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Bi-regional STI Dialogue

## Black Sea Horizon International Conference

### EU - Black Sea Cooperation in Science, Technology & Innovation: towards a jointly agreed STI programme

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### DRAFT AGENDA

Monday, 8 May 2017	
9:00 - 9:30	<i>Registration</i>
9:30 - 9:50	<b>Welcome Addresses</b>
	Georgios Mitrakos, Director General, International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS) Martin Felix Gajdusek, Black Sea Horizon Coordinator, Centre for Social Innovation (ZSI)
9:50 - 10:15	<b>Keynote Speech</b>
	Adrian Curaj, f. Minister of Education, Science and Innovation of Romania, Director General, Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development & Innovation Funding (UEFISCDI)
10:15 - 11:30	<b>Session I. Cooperation in Science, Technology &amp; Innovation. Best practices and future perspectives.</b>



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	<p><i>Moderator: Gorazd Weiss, Head of Unit Research Policy &amp; Development, ZSI</i></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>The role of the Organization of BSEC in strengthening the cooperation among its Member States in the field of S&amp;T</i></li> </ul> <p>Amb. Bratislav Đorđević, Executive Manager, BSEC PERMIS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>CEEPUS – 25 Years of Experience in Regional Cooperation</i></li> </ul> <p>Elisabeth Sorantin, Secretary General, CEEPUS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>JRC Scientific Support to Enlargement and Integration</i></li> </ul> <p>Luciana Zanier, DG Joint Research Centre (JRC), European Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>EU-Black Sea Joint Call: Current Developments And Outlook</i></li> </ul> <p>Maria Josten, Scientific Officer, Project Management Agency, German Aerospace Center (DLR)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>FP7 and Horizon 2020 funded projects-good practices for marine and maritime sectors</i></li> </ul> <p>Domnica Coteș, Executive Agency for Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation Funding (UEFISCDI), Romania</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Q &amp; A Session</i></p>
11:30 - 12:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
12:00 - 12:30	<b>Session II. Black Sea Cooperation Programme in Science, Technology and Innovation.</b>
	<p>Presentation of the Black Sea Cooperation Programme in Science, Technology and Innovation</p> <p>George Bonas, Managing Director, CeRISS</p>
12:30 - 13:30	<b>Session II. Black Sea Cooperation Programme in Science, Technology and Innovation (continued)</b>
	<p><i>Moderator: George Bonas, Managing Director, CeRISS</i></p> <p><b><u>Panel Discussion</u></b></p>



	<p><b>Elchin Babayev</b>, Executive Director, Science Development Foundation under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan</p> <p><b>Vardan Sahakyan</b>, Deputy Chairman, State Committee of Science of Armenia</p> <p><b>Diana Kopeva</b>, Member of the Executive Committee, Bulgarian National Science Fund</p> <p><b>Manana Mikaberidze</b>, Acting Director General, Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation (SRNSF)</p> <p><b>Igor Serotila</b>, Head, Dept. of S&amp;T Policies, Academy of Sciences of Moldova</p> <p><b>Yaroslav Sorokotyaga</b>, Director, International Relations Department, Russian Foundation for Basic Research (RFBR)</p> <p><b>Hakan Karatas</b>, Director for International Cooperation, TUBITAK, Turkey</p> <p><b>Valentyna Andrushchenko</b>, The State Fund For Fundamental Research of Ukraine</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Q &amp; A Session</i></p>
13:30 – 14:30	<i>Standing Lunch</i>
14:30 - 16:00	<b>Session III. Working Groups</b>
	<p><b>Method:</b> Participants will be divided in four working groups which will discuss the four proposed measures of the BSCP on, <i>inter alia</i>, feasibility, timeline, open issues, etc., in 20 minutes. At the end of the 20 minutes, moderators will rotate to a different working group for a new discussion.</p> <p>Proposed Measures:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Joint Research Calls</b> <i>Moderator: Béla Kardon, RCISD, supported by Zita Buday, RCISD</i></li> <li>2. <b>Capacity Building Activities</b> <i>Moderator: Ines Marinkovic, ZSI, supported by Tigran Arzumanyan, NAS-RA</i></li> <li>3. <b>Strengthening Mobility</b> <i>Moderator: Mariam Keburia, SRNSF, supported by Diana Grozav, CIP</i></li> <li>4. <b>Supporting Innovation</b> <i>Moderator: Douglas Thompson, SPI, supported by Yannis Kechagiaras, CeRISS</i></li> </ol>



16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 – 17:30	Plenary Session. Conclusions & Next Steps
	<p><i>a) Results from the Working Groups</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Béla Kardon, RCISD</li> <li>2. Ines Marinkovic, ZSI</li> <li>3. Mariam Keburia, SRNSF</li> <li>4. Douglas Thompson, SPI</li> </ol> <p><i>b) Conclusions &amp; Next Steps</i></p> <p>George Bonas, Managing Director, CeRISS</p> <p>Martin Felix Gajdusek, Black Sea Horizon Coordinator, ZSI</p>

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