

The Federal Assembly -
Swiss Delegation to the PA of the OSCE



SILK ROAD SUPPORT GROUP
Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY

PROGRAM

Third International Parliamentary Conference of the OSCE PA Silk Road Support Group (SRG)

“THE BELT AND ROAD INITIATIVE (BRI) AS A DRIVER FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDG)”

5 – 7 September 2019

*Andermatt/Switzerland (1444 m above sea-level) Radisson Blu Hotel
Reussen, Concert Hall Andermatt*

THURSDAY. 05 SEPTEMBER 2019

During the day Arrival of Participants, Accommodation/Registration

Optional: 10.30 Guided visit of the Gotthard tunnel - the longest railway tunnel in the world
<https://www.tunnel-erlebnis.ch/en/>

15.00 – 17.00 Time for bilateral meetings (board rooms at disposal)

17.00 - 19.00 OFFICIAL OPENING SESSION

Welcoming Speech

Ms. Margareta Kiener Nellen, Head of the Delegation of the Swiss Federal Assembly to the OSCE PA, National Councilor of the Canton of Bern

Opening Speeches

- 1) Mr. Azay Guliyev, Chair of the Silk Road Support Group, Vice-President of the OSCE PA, member of the Delegation of Azerbaijan to the OSCE PA: “Our group as a driver for OSCE Values”
- 2) Mr. George Tsereteli, President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly
- 3) Mr. Ignazio Cassis, Federal Councilor, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland
- 4) Mr. Wenbing GENG, Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China to the Swiss Confederation



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- 5) Mr. Alois Zwinggi, Managing Director, Head of Compliance and Institutional Affairs of the World Economic Forum (WEF), Geneva
- 6) Mr. Remigi Winzap, Board Director for Switzerland, Ukraine, Serbia, Uzbekistan, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, Turkmenistan, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- 7) Mr. Sergio Ermotti, Group CEO, Holding UBS Group AG
- 8) Mr. Roberto Grassi, CEO, Fidinam Group

Participation by around 100 Swiss business representatives gathered for the Andermatt Dialog

Musical Framing: OSI Brass Quintett (Orchestra della Svizzera Italiana, Lugano)

Moderator: Filippo Lombardi, Vice-Chair of the Silk Road Support Group, Councilor of States of the Canton of Ticino

19.00 Aperitif

19.30 Opening dinner hosted by the Swiss Department of Foreign Affairs – Networking
Radisson Blu Hotel Reussen

FRIDAY, 06 SEPTEMBER 2019

09:00 – 10:30 INTRODUCTORY PLENARY SESSION

Opening speeches:

- 1) Mr. Josef Dittli, Vice-Chair of the Delegation of the Swiss Federal Assembly to the OSCE PA, Councilor of States of the Canton of Uri

Gottardino – a short film on the Gotthard tunnel – with 57 km the longest railway tunnel in the world with two single-track tubes (subtitles in French, Italian and English)

- 2) Ms. Elisabeth Schneider-Schneiter, Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee (National Council), National Councilor of the Canton of Basel-Stadt

Moderation: Filippo Lombardi, Vice-Chair of Silk Road Support Group

Introductory Panel

Introduction to the themes of the four workshops to which the delegates will split up in two rounds from 11.00 – 12.30 and from 16.00 – 17.30

Panelists:

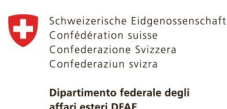
- 1) Mr. Andrei Rybak, Chairman of the Standing Committee on Industry, the Fuel and Energy Complex, Transport and Communications of the House of Representatives of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus, host party of the previous SRG conference in Minsk (28-30 April 2019)
- 2) Ms. Margareta Kiener Nellen, Head of the Delegation of the Swiss Federal Assembly to the OSCE PA, “Financing of the New Rail Link through the Alps (NRLA), and Parliamentary Oversight” (ad workshop 1)
- 3) Mr. Alexander Karrer, Deputy Secretary of State for International Finance (SIF), Federal Department for economic Affairs, Education and Research (ad workshop 2)
- 4) Ms. Gretta Fenner, Managing Director, Basel Institute on Governance (ad workshop 3)
- 5) Ambassador Raphael Nägeli, Head Asia and Pacific Division, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) (ad workshop 4)

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee Break



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11.00 – 12.30 WORKSHOP 1: The Road to Success – Sustainable Infrastructures (SDG 9.1)

The idea of the session is to give more technical and concrete insights into successfully achieved infrastructure projects such as the Swiss NRLA project. The participants will then share best practices on already achieved infrastructure projects within the Belt and Road initiative and underline the important role of parliamentary oversight and democratic involvement.

Experts:

- 1) Mr. Christophe Mayor, Transport Planner, Federal Department of Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications
- 2) Mr. Philipp Brunner, CEO, CJSC Stadler Minsk, Fanipol, Belarus
- 3) Mr. Daniel Kroos, Senior Programme Officer, OSCE Economic and Environmental Activities Office

Rapporteur: Ms. Stefana Miladinovic, Vice-Chair of SRG of OSCE PA, Head of the Delegation of Serbia to the OSCE PA

Moderator: Ms. Olivia Chang, Anchor, cnn money switzerland

11.00 – 12.30 WORKSHOP 2: Sustainable Financing and Risk Mitigation (SDG 9.A, 11.3, 11.4)

The idea of the session is to explore ways to mobilize sustainable funding for the Belt and Road initiative's various projects and enable participants to gain a better understanding of the different financing strategies and tools that are sustainable. It will also address how to proactively mitigate risks from the project planning, design, construction phase to the closeout phase. The participants will then share best practices, by citing some examples of collaboration and tools that were successful. This will enable to learn from various approaches, consider local particularities and adopt common criteria for cooperation.

