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Agenda and List of Participants

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MONDAY, 26 MARCH 2007

With Romania and Bulgaria joining the EU in January 2007 the EU is bordering directly on the Black Sea and developments in this region are thus of even greater importance for the development of the EU itself. There is growing understanding that this requires an enhanced engagement from the side of the EU, which would most likely be welcomed by all countries in the region, including Russia.

09:30 hrs Welcome and Introduction

- **Gernot Erler**, Minister of State at the German Federal Foreign Office / President Southeast Europe Association (SOG)
- **Markus Ederer**, Head Policy Planning Staff, German Federal Foreign Office

**10:00 hrs Part I: Black Sea Policy – European Neighbourhood Policy
and Regional Cooperation in a heterogeneous Region**

The European Neighbourhood Policy was developed as a mechanism to further enhance the relationship between the EU and neighbouring countries, without however promising future membership in the Union. Through the ENP as well as other instruments the role of the EU in the region is already quite substantial on the bilateral level, but a comprehensive regional approach as it exists in other regions is still missing in the Black Sea region.

- What are the aims of the ENP and how could a regional dimension bring an added value?
- How is a Black Sea Policy perceived in the region as well as inside the EU in the European Commission and Member States?

Moderation: Markus Ederer

11:00 hrs Coffee / Tea

The Black Sea region is very heterogeneous, bringing together a very diverse set of countries and outside actors. Furthermore, a number of regional frameworks already exist in the region.

- Even though a 'common identity' does not necessarily exist, can we speak of a region with common problems and interests in the Black Sea area?
- What are the key actors in the Black Sea region and what are their views on the development of a regional dimension?
- What regional frameworks exist in the Black Sea region and how successful have they been?

Moderation: Gernot Erler

13:00 hrs Lunch

14:00 hrs Part II: Lessons learned from Regional Cooperation in other Regions

Regional Co-operation is a cornerstone of the EU's policy towards the Western Balkans. Regional co-operation and good neighbourly relations are considered a pre-condition for EU membership and a practicing ground for future membership. But regional co-operation is a value in itself. Both in the Western Balkans and other regions, countries face common

challenges with their neighbours that can only be addressed jointly. In many regions, countries have thus developed regional frameworks to jointly find answers to these challenges.

- What are the lessons learned from other regional co-operation frameworks such as the Nordic Dimension, the Baltic Sea Council, the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe or the Barcelona Process for the Mediterranean?
- Can conditions for success be defined? What has worked and what has not?

Moderation: Björn Kühne

15:30 hrs Coffee / Tea

--- Continuation of the discussion ---

- Are there thematic areas for co-operation that have a greater likelihood to succeed? Experiences of cross-border / regional cooperation from the Balkans
- Which role can non-state actors and civil society play in a problem oriented bottom-up approach?
- What is/was the role of the EU and other outside players in these processes?

Moderation: Franz-Lothar Altmann

17:30 hrs End of the first conference day

18:00 hrs Light dinner at the conference venue

TUESDAY, 27 MARCH 2007

09:30 hrs Part III: Areas of cooperation in the Black Sea Region

Many of the challenges facing the Black Sea countries are of a regional, cross-border nature and cannot be addressed by individual countries alone. Defining these areas and identifying those, where co-operation can be beneficial to a majority of parties in the region is a first step; identifying and further developing the right mechanisms and frameworks to facilitate co-operation in these areas the second. The aim of an enhanced ENP should not be the creation of new institutions, but to strengthen and synchronise already existing regional approaches in various sectors in view of enhancing their efficiency and to identify projects, which meet the interest of as many countries as possible. Considering the nature of the Black Sea region, a sectoral approach might be the most appropriate – concrete projects, concrete partners.

- What are areas for regional co-operation around the Black Sea with potential benefits to the region as a whole? Without being exclusive, consideration should be given to the following issues:
 - Environment
 - Transport
 - Trade and Investment
 - Energy
 - Local and Cross-Border Co-operation

- Soft Security issues (fight against organised crime and migration)
- Others
- Which existing regional initiatives in the individual sectors are best suited to play a leading role in advancing practical cooperation in the respective area?
- How can civil society actors be included in regional co-operation processes in the Black Sea Region?

Moderation: Tobias Bergner / Dimitrios Triantaphyllou

12:30 hrs End of the Workshop / Lunch / Departure of Participants

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