The Black Sea Region in Transition: New Challenges and Concepts

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19 – 23 September 2011

PROGRAMME

The 4th International Black Sea Symposium is

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Monday, 19 September 2011

Travel and arrival at the hotel
21:00h Welcome Dinner

Tuesday, 20 September 2011

Breakfast
9:30–11:00h Welcome and briefing:

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

Konstantinos PAPADOPOULOS, Secretary General for International Economic Relations and Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Athens

Leonidas CHRYSANTHOPOULOS, Secretary General, Permanent International Secretariat (PERMIS) of the BSEC, Istanbul

Hasan GÖGÜS, Ambassador of the Turkish Republic in Greece, Athens

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

Orsalia KALANTZOPOULOS, Secretary General, Black Sea Trade and Development Bank (BSTDB), Thessaloniki

V.A. ARKHIPOV, Chairman, Russian National Committee for Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC), Moscow; Chairman, BSEC Business Council, Istanbul (TBC)

Charalampos PIPPOS, Director of Public Relations and International Affairs, Directorate General for Administrative Support, Ministry for Environment, Energy and Climate Change, Athens

Key-note presentation

Ioannis KATSIOS, Technological Educational Institution of Athens, Department of Land Surveying Engineering Laboratory of Geoinformatics, Athens

-“ICBSS web-GIS observatory network for the environmental and sustainable development of the Black Sea area”-
Thematic 1: SECURITY CONCERNS

11:00–11:30h  Session I: Security and transnational risks in the Black Sea area

Speakers:  Nadia ARBATOVA, Institute for World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO), Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow
-“Security risks in the Black Sea area: a Russian view”-

11:30-12:00h  Coffee break

12:00-13:30h  Session II: Euro-Atlantic institutions and security structures: their role in the Black Sea area

Speakers:  Mesut OZCAN, Istanbul Commerce University, Istanbul
-“The roles of regional integration schemes in overcoming global problems: the case of Black Sea”-

Ognyan MINCHEV, Institute for Regional and International Studies (IRIS), Sofia
-“The Euro-Atlantic institutions and the changing security environment in the Black Sea region”-

Tigran MKRTCHYAN, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia, Yerevan
-“NATO policies in the South Caucasus: expectations and factors”-

13:45-15:30h  Lunch / afternoon break

15:30-18:00h  Workshop I (student's presentations and discussion)

Coordinator:  Nadia Arbatova
Discussant:  Thomas Goltz

Wednesday, 21 September 2011

Thematic 2: EU AND BLACK SEA

10:00-11:00h  Session III: Institutional reforms, experience and knowledge transfer in the Black Sea area

Speakers:  Peter SEMNENBY, Council of the European Union, General Secretariat, Brussels
-“The European Union after the Lisbon Treaty—is it more united and outward-looking in its policy to the Black Sea region?”-

Ioannis STRIBIS, OSCE Secretariat, Vienna
-“Enhancing the BSEC-EU interaction: the institutional approach”-
11:00-11:30h  Session IV: Evaluation of the STI systems of the Black Sea countries: a case study

Speakers: George BONAS, National Hellenic Research Foundation; International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS), Athens
- “Evaluation approaches in Science and Technology policy-making: sharing good practices”-

11:30-12:00h  Coffee break

Thematic 3: REGIONAL COOPERATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

12:00-13:00h  Session V: Economic development and welfare: convergence or divergence in the Black Sea area?

Speakers: Vassilis MONASTIRIOTIS, Hellenic Observatory, European Institute, LSE, London
- “Growth models and development trajectories: discussing alternative drivers to growth from the Eastern European experience”-

Panayotis GAVRAS, Black Sea Trade and Development Bank (BSTDB), Thessaloniki
- “The good, the bad, and the ugly: an overview of the economic context in the Black Sea region”-

13:45-15:30h  Lunch / afternoon break

15:30-18:00h  Workshop II (student’s presentations and discussion)

Coordinator: Vassilis Monastiriotis
Discussant: Thomas Goltz

Thursday, 22 September 2011

Breakfast

10:00-10:30h  Session VI: The EU and Black Sea Cooperation: new EU programmes and policies

Speakers: Elkhan NURIYEV, Alexander von Humboldt Research Professor of Political Science, Berlin
- “Reorienting EU policy in the wider Black Sea region: prospects of a new Eastern Partnership”-

Thematic 4: ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE

10:30-11:30h  Session VII: Climate change and green growth

Speakers: Zefi DIMADAMA, International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS), Athens
- “Greening the Black Sea: overcoming inefficiency and fragmentation through environmental governance”-
Thomas GOLTZ, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT
“The new Silk Road: academic adventures in energy and the environment”-

Robert FORD, U.S. Embassy, Athens
“U.S. experiences with regional environmental programs”-

11:30-12:00h  Session VIII: The new green agenda for the Black Sea: green entrepreneurship, environmental governance, new environmental policies

Speakers: Sureyya MERIC PAGANO, Namik Kemal University, Tekirdağ
“Trends in environmental governance in the Black sea region: water and waste management”-

12:00-12:30h  Coffee break

12:30-13:30h  Session IX: Energy security and conflict resolution in the Black Sea area

Speakers: Howard CHASE, BP Europe, Brussels
“Energy in regional context – opportunities, issues, decisions”-

Theodore TSAKIRIS, EKEM’s Observatory for European Energy Policy; Middle East Economic Survey (MEES), Athens
“Looking at the forest: Azeri gas export strategies beyond Shah Deniz 2”-

13:30-14:15h  Lunch / afternoon break

14:30-16:00h  Plenary Session

Outcomes from Workshop I: Nadia Arbatova
Outcomes from Workshop II: Vassilis Monastiriotis
Overall outcomes: Thomas Goltz

Closure and future perspectives: Zefi Dimadama

17:30h  Sounio excursion

20:30h  Farewell Dinner

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Friday, 23 September 2011

Breakfast

8:45h Departure from hotel and travel