

# OSCE CRISIS MANAGEMENT AND SMALL STATES

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- definition of **civilian actor**, no military capacities
- 57 member states, largest security org.
- approximately **3500** international staff in the field and HQ
- CSCE transformation through the 1990s 1995, perceived impartiality is a strong positive
- **focus on:**
  - ▣ *preventing crises and providing security solutions in ongoing crises to fill security deficit areas and support arms control*

# CSCE/OSCE – three dimensions/baskets

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## □ **Security**

- ▣ Arms control, conflict prevention, military reform, border management, monitoring

## □ **Rule of law**

- ▣ Democratization, anti-trafficking, election monitoring, media freedom, gender

## □ **Economy and environment**

- ▣ Energy security, development and ecology

# OSCE crisis management instruments

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- **Multidimensional**
- 3 dominant dimensions of OSCE CM:
- **Security (Political-Military)**
  - ▣ Preventive diplomacy, confidence and trust building measures, impartial analysis, arms control
- **Human rights**
  - ▣ Promotion of HR, tolerance, rule of law, democratization, development, monitoring elections, supporting free press
- **Economic**
  - ▣ Supporting development, security, good governance, cooperation, post-conflict rehabilitation

# OSCE crisis management

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- Emphasis on prevention and early political engagement in the conflict cycle
- **1990 - Conflict Prevention Centre**
  - ▣ first of its kind
  - ▣ provides early warning, but also negotiation, mediation, cooperation support and impartial resolution capacities
  - ▣ civilian experts deployed in earliest phases of crises (security provided by stature)
  - ▣ also serves as DPKO

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- Gets “invited” due to perceived **impartiality and multidimensional nature**
- Focused purely internally – distinct “**local advantage**”
- Wavering focus, dependent upon chairmanship and topic-of-the-year
- **Lacks the power to impose solutions**
  - ▣ Non-binding resolutions
  - ▣ Processes are voluntary
  - ▣ Missions require constant consensus
  - ▣ Declining budget (151mil USD)

# OSCE field operations

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- Approximately **800 personnel** deployed outside of permanent field workers, highly fluctuates
- **Southeastern Europe**
  - ▣ Albania, Montenegro, Kosovo, Serbia, Skopje, BiH
- **Eastern Europe**
  - ▣ Moldova, Ukraine
- **South Caucasus**
  - ▣ Baku, Yerevan
- **Central Asia**
  - ▣ Ashgabat, Astana, Bishkek, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan

2016: <http://www.osce.org/cpc/74783?download=true>

# OSCE Ukraine example

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- **Special monitoring mission**
  - ▣ *Independent fact-based monitoring and reporting, implementation of Minsk agreements*
  
- **Project coordinator**
  - ▣ *Government assistance in crisis management, stabilization, and continuation of democratization*
  
- **Observer mission at Russian checkpoints**
  - ▣ *at Russia's request on Russian border*
  
- **Freedom of media representative, Minorities commissioner, ODIHR election monitoring, OSCE Secretary general mediation**