

The gradual institutionalisation of the CSCE / OSCE (1990-1999)


Caption: Table showing the evolution of the institutional structures of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE), and later of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), from their establishment by the Charter of Paris for a New Europe in 1990 and the subsequent institutional changes effected notably by decisions of the Review conferences and the Ministerial Council until 1999.

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Meetings (before and after 1990)

1977-1992	After 1990
Process of sporadic negotiations	Regular political consultations
(The country hosting each meeting appoints an Executive Secretary)	(the follow-up and inter-sessional meetings may continue to use ad hoc secretariats)
	Meetings of the political authorities:
Main CSCE Follow-up meetings	Summit of Heads of State or Government
	Follow-up meetings / Review conferences
	Council of Foreign Ministers/ Ministerial Council
	Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) / Senior Council
	Vienna Group of the CSO/ Permanent Committee/ Permanent Council
	Special Meetings:
Special inter-sessional meetings: meetings of experts, forums, seminars and specialised conferences (conference on confidence and security measures and on disarmament in Europe, conference on the human dimension)	-inter-sessional (particularly seminars; annually: one meeting devoted to the evaluation of the implementation of the CSMs in Vienna, one meeting of the economic forum qua specialised meeting of the CSO/ High Council in Prague)
	-specialised institutions:
	Office for Free Elections (OFE) / Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)
	Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC) / Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC)
	High Commissioner on National Minorities
	Sessions of the Assembly
CSMs: confidence and security measures	

Structures of the CSCE (from 1990 to 1994)

1990	1992	1993	1994
	Decisions of the Ministerial Council and the Helsinki Review Conference	Decisions of the Ministerial Council	Decisions of the Budapest Review Conference
Decision-making bodies (political authorities)			
Summit, meeting of Heads of State or Government (at each follow-up meeting)	Summit, meeting of Heads of State or Government (at each review conference every two years)*	Summit, meeting of Heads of State or Government (at each review conference every two years)	Summit, meeting of Heads of State or Government (at each review conference every two years)
	Chairman-in-office (July 1992) Troika Personal Representatives of the Chairman-in-office Council, meeting of Foreign Ministers (at least once per year)	Chairman-in-office Troika Personal Representatives of the Chairman-in-office Council, meeting of Foreign Ministers (at least once per year)	Chairman-in-office Troika Personal Representatives of the Chairman-in-office Ministerial Council (meeting more than once per year)
Committee of Senior Officials (CSO), more frequent meetings of officials coming from capitals, generally in Prague	Committee of Senior Officials (CSO), meetings at least every three months of officials coming from capitals, generally in Prague Emergency meetings of the CSO (= Berlin mechanism) (June 1991) Economic Forum (qua specialised meeting of the CSO) (July 1992)	Committee of Senior Officials (CSO), meetings at least every three months of officials coming from capitals generally, in Prague Emergency meetings of the CSO Economic Forum (sitting in Prague qua specialised meeting of the CSO since 1993)	Senior Council, meetings at least twice per year in Prague (political directors of the Ministries for Foreign Affairs) Emergency meetings of the High Council Economic Forum (configuration of the High Council, annual specialised meeting)
	Vienna Group of the CSO (regular meetings of ambassadors accredited to Vienna between CSO sessions) (December 1992)	Permanent Committee (weekly meetings in Vienna) (December 1993)	Permanent Council (weekly meetings in Vienna)
Decision-making body (specialised institution)		Personal Representatives of the President-in-office	
Conflict Prevention Centre (CPC)	Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) (Vienna)	Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC):	Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) (weekly

