

**SYNERGIES BETWEEN BLACK SEA AND NORTHERN EUROPE
COOPERATION**
EXCHANGE – ENHANCE – ELABORATE

Bucharest, 27 April 2007
Intercontinental Hotel
Agenda

Thursday, 26 April 2007

20.00 **Welcome Reception**
Location: Intercontinental Hotel, “Balada” Hall, 21st floor

Friday, 27 April 2007

09.00-9.30 **Registration of the participants**
Location: Intercontinental Hotel, Lobby “Rapsodia” Ballroom, first floor

09.30-9.45 **Official Opening by Ambassador Adrian Vierța, Secretary of State**
Location: Intercontinental Hotel, “Rapsodia” Ballroom, first floor

09.45-11.30 **Session 1: “Valuing the regional expertise”**
Identifying the fields of excellence in the two areas, sharing lessons of regional cooperation including specific instruments of cooperation
Moderator: *Eva Ekmechag, Deputy Director, East Europe and Central Asia Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden*
Speakers:

- **Berit Brørby**, vice-president, Nordic Council
- **Leif Ulland**, Ambassador of Norway, representative of the Norwegian Presidency of the Arctic Council
- **Yuriy Malko**, Ambassador of Ukraine, representative of the Ukrainian Presidency of GUAM
- **Gabriele Kötschau**, Director of the Secretariat, Council of the Baltic Sea States
- **Prokopis Mantzouranis**, Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece
- **Marja-Leena Vuorenää**, Counsellor, Unit for the Northern Dimension, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland, representative of the Finnish presidencies of NCM and BEAC

11.30-11.45 **Coffee break**
Location: Intercontinental Hotel, “Salonul Oglinzilor” Hall, first floor

11.45-13.30 **Session 2: “Cooperation between the European structures and regional initiatives”**
The case of Northern Dimension and the emergence of a Black Sea policy of the EU, evolutions within CoE framework
Moderator: *Ioan Mircea Pașcu, Member of the European Parliament*

Speakers:

- **Leonidas Chrysantopoulos**, Secretary General BSEC
- **Yavuz Mildon**, President of the Chamber of Regions of the Council of Europe's Congress
- **Janos Herman**, Principal Adviser for Regional Cooperation, Directorate-General for External Relations, European Commission
- **Tobias Bergner**, Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Germany, Representative of EU German Presidency
- **Tuula Yrjölä**, Director of the Unit for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland
- **Panos Gavras**, Head of Policy and Strategy Department, Black Sea Trade & Development Bank
- **Federico Bonaglia**, representative of OECD

13.30-14.30

Lunch

Location: Intercontinental Hotel, "Salonul Oglinșilor" Hall, first floor

14.30-16.15

Session 3: "Bridging the two regions"

Identifying the top mutual priorities (energy, environment, civil security) and the potential for North-Black Sea future projects, programmes

Moderator: Sergiu Celac, Alternate Director, International Center for Black Sea Studies

Speakers:

- **Christer Persson**, Chairman of the CBSS Committee of Senior Officials (head of delegation)
- **Mircea Ciopraga**, MP, President of the Romanian Parliament Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of BSEC
- **Ovidiu Dranga**, Political Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Romania
- **Ahmet Kideys**, Executive Director of the Permanent Secretariat to the Commission on the Protection of the Black Sea against Pollution
- **Vladimir Lapshin**, minister counsellor, The Embassy of Russian Federation
- **Mark Cunningham**, Project Officer, German Marshall Fund of the United States

16.15-16.30

Conclusions

Departure of participants