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## Memorandum of Understanding between the ICBSS and the EPLO

On Wednesday 27 August, 2014, Dr. Zefi Dimadama, Director General of the International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS) and Prof. Spyridon Flogaitis, Director and President of the Board of Directors of the European Public Law Organization (EPLO) signed a Memorandum of Understanding, aiming at establishing and developing cooperation between the two Institutions with a view to promoting and enhancing the dialogue in fields of common interest.

The main objective of the MoU is to create conditions for the promotion of cooperation between the Parties on the basis of reciprocity and mutual benefit. Priority will be given to joint research, as well as introduction and elaboration of joint training programmes in the areas of international relations, international law, economic relations, political science, globalization, European affairs and other relevant areas.

During the signing ceremony, the two parties explored ways of strengthening their cooperation within the framework of the MoU, through the organisation of joint actions, events and publications in fields of common interest.

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About the ICBSS: The International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS) was founded in 1998 as a non-profit organisation. It has since fulfilled a dual function. On the one hand, it is an independent research and training institution focusing on the wider Black Sea region. On the other hand, it is a related body of the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC) and serves as its acknowledged think-tank. Thus, the ICBSS pursues applied, policy-oriented research, promotes knowledge on the Black Sea region both within and outside its boundaries, and offers policy advice with the aim to foster multilateral cooperation among the BSEC member states as well as with their international partners.

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About the EPLO: The EPLO established in 2007 in Athens, Greece is an international organization dedicated to the creation and dissemination of knowledge in the area of public law for a better generation of lawyers and democratic institutions worldwide. To this date, it has developed, organized, promoted and supported more than 190 educational, research, training, institution building and other activities and has provided assistance to democratic institutions in more than 50 countries. In order to accomplish its purposes, the EPLO promotes the cooperation with other institutions, organizations and bodies, in particular organizations in the United Nations system. 13 States, the European Commission, the Council of Europe, 3 public authorities and 64 Universities and Institutions comprise the EPLO Board of Directors.

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