



**Information Sheet for current and potential members of the  
OSCE Network of Think Tanks and Academic Institutions**

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1. What is the OSCE Network?
  - a. The OSCE Network of Think Tanks and Academic Institutions is a Track II initiative. Members are research institutions from OSCE participating States engaged in academic and policy research on OSCE-relevant topics.
  - b. Member institutions work together in order to exchange information, pool their expertise, and engage with the OSCE and participating States.
  - c. The OSCE Network is an informal platform with minimal administrative capacities and no funding of its own. It relies on voluntary input from members.
  
2. What are the benefits of membership?
  - a. Members can use the Network email list to:
    - share OSCE-relevant information (publications, events, calls, job ads, etc.)
    - ask other members for information, such as who to approach within the OSCE on a specific topic
    - identify partner institutions.
  - b. Member institutions and their Points of Contact enjoy increased visibility by being presented on the Network website (<https://osce-network.net/member-institutions>). They are also included on the Network email list.
  - c. Subject to the approval of the Steering Committee, members may conduct activities using the OSCE Network name and logo, which among other things may increase their chances of receiving funding.
  - d. Members may participate in Network events.
  - e. Members may also participate in the OSCE Network Fellowship program. CORE, which manages this initiative (drawing on funding from the German Federal Foreign Office), publishes calls for application using the Network email list.
  - f. There is no membership fee and no obligation to participate in Network activities. Members may leave the Network at any time.
  
3. How does the OSCE benefit from the Network?
  - a. The Network contributes to OSCE debates by providing input from policy research, such as new ideas for reviving comprehensive and cooperative security.
  - b. Participating States and OSCE representatives receive feedback from the Network on political initiatives.
  - c. The Network improves policy by translating academic research for policy-makers and practitioners.
  - d. New generations of researchers with OSCE-relevant knowledge benefit from the support of the Network, and more senior scholars are given incentives to work on topics directly relevant to the OSCE.
  - e. The Network helps practitioners to identify institutions and individuals with OSCE-relevant knowledge from across the OSCE area.

4. What does the Network do?
  - a. The Network creates a community for researchers to exchange information and to provide expertise on OSCE-relevant topics through transnational collaboration.
  - b. It stimulates discussions on and raises awareness of the OSCE through activities such as conferences, workshops, and briefings sessions.
  - c. It publishes texts, including OSCE Network Reports, workshop reports, perception and lessons learned papers, and briefing notes.
  
5. What does your organization need to do to join the Network or activities?
  - a. To join the Network, your institution must be endorsed by two existing member institutions. The Points of Contact of the two existing member institutions should email their endorsement to the Network Coordinator (currently Cornelius Friesendorf, CORE/IFSH, [friesendorf@ifsh.de](mailto:friesendorf@ifsh.de)). The coordinating institution will then add the new member to the Network website and the email list.
  - b. Member institutions are responsible for conducting and administering their own Network activities (including fundraising) and for reporting to their donors.
  - c. Activities run under the auspices of the Network and presented as such (i.e. carrying the name "OSCE Network of Think Tanks and Academic Institutions" and the Network logo) require the approval of the Network's Steering Committee. This includes publishing texts online or in print.
  - d. Members who run Network activities must inform all Network members (using the Network email list) about the activity and the possibility of participating and must keep the Network Coordinator informed throughout the implementation process.
  - e. If you want to know more about the Network, initiate a project, or join us, contact the Network Coordinator or members of the Steering Committee (see the contact details at <https://osce-network.net/about>).
  - f. Please also see the Network Statutes on our website ([https://osce-network.net/fileadmin/user\\_upload/about/OSCE\\_Network\\_Statutes.pdf](https://osce-network.net/fileadmin/user_upload/about/OSCE_Network_Statutes.pdf)).