukraine))
 - Field operations
 - Institutions (HCNM, ODIHR, RFoM, OSCE PA (SR on Mediation))
- Usually a combination of the tools is applied



OSCE Engagements

- **Trilateral Contact Group (TCG)** → Ukraine
 - OSCE, Ukraine, the Russian Federation
- **Geneva International Discussion (GID)** → Georgia
 - OSCE, EU, UN
- **OSCE Minsk Group (Minsk Process)** → Armenia/Azerbaijan
 - France, the Russian Federation, and the United States
 - OSCE CiO Personal Representative on the conflict dealt with by the Minsk Conference
- **Transdniestrian settlement process (TSP)** → Moldova
 - OSCE, Ukraine, the Russian Federation
 - United States and EU observers



Towards effective mediation

- Creating a political Framework
- Establishing operational structures
- Managing knowledge and processes

Principles/Focus:

- Inclusivity
- Ownership
- Consent



Applying the principles

Consent:

“Mediation is a voluntary process that requires the consent of the conflict parties to be effective..” (UN Guidance)

Inclusivity:

Who gets to be in the room?

What gets to the table?

Who should be included in designing and carrying out peace processes, **at what stage** and **to what end?**





OSCE's eyes, ears and hands on the ground

- The network of OSCE field operations:
inclusive approach to mediation and dialogue support

Areas:

- peacebuilding, mediation and dialogue support activities
- Inter-faith dialogue
- Participatory approaches to the prevention of violent extremism
- Countering educational and inter-communal segregation
- SSG/R and Rule of Law



Insider Mediation – Good practices and lessons-learned

- Conditions and challenging environment for mediation

Assets of Insider Mediation:

- Support ‘Networks’
 - Context-specificity and conflict-sensitivity
 - Sustainability and impact
 - Strategy and flexibility
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- Cases: OSCE POiB; OMiS; OMiBiH



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