(Vienna)	(July 1992):		meeting in Vienna)
- Consultative Committee of the CPC (Heads of the national delegations at the CSMs negotiations) - CPC Secretariat	- Consultative Committee of the CPC - Special Committee (Arms Control negotiations and CSMs) (as a rule both assembling the same delegations)	- Consultative Committee of the CPC: dissolution and transfer of powers to the Permanent Committee and to the FSC -Special Committee (Arms Control negotiations and CSMs)	- Special Committee (Arms Control negotiations and CSMs)
Specialised institutions			
Office for Free Elections (OFE) (Warsaw)	Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) (Warsaw) (January 1992)	Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) (Warsaw)	Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) (Warsaw)
	High Commissioner on National Minorities (The Hague) (July 1992)	High Commissioner on National Minorities (The Hague)	High Commissioner on National Minorities (The Hague)
Parliamentary Assembly			
	Parliamentary Assembly (PA) (meeting on a rotational basis in the different capitals) (first in July 1992)	Parliamentary Assembly (PA) (Secretariat in Copenhagen)	Parliamentary Assembly (PA) (Secretariat in Copenhagen)
Administrative structures			
	Secretary-General (Vienna) (heading secretarial services for Prague and the CPC) (December 1992) Secretariat, administrative support for meetings of the Council and of the CSO (Prague)	Secretary-General (Vienna) (heading offices in Prague and Vienna) Secretariat (Vienna), incorporating the Prague office and the CPC (December 1993)	Secretary-General (participating in the meetings of the troika) Secretariat (Vienna) - CPC - Prague office
* The review conference preceding each summit takes place in Vienna			

Structures of the OSCE (since 1995)

1995	1997	1999
	Decisions of the Permanent Council	European Security Charter (Istanbul summit)
Decision-making bodies (political authorities)		
Summit, meeting of Heads of State or Government (at each review conference every two years)	Summit, meeting of Heads of State or Government (at each review conference every two years)	Summit, meeting of Heads of State or Government (at each review conference every two years)
Chairman-in-office	Chairman-in-office	Chairman-in-office
Troika Personal Representatives of the Chairman-in-office	Troika Personal Representatives of the Chairman-in-office	Troika Personal Representatives of the Chairman-in-office
Ministerial Council (annual meeting of Foreign Ministers)	Ministerial Council (annual meeting of Foreign Ministers)	Ministerial Council (annual meeting of Foreign Ministers)
Senior Council, meetings at least twice per year in Prague (political directors of the Ministries for Foreign Affairs)	Senior Council, meetings at least twice per year in Prague (political directors of the Ministries for Foreign Affairs)	Senior Council, meetings at least twice per year in Prague (political directors of the Ministries for Foreign Affairs)
Emergency meetings	Emergency meetings	Emergency meetings
Economic Forum (specialised configuration of the High Council, annual session in Prague)	Economic Forum (specialised configuration of the High Council, annual session in Prague)	Economic Forum (specialised configuration of the High Council, annual session in Prague)
Permanent Council (weekly meetings in Vienna)	Permanent Council (weekly meetings in Vienna)	Permanent Council (weekly meetings in Vienna) Preparatory Committee (November 1999)
Decision-making body (specialised institution)		
Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) (weekly meeting in Vienna)	Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) (weekly meeting in Vienna)	Forum for Security Co-operation (FSC) (weekly meeting in Vienna)
Specialised Institutions		
Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) (Warsaw)	Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) (Warsaw)	Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) (Warsaw)
High Commissioner on National Minorities (The Hague)	High Commissioner on National Minorities (The Hague)	High Commissioner on National Minorities (The Hague)
	OSCE Representative on freedom of the media (Vienna) (November	OSCE Representative on freedom of the media (Vienna) (November

	1997)	1997)
Parliamentary Assembly		
Parliamentary Assembly (PA) (Secretariat in Copenhagen)	Parliamentary Assembly (PA) (Secretariat in Copenhagen)	Parliamentary Assembly (PA) (Secretariat in Copenhagen)
Administrative structures		
Secretary-General (participating in the meetings of the troika)	Secretary-General (participating in the meetings of the troika)	Secretary-General (participating in the meetings of the troika)
Secretariat (Vienna) - CPC - Prague office	Secretariat (Vienna) - CPC - Coordinator of economic and environmental activities (November 1997) - Prague office	Secretariat (Vienna) - CPC - Coordinator of economic and environmental activities (November 1997) - Prague office