

Organization for Security and
Co-operation in Europe

Fostering Transboundary Water Co- operation within the OSCE Region

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We are...

- regional security arrangement
- primary instrument for:
 - early warning
 - conflict prevention
 - crisis management
 - post-conflict rehabilitation



56 participating States



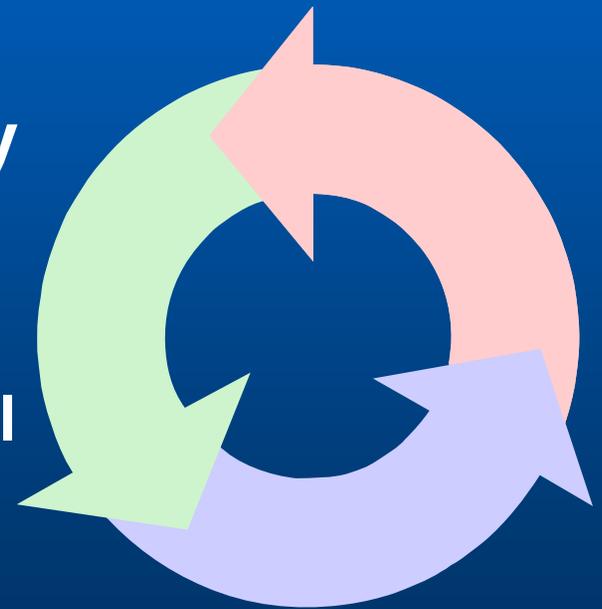
...from Vancouver to Vladivostok

Our “philosophy”...

- **Comprehensive approach to security**

Three dimensions of security

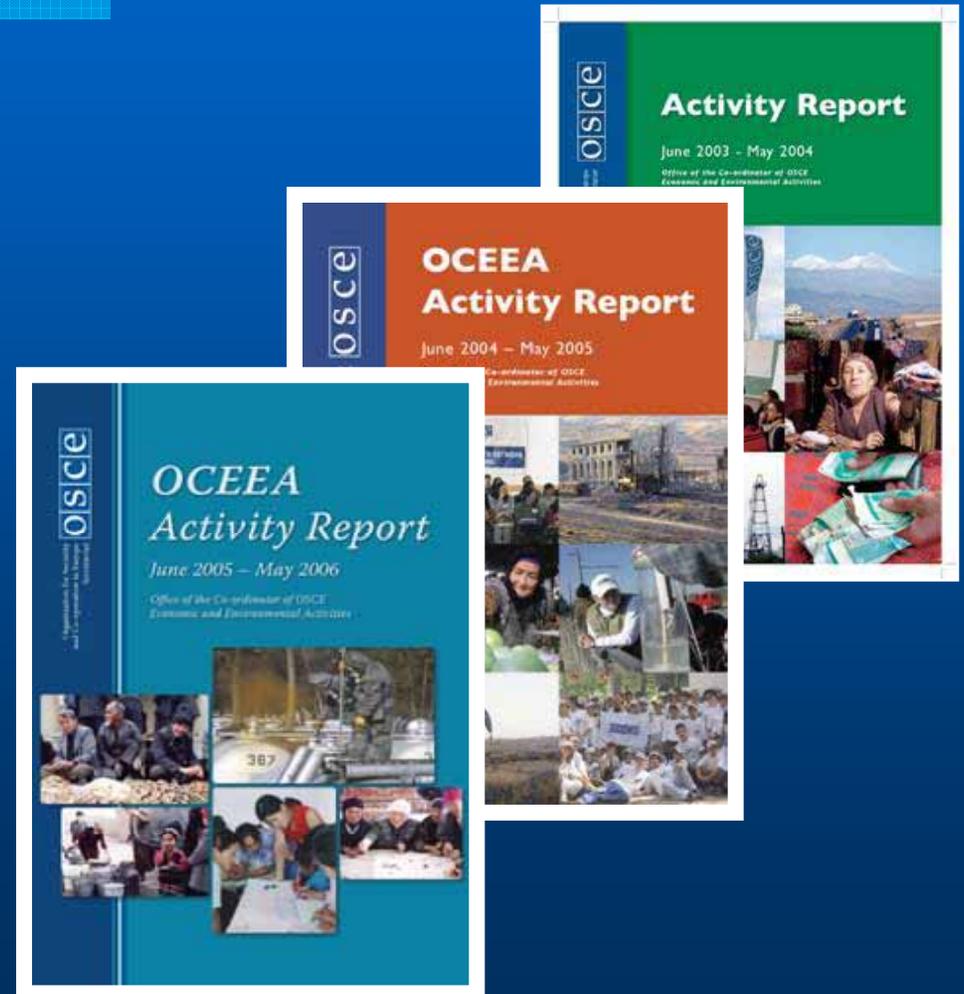
- **Human dimension**
- **Politico-military**
- **Economic and environmental**



