



Confidence Building in the Black Sea Region

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*Royal Olympic Hotel
Athens, Greece*

Background

Regional cooperation and economic interaction plays a significant role in the development and international integration of the Black Sea countries. Besides, *economic cooperation instead of conflict* became the basis upon which the Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation was established in 1992.

Today, despite the economic synergies developed among the countries, regional integration remains at low level; while more importantly, tension and conflicts have not been prevented.

Confidence Building Measures are actions of political, economic, environmental and cultural character that aim to foster trust and facilitate communication among parties.

About the Conference

Within this context, the [International Centre for Black Sea Studies \(ICBSS\)](#) in cooperation with the [Peace Research Institute Frankfurt \(PRIF\)](#) will organise a first ever Conference on **'Confidence Building in the Black Sea'**, in Athens, Greece, on **Monday 9 December 2019**.

The event aims to provide a platform for dialogue for national and regional stakeholders, to stimulate the discussion on building confidence through cross-pillar actions at economic, environmental, cultural and social levels.

Objectives:

- a) to assess the level of non-military confidence building measures in the Black Sea region;
- b) to highlight existing actions and processes, as a tool to support dialogue and understanding among parties;
- c) to share knowledge and best practices of CBMs from other regions.



Special emphasis will be placed on the role of the BSEC Organisation and its institutions in fostering trust among its Member States, as the region's oldest, most representative and institutionally mature intergovernmental Organisation.

The event will be organised within the framework of the [Hellenic BSEC Chairmanship-in-Office](#) (1.7 – 31.12.2019).

The event's working language is English. More information about the event will be available in due time on www.icbss.org.

We look forward to welcoming you!

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