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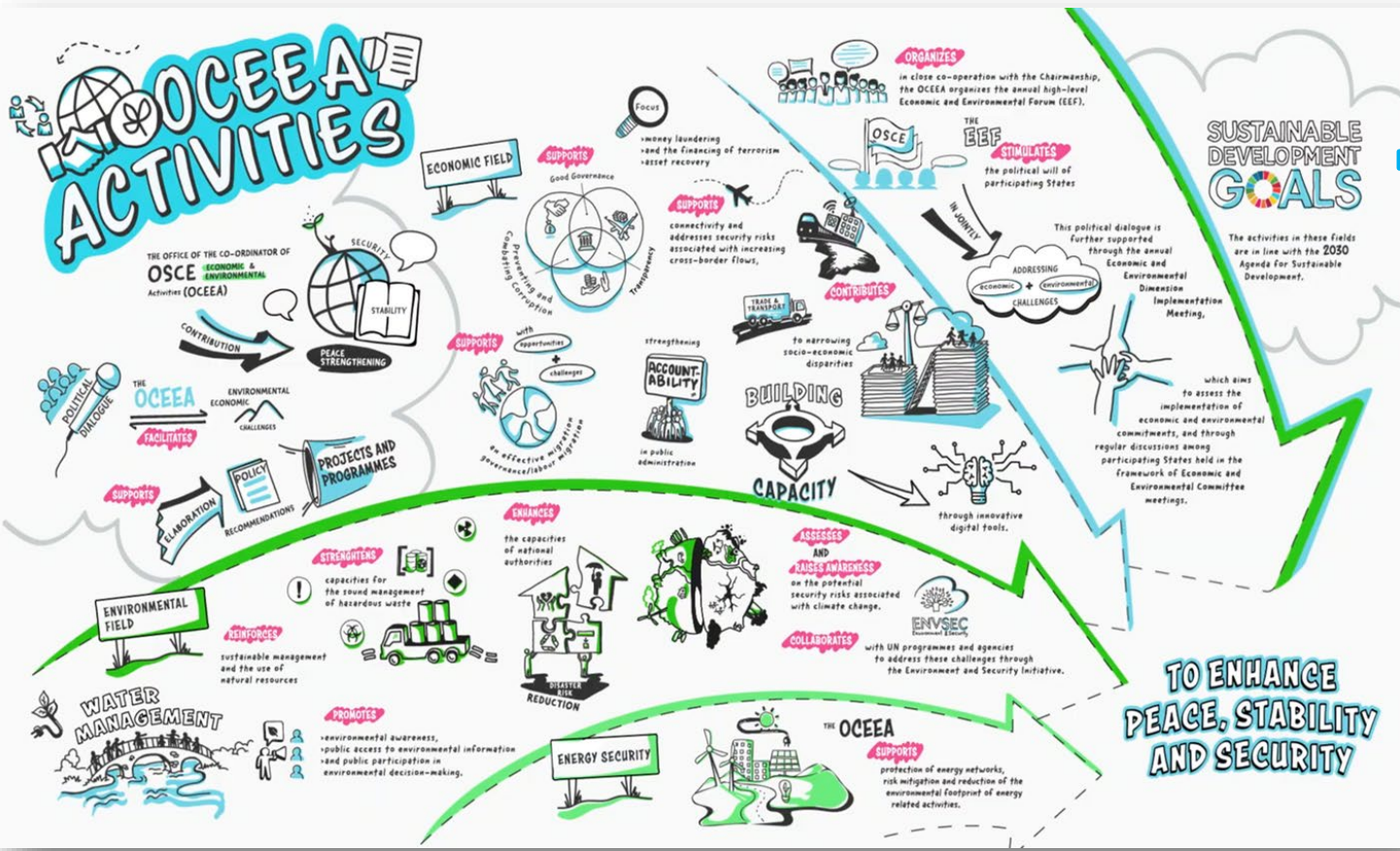
OSCE's Comprehensive Approach to Security

- Politico-military Dimension
- **Economic and Environmental Dimension**
- Human Dimension



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OSCEA'S ACTIVITIES



- 2 ZERO HUNGER**
- 4 QUALITY EDUCATION**
- 5 GENDER EQUALITY**
- 6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION**
- 7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY**
- 8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH**
- 9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE**
- 10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES**
- 11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES**
- 12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION**
- 13 CLIMATE ACTION**
- 14 LIFE BELOW WATER**
- 15 LIFE ON LAND**
- 16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS**
- 17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS**

The basis of our work

Linkages between environment and security:

- **Environmental degradation** can cause conflicts
- **Environmental co-operation** can contribute to good neighbourly relations, conflict prevention and confidence-building



