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Workshop

## **The ASEAN Economic Community 2015 and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation**

**Exploring Current Experiences and Multilateral Cooperation**

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## Rationale

There are a number of different formats of multilateral cooperation or cross-border cooperation around the world. The European Union however, might be the most advanced example with the highest degree of integration. Yet other groups of countries opt for less intense forms of cooperation for various reasons.

Until recently, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) has made a profound change with an important step toward a legal-based, deeper integration. ASEAN has given itself a legal personality the ASEAN Charter in 2008. The establishment of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) in 2015 is a prime example on how ASEAN is serious on moving the whole Southeast Asian region toward a single market and production base with all sorts of transformation that will result from such a process.

One could ask whether such ambitious goals could be achieved given that ASEAN is still based on the consensus of all member states maintaining full national sovereignty and upholding the principle of non-interference into domestic issues. Thus, the EU cannot be a blueprint but rather an inspiration at the most.

Therefore, other examples of regional cooperation might be more suitable and useful models to study and compare with the current developments in ASEAN. One of those is the “**Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation**” (BSEC). Founded in 1992, BSEC has established a permanent international secretariat located in Istanbul, Turkey. It has now twelve member states some of which are even members of the EU.

This workshop aims at exchanging information and experiences regarding a number of issues of mutual interests. How do governments work together? – What are their policies related to infrastructure, energy and promoting the SMEs sector? And how do the member states implement the common policies?



## Workshop

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Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013

Saranithes Room, Main Auditorium, Chulalongkorn University

## Tentative PROGRAMME

13.30-14.00 hrs	Registration / Refreshments
14.00-14.20 hrs	<p><b>Welcome Remarks and Introduction</b></p> <p><i>Prof. Dr. Suthiphand Chirathivat</i>, Chairman Chula Global Network, Chulalongkorn University</p> <p><i>Clauspeter Hill</i>, Country Representative KAS Thailand</p> <p>Moderator: <i>Professor Dr. Charit Tingsabadh</i>, Acting Director, Centre for European Studies of Chulalongkorn University</p> <p><u>Presenters</u></p>
14.20-14.40 hrs	<p><b>The Organisation of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation</b></p> <p><i>Dr. Colin Dürkop</i>, Country Representative KAS Turkey</p>
14.40-15.40 hrs	<p><b>The current status of the AEC – Challenges and Perspectives</b></p> <p><i>Prof. Dr. Pradumna Rana</i>, Coordinator of MSc in International Political Economy Programme, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore</p> <p><i>Dr. Vo Tri Thanh</i>, Central Institute for Economic Management, Vietnam</p>
15.40-16.20 hrs	<b>Open Discussion</b>
16.20 – 16.30 hrs	<b>Closing Remarks</b>