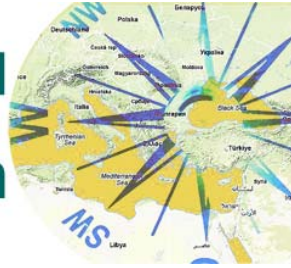


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Monday, 2 July 2012

9:00-9:30 Registration

9:30-10:30 *Opening Session*

Zefi Dimadama, Director General, International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS)

Dimitrios Dollis, Former Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic

Leonidas Chrysanthopoulos, Secretary General, Permanent International Secretariat (PERMIS) of BSEC

Sergei Goncharenko, Chairman of the Board of Directors, International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS); Deputy Director, Department of Economic Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, Moscow

Athanasios Dokos, Director General, Hellenic Foundation for European & Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP)

Thematic 1: The Black Sea region between East and West

10:30-11:30 Session I: International Relations: Overcoming barriers

NATO policies in the South Caucasus: expectations and factors

David Kereselidze, Alternate Director General, ICBSS

The EU's Strategy in the South Caucasus: Opportunities for Intensified Engagement

Zaur Shiriyev, Research Fellow of the Foreign Policy Analysis Dept., Center for Strategic Studies under the President of the Republic of Azerbaijan

Security in the Black Sea: Threats and Actors

Aya Burweila, Senior Analyst, RIEAS

Greece and Azerbaijan: Towards a Strategic Partnership?

Antonios Livanios, Chief Executive Officer, Energy Stream CMG

11:30-12:00 Coffee break

12:00-13:30 Session II: Educational & Cultural Aspects of the Black Sea Region

The Prospects of Economic and Cultural (Educational) Cooperation between Taiwan and the Black Sea Region

Deng-Ker Lee, Professor, Department of Diplomacy, National Chengchi University

Diplomatic training in BSEC Countries- Cooperation challenges and Opportunities

Radu Carp, Director, Romanian Diplomatic Institute, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania

Cultural Projects in Black Sea Area funded by the EU “Black Sea Basin Programme”, as a vehicle of local development

Flora Karagianni, Head, Office for the Promotion of Scientific Research, European Center of Byzantine and Post-Byzantine Monuments

13:30-14:30 *Lunch / afternoon break*

Tuesday, 3 July 2012

Thematic 2: International Cooperation, Science, Technology and Innovation

09:30-11:00 **Session III**

Economic and Social Development in NC and especially in the Black Sea area: EU policies and instruments

William Bartlett, Senior Research Fellow in the Political Economy of SE Europe, London School of Economics (LSE)

Regional Cooperation and Innovation in neighboring countries

Panagiotis Liargovas, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Peloponnese

Quality of national institutional environment in NC and Black Sea countries: burden or opportunity for regional development and innovation?

Nikolaos Hlepas, Assoc. Professor, Dept. of Political Science & Public Administration, University of Athens

Strengthening STI synergies between EU, Eastern European and Central Asian countries

George Bonas, Project Coordinator, ICBSS and NHRF

11:00-11:30 *Coffee break*

Thematic 3: Global Challenges in Energy and Environment

11:30-13:30 **Session IV**

The development and future of International Environmental Law and its compliance in the Black Sea and Mediterranean countries

Dionysia-Theodora Avgerinopoulou, MP, Deputy Head, Environmental Sector, New Democracy Party, Director, European Institute of Law, Science and Technology

Energy at the centre of a sustainable development path for the Black Sea Region

Spyros Kouvelis, Former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hellenic Republic

A tale of two Corridors: European Energy Policy in the Black Sea and Eastern Mediterranean

Theodoros Tsakiris, Senior Analyst, Middle East Economic Survey, Research Fellow & Coordinator of Energy Programme, ELIAMEP

13:30-14:30 *Lunch / afternoon break*

14:30-16:30 **Workshop (participants' presentations and discussion)**

Wednesday, 4 July 2012

Thematic 4: European Perspectives of the Black Sea area

09:30-11:00 **Session V: EU-Black Sea regional cooperation**

The Revithoussa LNG Terminal for the Gas Supply of South Eastern Europe

Dimitrios Sarris, Department Manager of Gas Dispatching, Hellenic Gas Transmission System Operator (DESFA)

Institutional aspects of regional cooperation in the Black Sea area

Hande Özsan Bozatli, Vice President, Assembly of European Regions (AER)

EU –Black Sea Relations Examined from an Educational Perspective

Alexander Kvitashvili, Rector, Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University

EU Policy towards the Black Sea Region: View from Armenia

Tevan Poghosyan, Executive Director, International Center for Human Development, Armenia

11:00-11:30 *Coffee break*

12:00-13:30 **Session VI: Development and Economic Relations**

Developing an Identity for the Black Sea as an Economic Region

Barry Kolodkin, Regional Programme Manager, UNDP Black Sea Trade & Investment Promotion Programme

The Forgotten Neighborhood: An Overview of the Economic Context in the Black Sea Region

Panayotis Gavras, Head Policy & Strategy, Black Sea Trade and Development Bank (BSTDB)

Greece in the EU: Crisis and Risk

Vilma Sinanoglou, Associate Dean of Business for DEREΕ - The American College of Greece

13:30-14:30 Lunch / afternoon break

14:30-15:00 **Plenary Session**

Closure and future perspectives

Zefi Dimadama, Director General, International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS)

15:00-16:30 Back-to-back Event*

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