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## **International Conference**

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

**Berlin / Germany, 14-15 May 2009**

#### **INVITATION / 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

*T.B.A.*, German Association of East European Studies, Berlin