

# **International Seminar “*How can the Black Sea Region contribute to improved global security?*”**

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## **BACKGROUND SHEET**

Among the broader range of threats that face the current security environment, terrorism, WMD proliferation, illegal trafficking, and organized crime are major challenges facing the Black Sea countries.

Moreover, although still under debate, the threat convergence appears to become a new emerging challenge in itself. It is this particularity of the security environment in the XXI century that requires a common approach among the countries in the region. In order to effectively tackle common threats, governments correlate national policies in the field, building upon existing regional cooperative endeavors. Furthermore, states must engage in innovative thinking to curb the ability of non-state actors to proliferate dangerous items and technologies.

As part of these efforts in addressing regional security challenges, the seminar strives to foster synergy among the countries in the region for curbing and preventing the WMD proliferation in the Wider Black Sea Area.

The participants are invited to discuss the current challenges to security in Black Sea Region, with a particular focus on challenges related to proliferation of WMDs

The event will last one and a half day and will be structured in plenary sessions and three break-out groups:

**WG I “Trans-national challenges in the Black Sea region”:** the 9/11 terrorist attacks fully illustrated the threat posted by terrorist organizations. This working group will discuss threats specific to the Black Sea region, placing particular emphasis on the role of non-state actors and possibilities of terrorist and organized crime groups’ access to nuclear-related materials.

**WG II “WMD proliferation and illegal trafficking in the Black Sea region”:** This working group will discuss proliferation risks at regional level, and measures to counter proliferation.

**WG III “Improving inter-agency coordination and the contribution of NGO’s network”:** Participants will discuss the cooperation between national, regional, and international organizations, as well as their interaction with the civil society.