

On the second day of the plenary session of the OSCE Ministerial Council, the delegation of the Republic of Serbia, headed by Minister of Foreign Affairs Ivan Mrkic, had numerous consultations, also as the OSCE future Chair.

Minister Mrkic had a separate meeting with the delegation of Croatia led by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Vesna Pusic. Considering the circumstances created by the ICTY judgments and their aftermath, the meeting was good, focusing on those areas of cooperation in which the two countries see not only a common interest, but benefit, as well. Relevant procedures will be set in motion for the submission of joint projects concerning cross-border cooperation between Serbian and Croatian municipalities. They also agreed on the further common approach to European integration. In addition, talks dwelt upon the realization of future visits on the level of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, to be followed by meetings of the two Prime Ministers.

With regard to the segment of the talks related to the ICTY judgments, Vesna Pusic explained that Croatia was aware that crimes had been committed and that measures would be taken against their perpetrators.

Minister Mrkic also had a separate meeting with the host, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ireland, Eamon Gilmore, at which, in addition to bilateral issues, the two Foreign Ministers also discussed their cooperation in the context of the assumption of EU Presidency by Ireland, on 1 January 2013.

Foreign Minister Mrkic also met with Knut Vollebeak, OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities; Lamberto Zannier, OSCE Secretary General, and had a particularly substantive discussion with Head of the Delegation of Lithuania Evaldas Ignatavicius.

On the first day of the Meeting, Minister Mrkic addressed the Ministerial Council and had separate talks with Foreign Ministers of Spain Jose Manuel Margall; of Denmark Villy Sodal; of the Netherlands Frans Timmermans; of Switzerland Didier Burkhalter; of Georgia Maia Panjikidze; of Ukraine Konstantin Grishchenko; UK Minister of State for Europe David Lidington and French Minister for European Affairs Bernard Cazeneuve.