



Acting Assistant Foreign Minister for Security Policy, Ambassador Branimir Filipovic participated in the OSCE Annual Security Review Conference, held in Vienna from 27-29 June.

The conference is held annually according to the OSCE Ministerial Council Decision of December 2002 and represents the key OSCE event within its first, politico-military dimension.

European security issues were discussed at the opening of the three-day event which also included exchange of views on key security issues and the OSCE's contribution in facing these challenges.

Individual sessions were dedicated to security and stability in the OSCE region, in the context of developments in and around Ukraine, and the structural dialogue aimed at an elaborate discussion of ways to reduce risks related to threat perceptions, military doctrines and military positioning.

At the same time, the discussion on structural dialogue aimed to strengthen trust and confidence among the participating States, a higher level of mutual understanding and strengthening the stability in the OSCE region.

Furthermore, a number of working sessions was held that were, as in the previous years, focused on challenges posed by transnational threats; strengthening the OSCE toolbox for crisis prevention and management as well as post-conflict rehabilitation; arms control and confidence-building measures.

In addition to his statement at the opening of the event and participation in separate working sessions, Ambassador Filipovic was a member of the jury in the final selection of the best presentation made by European university students, focusing in particular on the topic of countering violent extremism among the youth.

The contest was organized by the OSCE Secretariat and the jury, in addition to the representative of Serbia, included the OSCE CiO's Special Representative on Countering Radicalization and Violent Extremism, the Permanent Representative of France to the OSCE, and also representatives of Facebook and the OSCE Secretariat.