



**Report on the Activities of the Chairperson-in-Office  
920th Meeting of the Permanent Council, 12<sup>th</sup> and 16 July 2012**

- Ireland's Minister of State for European Affairs, Lucinda Creighton T.D., visited Montenegro on 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> July and Bosnia and Herzegovina on 8<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup> July. The Minister visited both countries in a dual capacity as representative of the Irish Chair-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and as part of the preparations for Ireland's EU Presidency in the first half of 2013. In Montenegro, Minister Creighton held meetings with Foreign Minister Milan Roćen, and with State Secretary for European Affairs Aleksander Andrija. She also met with the Head of the OSCE mission in Montenegro, Ambassador Sarunas Adomavicius. In Bosnia-Herzegovina the Minister met with member of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Presidency Bakir Izetbegović, Foreign Minister Zlatko Lagumdžija and Minister of Finance and Treasury Nikola Špirić, as well as Head of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina Ambassador Fletcher Burton.
- A 5+2 meeting took place from 12-13 July in Vienna on the premises of the Austrian Foreign Ministry. On 13<sup>th</sup> July, Ambassador Erwan Fouéré, the Special Representative of the Chairperson-in-Office for the Transdniestrian settlement process noted that “this latest round of talks has helped to solidify the positive results we have achieved so far since official negotiations resumed, which has in turn already contributed to bringing about some encouraging developments on the ground, including the restoration of freight rail traffic”.
- A 2<sup>nd</sup> extraordinary IPRM meeting took place in Zardiankari on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2012. Participants continued their discussion from 1<sup>st</sup> July on the latest security situation and the freedom of movement of the local population of the village and nearby area. The situation in the village will be reassessed at the next IPRM meeting which is planned for 26<sup>th</sup> July 2012.