Experts:

- 1) Mr. Remigi Winzap, Board Director for Switzerland, Ukraine, Serbia, Uzbekistan, Liechtenstein, Montenegro, Turkmenistan, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- 2) Mr. Alexander Karrer, Deputy Secretary of State for International Finance (SIF), Federal Department for Economic Affairs, Education and Research

Rapporteur: Mr. Tahir Mirkishili, Member of the Delegation of Azerbaijan to the OSCE PA

Moderator: Ms. Ana Maria Montero, Anchor, cnn money Switzerland

12.30– 15.30 Lunch offered by Andermatt Swiss Alps at Ristorante panoramico Schneehüenerstock (2'600 m above sea level - trip by bus and cable car). Address and greetings by the Mayor of Andermatt, Mr. Hans Regli and by Mr. Samih Sawiris, Founder of Andermatt Swiss Alps AG

16.00 – 17.30 WORKSHOP 3: Good governance, Transparency and Fight against Corruption (SDG 16.5 and 16.8)

The idea of the session is to address “corruption as a road block standing in the way of success for the Belt and Road initiative”, exploring where corruption can emerge (which processes it can interfere with) and identify the potential adverse impact on the Belt and Road initiative. Then, the discussion should focus more on “concrete solutions to tackle corruption in the context of the Belt and Road initiative”, by exploring what approaches can be used to address corruption and that are relevant to the OSCE countries.

Experts:

- 1) Ms. Greta Fenner, Managing Director, Basel Institute on Governance
- 2) Ms. Gigi-Anne Hoh, Head of Compliance and Risk, Syngenta
- 3) Ambassador Erwin A. Bollinger, Head Bilateral Economic Relations, Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research

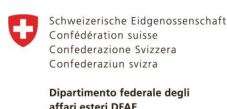
Rapporteur: TBC

Moderator: Ms. Olivia Chang, Anchor, cnn money switzerland



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16.00 – 17.30 WORKSHOP 4: Building for the future (SDG 12, 17.3, 8.7 + 8.8 and 13)

The idea of the session is to understand the impacts of such immense infrastructure projects on the environment, the communities and human rights and explore what are the most relevant frameworks to use to ensure sustainable infrastructure.

Experts:

- 1) Ms. Martine Rohn, Deputy Head International Affairs Division, Federal Office for the Environment, Federal Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications
- 2) Ms. Barbara Schedler Fischer, Deputy Head Human Security Division, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA)

Rapporteur: Mr. Ante Babic, Member of the Delegation of Croatia to the OSCE PA

Moderator: Ms. Ana Maria Montero, Anchor, cnn money switzerland

18.00 - 19.00 Meeting of Steering Committee with Rapporteurs, chaired by Mr. Filippo Lombardi, Vice-Chair of Silk Road Support Group

19.00 Aperitif

19.00 - 22.00 Music: Fränggi Gehrig

19.30 Dinner hosted by the Canton of Uri - Greetings by Landammann Roger Nager
Radisson Blu Hotel Reussen

SATURDAY, 07 SEPTEMBER 2019

Optional: 7.00-8.00 Guided early morning walk to the Suvorov monument in the gorge of Schöllenen with Mr. Ferdi Muheim, former Mayor of Andermatt and Bearer of the Order of Friendship with the Russian Federation

8:30 -10.00 CLOSING PLENARY SESSION

Adoption of the ANDERMATT DECLARATION, Mr. Filippo Lombardi, Chair of Foreign Affairs Committee of Swiss Council of States

Closing Speeches:

- 1) Mr. Azay Guliyev, Chair of the Silk Road Support Group, Vice-President of the OSCE PA, member of the Delegation of Azerbaijan to the OSCE PA
- 2) Ms. Margareta Kiener Nellen, Head of the Swiss Delegation to the OSCE PA

10.00 – 13.00 Departure for guided visit to Gotthard Pass and Sasso San Gottardo Fortress (2'100m above sea-level)

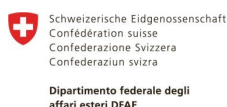
13.30 – 15.00 Farewell Lunch at Radisson Blu Hotel Reussen, Restaurant Spun, hosted by the Municipality of Andermatt

Departure of Participants, possibility of private extension of the stay



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Musical programme

Opening Ceremony 05.09.19

Part one:

First suite for Brass Quintet: 1 Greg March - 2 Lullaby - 3 Scottish Jig .
*Compositor: Etienne Crausaz (*1981)*

Part two:

West Side Story: 1 Prologue - 2 Something's Comin - 3 Maria - 4 Tonight - 5 America
Compositor: Leonard Bernstein (1918-1990) arr: Jack Gale

Part three:

Just a Closer Walk (traditional)
arr: Don Gillis

Killer Tango
Compositor: Sonny Kompanek (1943)

Puttin' on the Ritz
Compositor: Irving Berlin (1888 - 1989) Sto arrivando!. Stephen Roberts

(optional)
Mexican Folk - Medley
arr: Beart Mayer

Musicians

Brass Quintet of the OSI – Orchestra della Svizzera Italiana - Lugano

Trumpet: Serena Basandella and Sébastien Galley

Horn: Zora Slokar

Trombone: Floriano Rosini

Tuba: Rino Ghiretti.



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