



## The Black Sea Region in Transition: New Challenges and Concepts

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### PROGRAMME

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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 SEMNEBY*, 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*

## Friday, 23 September 2011

*Breakfast*

8:45h *Departure from hotel and travel*