

RISE AND FALL OF PEACE MECHANISMS

Tasks, environment and crises of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, keywords on the chronology

OSCE and the Vienna Document (57 states)



First war between two OSCE members: in the South Ossetia conflict, Georgia attacks Russian troops

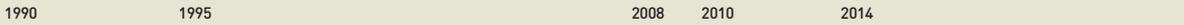
1975 Helsinki Final Act, foundation of the **Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE)**: territorial sovereignty, non-interference in the internal affairs of others, respect for human rights

CSCE summit with **Paris Charter**, official end of the Cold War

Consolidation and renaming as Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) as a system of collective security

Astana summit: Last summit to date, characterized by mistrust. No solutions for regional conflicts, freedom to choose alliances, conflict prevention, more precisely defined OSCE competences

Disguised Russian invasion of Crimea and eastern Ukraine, weak OSCE observer mission, withdrawn in 2022 after outbreak of open warfare



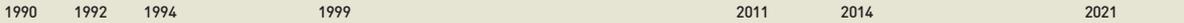
Signing of the **Vienna Document** on conventional armed forces

mutual inspections of manoeuvres, monitoring of the stationing of weapons systems

Vienna Document revisions

numerous missions in Ukraine and Russia

Russia refuses cooperation



CFE Treaty (30 states)



CSCE summit in Paris: signing of **Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (CFE)**

Entry into force allows the destruction of weapons and vehicles on both sides to be verified by observers

Adapted CFE treaty ratified by Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Ukraine, but not by NATO members because Russian troops remain in Georgia and Moldova

Russia suspends participation in treaty due to plans to deploy US anti-missile defences in Poland and Czechia

Russia announces withdrawal from treaty due to US military manoeuvres in the Baltic after Russian operations in Ukraine

Russia officially withdraws from the CFE Treaty; NATO members respond by suspending their participation



Open Skies Treaty (35 states)



■ members (Kyrgyzstan: not ratified)
■ former members

Open Skies Treaty signed. Open Skies Consultative Commission (OSCC) at the OSCE in Vienna

Observation flights by both sides, but increasing mutual accusations of espionage

Withdrawal by Russia

Withdrawal by USA

