

"The role of NATO and EU in the wider Black sea region"

September 9-10, 2015, Sofia Hotel Balkan, Sofia, Bulgaria

A G E N D A

<u>September 8, Tuesday</u>	
	Arrival and accommodation of the participants at Grand Hotel Balkan, Sofia
19:00	Welcome dinner for foreign participants
<u>September 9, Wednesday</u>	
<i>Working languages: Bulgarian and English</i>	
09:00 – 9:30	Registration
9:30 – 10:00	<p>OPENING SESSION: BLACK SEA REGION ON THE CROSSROAD</p> <p><i>Daniel Mitov, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Bulgaria</i></p> <p><i>Yordan Bozhilov, President of Sofia Security Forum</i></p> <p><i>Dr. Marco Arndt, Head of the KAS country office Bulgaria</i></p> <p><i>Roland Freudenstein, Deputy Director and Head of Research, Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies</i></p>
FIRST PANEL: FROM "STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP" TO "COLD PEACE". WHAT IS NEXT?	
<i>Moderator: Ms. Romyana Marinova-Christidi, Assoc. Prof., Sofia University "St. Kliment Ohridski"</i>	
10:00 – 11:15	<p>Relations with Russia from a deadlock to a reasonable pragmatism - prerequisites, conditions, policies.</p> <p><i>Sven Gareis, Ph.D, Deputy Dean (German), George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies</i></p> <p><i>James Nixey, Head, Russia and Eurasia Programme, Chatham House: "The Russian Challenge: implications for Russia and the West"</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Petr LUNAK, Senior Officer, Russia and Ukraine at NATO PDD</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Vessela Tcherneva, Programme Director and Head of ECFR Sofia Office</i></p> <p>Q&A</p>
11:15 – 11:45	Coffee break

SECOND PANEL: TOWARDS A NEW SECURITY ARCHITECTURE IN THE WIDER BLACK SEA REGION	
Moderator: Dr. Joerg Forbrig , <i>Transatlantic Fellow, Central and Eastern Europe, The German Marshall Fund of the United States</i>	
11:45 – 13:15	<p>Prof. Mustafa Aydin, <i>Rector, Kadir Has University, Turkey</i> - "Emerging security environment in the Black Sea and new challenges for NATO".</p> <p>Dr. Liviu Mureshan, <i>EURISC Foundation, Romania</i></p> <p>Sergey Utkin, <i>Head of Department of Strategic Assessment, Centre for Situation Analysis, Russian Academy of Sciences</i>: "Russia's perception of NATO and EU policies in the Black sea region"</p> <p>Dr. sc. pol. Kai-Olaf Lang, <i>Senior Fellow, EU/Europe, German Institute for International and Security Affairs /SWP/</i>: "EU and NATO enlargement policies and neighborhood policy in the light of the Ukraine crisis"</p> <p>Q&A</p>
13:15 - 14:15	Lunch
THIRD PANEL: NEW APPROACHES TO THE BLACK SEA SECURITY	
Moderator: Mr. Yordan Bozhilov , <i>President of Sofia Security Forum</i>	
14:15 - 15:45	<p>Oleksiy Melnik, <i>Co-director, Foreign Relations and International Security Programmes, Razumkov Centre, Ukraine</i> - "The role of international organisations in Ukraine"</p> <p>Prof. Ognyan Minchev, <i>Executive Director, Institute for Regional and International Studies, Bulgaria</i></p> <p>Ms. Eka Tkeshelashvili, <i>President of The Georgian Institute for Strategic Studies, Georgia</i></p> <p>Dr. Sinikukka Saari, <i>Senior Researcher, The Finnish Institute of International Affairs</i>, "EU's approach to frozen conflicts in its Eastern neighborhood"</p> <p>Q&A</p>
15:45 - 16:15	Coffee break
FORTH PANEL: THE RENAISSANCE OF THE WEST. NEW CHALLENGES - NEW RESPONSES	
Moderator: Prof. ZLATKO ŠABIČ , <i>Professor of International Relations, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia</i>	
16:15 – 17:45	<p>Andris Spruds, <i>Director, Latvian Institute of International Affairs</i>: "EU Eastern Partnership"</p> <p>Roland Freudenstein, <i>Deputy Director and Head of Research, Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies</i></p> <p>Adam Eberhardt, <i>Deputy Director, Centre for Eastern Studies, Poland</i>: "Beyond the Eastern Partnership? The EU response to new challenges from the Eastern neighbourhood"</p> <p>Q&A</p>
19:00 – 20:30	Dinner

September 10, Thursday

Working language: English

Morning session. Working in 3 groups reflecting the panels of the Day 1

Afternoon session. Joint discussion and closing of the conference

9:00-13:00 /10:30-11:00 - coffee break/	<p><u>GROUP 1: DEEPER LOOK AT THE SECURITY SYSTEM IN EUROPE. TIME FOR REASSESSMENT OF EU AND NATO POLICIES?</u></p> <p>CHAIR: <i>Plamen Ralchev, PhD, Assoc. Prof., Department of International Relations, University of National and World Economy, Bulgaria</i></p> <p>Prof. Dr. Luis Simón, <i>Research Professor, International Security, Institute For European Studies, Brussels</i></p> <p>Dr. Giorgos Triantafyllou, <i>Research Fellow, South-East Europe Programme, ELIAMEP, Book Reviews Assistant, Journal of Southeast European and Black Sea Studies</i></p> <p>Mr. Victor Chirila, <i>Executive Director, Foreign Policy Association, Moldova</i></p>
9:00-13:00 /10:30-11:00 - coffee break/	<p><u>GROUP 2: THE WEST AND RUSSIA - DIFFERENT VIEWS AND APPROACHES TO SECURITY. IMPLICATIONS FOR EU AND NATO.</u></p> <p>CHAIR: <i>Ms. Nona Mikhelidze, Senior Fellow - EU and Neighbourhood, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Italy</i></p> <p>Dr. Radu Musetescu, <i>Associate Professor and Head of Department International Business and Economics, Academy of Economic Studies Bucharest.</i></p> <p>Mr. Richard Giragosian, <i>Director, Regional Studies Center, Yerevan, Armenia</i></p> <p>Ms. Velina Chakarova, <i>Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy</i></p>
9:00-13:00 /10:30-11:00 - coffee break/	<p><u>GROUP 3: NATO AND EU – TIME FOR NEW/UP-DATED STRATEGIC VISION?</u></p> <p>CHAIR: <i>Ms. Nevena Mandadjieva, Project Manager, Sofia Security Forum</i></p> <p>Dr. Raphael Francis Perl, <i>Executive Director of the Partnership for Peace Consortium of Defense Academies and Security studies Institutes</i></p> <p>Mr. László Póti, <i>Senior Research Fellow of the Institute for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hungary</i></p> <p>Mr. Oleksiy Kolomiyets, <i>President, Centre For European And Transatlantic Studies, Ukraine</i></p>
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 15:30	<p>PRESENTATION OF POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS OF EACH GROUP (20 min per speaker/team group)</p> <p>/RM: Each group will summarize the results of the discussions and formulate policy recommendations /</p>

15:30 – 16:00	CLOSING SESSION
16:00 - 16:30	PRESS CONFERENCE
	Departure of some of the participants
19.00 - 20.30	Dinner
<p><u>September 11, Friday</u></p> <p>Departure day</p>	

Foreign participants:

Dr. Kamal Makili-Aliyev, *Leading Research Fellow, Foreign Policy Analysis Department, Center for Strategic Studies, Azerbaijan*

Felix Arteaga, *Senior Analyst for Security and Defence, Elcano Royal Institute, Madrid, Spain*