Main features of our work

- Regional → Bridging the gap between global commitments and national action
- Participatory → Engaging all relevant actors and stakeholders
- Preventive → Generating a common understanding of environment- related security risks (be it in the areas of water management, climate change, disaster risk reduction, etc.) by providing early warning and identifying joint actions to address such risks
- Co-operative → Providing new avenues for **regional co-operation** and joint action
- Complementing → Reinforcing the commitments taken by OSCE pS at national and international level (Paris Agreement, Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the UN Water Convention, and other multilateral policy and legislative frameworks)



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OSCE Mandate (non-exhaustive list)

- 1975 Helsinki Final Act
- 1989 Sofia/1990 Vienna Report on Conclusions and Recommendations of the Meeting on the Protection of the Environment of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe
- 1990 Bonn Document
- 1999 Istanbul Summit Declaration
- 2003 Maastricht - OSCE Strategy Document for the Economic and Environmental Dimension
- 2007 Madrid Declaration on Environment and Security
- 2007 Madrid MC Dec. on Follow-up to the 15th EEF: **Water Management**
- 2008 Helsinki MC Dec. on Follow-up to the 16th EEF on Maritime & Inland Waterways Co-operation
- 2014 Basel MC Decision on Enhancing **Disaster Risk Reduction**
- 2021 MC Decision on Strengthening Co-operation to Address the Challenges Caused by **Climate Change**



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Some of the ongoing initiatives

- Strengthen transboundary co-operation and sustainable development in the Dniester River basin between Moldova and Ukraine
- Strengthening Responses to Security Risks from Climate Change in South-Eastern Europe, Eastern Europe, the South Caucasus and Central Asia
- Women and Water: Women in Water Management Network in Central Asia and Afghanistan



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Strengthen transboundary co-operation and sustainable development in the Dniester River basin between **Moldova and Ukraine**

Advancing transboundary co-operation and IWRM in the Dniester River Basin through implementation of the Strategic Action Programme (SAP) (2024 – 2028)

Partnership: OSCE, UNDP, UNECE

Donor: the Global Environment Facility (GEF)

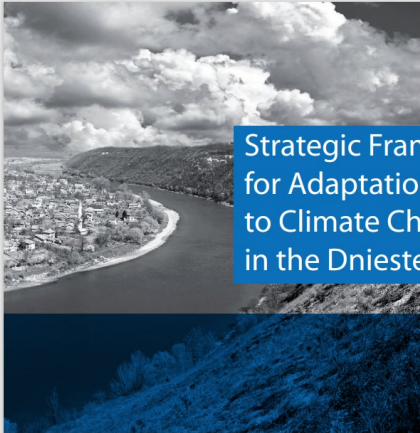
Areas of Work:

- **Component 1:** Strengthening Moldovan-Ukrainian cooperation in the field of water resources management
- **Component 2:** Strengthening the regulatory framework and national capacities to implement the SAP, country commitments under the UNECE Water Convention and the EU Water Framework Directive (EU WFD) in the Dniester River basin
- **Component 3:** Reducing anthropogenic impact to improve ecological status in the Dniester River basin as defined in the SAP
- **Component 4:** Adaptation to climate change and increasing preparedness for and resilience to natural disasters
- **Component 5:** Public awareness and involvement projects to empower and raise the capacity of stakeholders, project communications, outreach and Monitoring & Evaluation
- **Component 6:** Enhancing research for governance in the Dniester River basin as identified in the SAP



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Basin-wide approach to addressing climate change related challenges



Strategic Framework
for Adaptation
to Climate Change
in the Dniester River Basin



Joint Statement
Strategic Action Programme
for Dniester River Basin 2021–2035



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Strengthening Responses to Security Risks from Climate Change in South-Eastern Europe, Eastern Europe, the South Caucasus and Central Asia

- Regional consultation process for Central Asia - July 2022 in Almaty, Kazakhstan
- As a result, “**High mountain**” areas were identified as one of the priorities in Central Asia, given that they hold important water resources for the entire region
- **Regional co-operation and approach** to address climate-related security risks in high mountain areas through joint activities :
 - Livelihood insecurity in the agricultural, livestock and forestry sectors
 - Glacial melting
 - Early warning and disaster risk governance
 - Climate-related mobility
- **The Regional Joint Co-operation Strategy** is currently being developed



Women, Water Management and Conflict Prevention – Phase III

- The project contributes to more inclusive and participatory water governance and capacity building of women professionals in the water sector.
- **Understanding climate change impacts on water resources:** *Women in Water Management Network in Central Asia and Afghanistan*
- **Data and Information Exchange Toolkit** on transboundary water co-operation: the product explores the role of advanced technologies in improving and understanding climate change impact on water resources
- **Climate, Water, Energy, Food Nexus:** upcoming pilot-activity on climate-smart approaches in the water sector for informed and effective planning in transboundary water management
- **Partners:** Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI), Regional Environmental Centre for Central Asia (CAREC), Geneva Water Hub (GWH) International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) and Central Asia Youth for Water Network (CAY4W)



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