Main instruments Economic and Environmental dimension:

- Co-ordinator's office in Vienna
- Field Officers (18)
- Annual Economic and Environmental Forum

2007 “Key challenges to ensure environmental security and sustainable development in the OSCE area: Land degradation, soil contamination and water management”



Environment and Security Initiative

ENVSEC

- OSCE / UNDP / UNEP / NATO / UNECE / REC
- Conduct integrated assessments of vulnerability to environmental stress posing threats to human and national security
- Promote sustainable resource management and foster environmental co-operation within, between and among states to promote peace and stability
- Focus donor activities on areas/issues prone to tensions, and open opportunities for co-operation

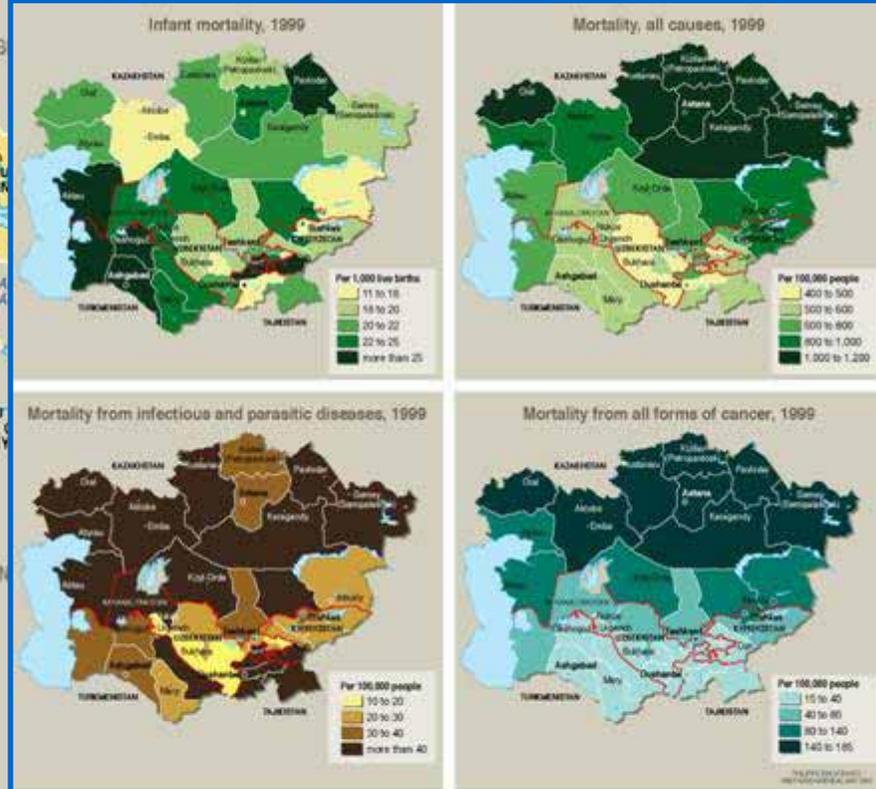
Population groups



Water management in Central Asia: state and impact



Radioactive, chemical and biological hazards in Central Asia



Water cooperation experiences

- Dniester (ENVSEC, OSCE/UNECE)
- Sava (ENVSEC, REC)
- Chu-Talas (OSCE/UNECE)
- Kura-Araks (ENVSEC)

Chu-Talas background

- **Joint OSCE/UNECE/UNESCAP project**
- **Started 2004**
- **Public participation module added to the process**
- **Established an Interstate Water Commission**
- **Joint use and protection of water resources**
- **Share costs of operation and rehabilitation of water control facilities**

Chu-Talas next steps

- **ADB is now supporting the Commission**
- **OSCE Mission in Astana will facilitate the drafting of the statute of the Commission**
- **UNECE/OSCE collaboration to continue with Commission**

Thank you for your attention

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