



# Confidence Building in the Black Sea Region

**Athens, 9 December 2019**

'Panorama' Hall, Royal Olympic Hotel

## Agenda

9.30 – 10.00	Registration
10.00 – 10.20	<b>Welcome Addresses</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Mr. Georgios MITRAKOS</b>, Director General, International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS)</li> <li>- <b>Prof. Dr. Nicole DEITELHOFF</b>, Director, Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF)</li> </ul>
10.20 – 10.40	<b>Keynote Speech</b>
	<b>Mr. Thanos DOKOS</b> , Alternate National Security Advisor to the Prime Minister
10.40 – 12.00	<b>Panel I. Confidence Building in the Black Sea Region</b>
	<p><i><u>Subject:</u> Exchanging views on the level of non-military confidence building measures in the Black Sea region.</i></p> <p><b><u>Moderator:</u> Mr. Georgios MITRAKOS</b>, Director General, International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>The role of parliaments in the development of the Black Sea region.</b> <b>Mr. Asaf HAJIYEV</b>, Secretary General, PABSEC</li> <li>- <b>Confidence- and Security-Building Measures in the Naval Field in the Black Sea.</b> <b>Dr. Ioannis STRIBIS</b>, Assistant Professor, University of the Aegean</li> <li>- <b>From balance of threats to balance of trust – a critical realist overlook on CBMs.</b> <b>Mr. Dan PETRE</b>, Director General, Romanian Diplomatic Institute</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Q &amp; A</b></p>

12.00 – 12.30	Coffee break
12.30 – 14.00	<b>Panel II. Experiences from other regions</b>
	<p><i>Subject: Sharing knowledge and best practices from other regions.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Mr. Ian ANTHONY, Programme Director, European Security Programme, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>A Challenging, But Stable Security Situation – Lessons-Learned from Norwegian-Russian Relations in the Barents Region.</b> Mr. Benjamin SCHALLER, Arctic University of Norway</li> <li>- <b>The Visegrad Group as an instrument of promoting political, economic and military cooperation and confidence-building in Central Europe.</b> Ms. Veronika JOZWIAK, Analyst, Research Office, The Polish Institute of International Affairs</li> <li>- <b>CBSS: Building collaboration &amp; trust in the Baltic Sea Region.</b> Mr. Mārtiņš LEGZDIŅŠ, Presidency Coordinator, Council of the Baltic Sea States</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Q &amp; A</b></p>
14.00 – 15.00	Light Lunch
15.00 – 16.00	<b>Panel III. Paradigms &amp; relevant concepts of confidence building</b>
	<p><i>Subject: Highlighting existing actions and similar paradigms, as tools to support dialogue and understanding among parties.</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Dr. George TZOGOPOULOS, Senior Research Fellow, Centre international de formation européenne (CIFE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Do Confidence-Building Measures build confidence?</b> Dr. Hans-Joachim SPANGER, Expert, Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF)</li> <li>- <b>Regional exercises to strengthen nuclear security as a confidence-building measure.</b> Mr. Vitaly FEDCHENKO, Senior Researcher, European Security Programme, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)</li> <li>- <b>From Warsaw to Tirana: Overcoming the past together.</b> Ms. Anna OROSZ, Research Fellow, Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade Institute (IFAT)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Q &amp; A</b></p>
16.00 – 16.30	<b>Conclusions</b>