

**PROGRAM**

Seminar on
“How can the Black Sea Region contribute to improved global security?”
7-9 June 2007 – Hilton Hotel, Bucharest, Romania

June 7, 2007	
	Arrival of the participants
20.00	Welcome reception hosted by H.E. Mr. Anton Niculescu, Secretary of State, MFA Romania at the Diplomatic Club (by invitation)
June 8, 2007	
8.30 – 9.30	Welcome Coffee. Registration of the participants.
9.30 – 10.30	Welcoming remarks – H.E. Mr. Anton Niculescu, Secretary of State, MFA Romania
	<p>Opening statements</p> <p>Mr. Kåre Aas, Director General, MFA Norway</p> <p>Mr. Petru Dumitriu, Director General, MFA Romania</p> <p>Mr. Liviu Mureşan, Executive President, EURISC Foundation</p>
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 – 13.00	<p>Plenary session – Major challenges to security in the Black Sea region</p> <p>Co-chairmen:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ambassador Sergiu Celac, International Center for Black Sea Studies, Athens - Mr. George Katsirdakis, Head, Defense Cooperation, Defense Policy and Planning Division, NATO International Staff <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mr. Axel Angely, Deputy Head, Weapons of Mass Destruction Center, NATO International Staff - Mr. Dragos Toca, Deputy Director, Division for Dual-Use Products and Technologies, National Agency for Exports Control, Romania
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch

14.00 – 15.30	Working groups
	<p>WG1 – Trans-national challenges in the Black Sea region</p> <p>Chairman: - Mr. Seyfi Tashan, President, Foreign Policy Institute, Turkey</p> <p>Rapporteur: - Dr. Gayane Novikova, Director, Center for Strategic Analysis, Armenia</p> <p>Speakers: - Mr. Mitja Mocnik, Director, Southeast European Cooperative Initiative - Dr. Elkhan Nuriyev, Professor of Political Science, Western University, Azerbaijan</p>
	<p>WG2 – WMD proliferation and illegal trafficking in the Black Sea region</p> <p>Chairman: - Dr. Dan Nelson, Professor of Political Sciences, School for Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, US</p> <p>Rapporteur: - Ms. Lada Roslycky, Senior Research Fellow, Center for European Security Studies, University of Groningen</p> <p>Speakers: - Mr. Terry Godby, Deputy Director for Regional Affairs, Bureau of International Security and Non-Proliferation, State Department, US - Mr. Ioan Tudor, Special Assistant to the High Representative for Disarmament Affairs, UN - Mr. Viacheslav Turkin, Nuclear Security Office, IAEA - Ambassador Nicolae Ecobescu, Director Romanian Institute for International Studies EURISC – IRSI</p>
	<p>WG3 – Improving inter-agency coordination and the contribution of NGO’s network</p> <p>Co-chairmen: - Gl.(r) Nicolae Spiroiu, Executive Director Euro-Atlantic Council Romania – CASA NATO - Dr. Sergei Konoplyov, Director Black Sea Security Program, Harvard University, US</p> <p>Rapporteur: - Ambassador Nicolae Micu, Chief Editor of the Romanian Journal of International and Regional Studies, Romanian Institute for International Studies EURISC – IRSI</p> <p>Speakers: - Mr. Charalambos Tsardanidis, Director, Institute of International Economic Relations, Greece - Mr. Styopak Safaryan, Director of Research, Center for National and International Studies, Armenia - Ms. Alina Belskaya, Program Assistant, German Marshall Fund of the United States, Belarus - Ms. Thea Kenchadze, Research Fellow, Foundation for Strategic and International Studies, Georgia</p>

15.30 – 16.00	Coffee break
16.00 – 17.30	Working groups
19.30 – 21.00	Dinner at Restaurant “Carul cu bere” (by invitation)
<i>June 9, 2007</i>	
9.30 – 11.30	<p>Plenary session</p> <p>Co-Chairman: Mr. Liviu Muresan, Executive President, EURISC Foundation Mr. Marin Lessenski, Director, Institute for Regional and International Studies, Bulgaria</p> <p>Speaker: Mr. Vladimir Lapshin, Minister Counsellor, Embassy of the Russian Federation to Romania</p> <p>Wrap-up reports by the working groups’ chairs/rapporteurs</p>
11.30 – 12.00	Coffee break
12.00 – 12.30	Concluding remarks
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch
15:00	Bucharest sight-seeing tour (optional)