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The Black Sea Region: New Challenges and Opportunities for Regional Cooperation

Berlin / Germany, 14-15 May 2009

PROGRAMME

- Convenors: *Gernot Erler*, President of the Southeast Europe Association (SOG)
Rita Süßmuth, President of the German Association of East European Studies (DGO)
- Date: 14-15 May 2009
- Conference Venue: Bremer Landesvertretung in Berlin
(Representation of Bremen in Berlin)
Hiroshimastrasse 24, 10785 Berlin
- Conference Language: English

Thursday, 14 May 2009

17.00 hrs Opening / Welcome

Gernot Erler, MP, Minister of State in the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, President of the South East Europe Association (SOG), Berlin
Wolfgang Eichwede, Vice President of the German Association of East European Studies (DGO), Berlin/Bremen

**17.30 hrs Panel I:
The Black Sea Region:
Historical Antagonisms and Approaches to Cooperation**

Thanos Veremis
Department of International and European Studies, National and Capodistrian University, Athens

Panel II: The State of Affairs: Views from the Region

Key questions:

- What is your country's role in the region?
- Where do you see the key issues in foreign and security policy?
- Which vision do you have for regional cooperation?
- Which limits and obstacles do you see for regional cooperation?
- How do you judge the role of the EU, NATO, CIS, GUAM, SCO ...?

18:00 hrs

Part II.1 Analyses from Bulgaria, Romania, Moldova

Chair: *Anneli Ute Gabanyi*, Member of the Board Southeast Europe Association

Romania

Adrian Pop

National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Faculty of Political Sciences, Bucharest

Moldova

Arcadie Barbăroșie

Executive Director, Institute for Public Policy (IPP), Chisinau

Bulgaria

Ognjan Minchev

Executive Director, Institute for Regional and International Studies, Sofia

19.30 hrs Reception

Friday, 15 May 2009

Panel II: The State of Affairs: Views from the Region (ctd.)

9.30 hrs

Part II.2 Analyses from Turkey, Armenia, Azerbaijan

Chair: *Udo Steinbach*, Berlin

Turkey

Mitat Çelikpala

Department of International Relations, TOBB Economics and
Technology University, Ankara

Armenia

Davit Hovhannissyan

Head of Center for Culture and Civilization
Yerevan State University, Yerevan

Azerbaijan

Hasan Mammadzada

Head, Analytical Division, Administration of President of the Republic
of Azerbaijan, Baku

11.00 hrs Coffee Break

11.30 hrs

Part II.3 Analyses from the Russian Federation, Ukraine, Georgia

Chair: *Hans-Henning Schröder*, Head of Research Division Russian Federation /
CIS, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin

Russian Federation

Boris Kuznetsov

Director, Center of International and Regional Policy, St. Petersburg

Ukraine

Hryhorii Perepelytsia, Director of Foreign Policy, Research Institute of
the Diplomatic Academy of Ukraine, Kiev

Georgia

Keti Khutsishvili

Director, Open Society Foundation Georgia (OSGF), Tbilisi

13.00 hrs Lunch Break

**14.00 hrs Panel III:
Development, Integration and Cooperation:
The Black Sea Region in the Focus of supra-National Actors /
International Organizations**

Chair: *Gernot Erler*, MP, Minister of State in the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, President of the South East Europe Association, Berlin

Martin Raiser

Country Director for Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine, Europe & Central Asia Region, The World Bank Group, Kiev

Pascal Heyman

Deputy Director for Policy Support Service of the Conflict Prevention Centre of the OSCE, Vienna

Fadi Farra

Principal Administrator and Executive Manager, OECD Eurasia Competitiveness Programme, Paris

Murat Zöngür

Secretary General, Union of Black Sea and Caspian Confederation of Enterprises (UBCCE), Istanbul

Giovanni Cremonini

General Direction External Relations, European Commission, Brussels

15.30 hrs Coffee Break

**16.00 hrs Panel IV:
The Way Ahead for Black Sea Cooperation**

Chair: *Wim van Meurs*, Radboud University, Nijmegen, Member of the Board Southeast Europe Association

Black Sea Synergy and Eastern Partnership: Complementarity or Confusing Signals?

Yannis Tsantoulis

Research Fellow, International Centre for Black Sea Studies, Athens

New Approaches to Conflict Resolution and Peace Keeping?

Uwe Halbach

Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin

Energy Security and Supply as Common Key Interest?

Franz-Lothar Altmann

Member of the Board, Southeast Europe Association, Munich

17.30 hrs Closing Remarks

Uta Zapf, MP, Vice President, Southeast Europe Association, Berlin