The goal of the FES Regional Office for Cooperation and Peace in Europe (FES ROCPE) is to engage with the challenges to peace and security in Europe. A quarter of a century after the Cold War and the optimistic Paris Charter “For a new Europe” of the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), new divisions are emerging in Europe and the foundations of a norm-based co-operative security architecture are under threat.

FES ROCPE supports peace and security dialogue and the development of new concepts in the spirit of solution-oriented policy. The aim is to bring scholars and politicians from Eastern Europe, Russia, the EU and the US together to develop a common approach to tackle the challenges, to reduce tensions and to aim towards conflict resolution.

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“Nothing happens automatically. And only few things last. Therefore — be mindful of your strength, and of the fact that every era wants its own answers, and you have to be up to its speed in order to be able to do good.”

Quote of Willy Brandt, former German Chancellor

FES ROCPE AIMS TO PRODUCE POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS THROUGH A FOUR-STEP PROCESS

1. Thinking: Workshops with experts and politicians on relevant security-related issues
2. Writing: Joint analysis, scenario, report
3. Discussing: Presentation and discussion in relevant countries
4. Recommendations: Policy papers with short-, medium- and long-term policy recommendations based on the report and the discussions
Our Advisory Board consists of eminent experts, diplomats and politicians with expertise and experience in security and peace policy in Central Europe. Security Secretary General of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) participates if possible. The Advisory Board meets once a year in Vienna to discuss in a frank manner the challenges to peace and stability in Europe and earmark topics that FES ROCPE could tackle during the next year. Representatives of the OSCE take part in the discussion.

On a regular basis we bring together international academics and practitioners to identify avenues for building an inclusive regional order in post-Soviet Europe and Eurasia. The aim is to develop a shared agenda for regional integration, improve Russia-West relations and help transform countries located "in-between" Russia and the EU from objects of geopolitical competition and sources of conflict into secure, prosperous and modern countries that are at peace with all their neighbours.

Network FLEET

FLEET (Fresh Look at Eastern European Trends) is a regional network of young, open-minded security experts from across the OSCE area and academia. Companies and business. The group regularly meets to develop joint policy proposals on how to build islands of cooperation, develop a sense of shared responsibility and ultimately restore the indivisibility of security in Europe.

Security and Media

We meet with journalists from countries of the OSCE region and discuss urgent matters and trends of the interaction of security policy and media. The coverage of security issues became one of the most contested political fields in the last decade. International actors are investing intellectual and financial resources to promote their respective views and to battle the opposing ones. Combined with new information providers and a growing number of social media outlets it leads to more challenges for journalists to make sense of it all.