

**Matching Words and Deeds:
Enhancing the role of civil society in building Black Sea regional security
Bucharest, 10-11 July 2007***

9 July: Arrival of participants

*Accommodation, Intercontinental Hotel
Nicolae Balcescu, 4 (University Square), Bucharest*

10 July, Ronda Hall, 1st floor, Intercontinental Hotel

8.30: Registration of participants (lobby, 1st floor Intercontinental Hotel)

9.00-9.45: The role of civil society in regional security: a political endorsement
Media access

Moderator: Antje Herrberg, Crisis Management Initiative
Opening remarks: Adrian Cioroianu, Romanian Minister of Foreign Affairs: *The Romanian political engagement for the Black Sea region*
Constantin Degeratu, State Counsellor, Romanian Presidency: *Why Black Sea Region needs our attention?*

Introductory remarks: Kalman Mizsei, the EUSR for R. Moldova: *The EU approach towards the Eastern Neighbourhood: two years after (The case of R. Moldova)*
Mark Fawcett, EUSR Team coordinator, on behalf of Mr. Peter Semneby, the EUSR for South Caucasus: *The EU approach towards the Eastern Neighbourhood: How to ensure security and democracy (South Caucasus)*

Issues for framing the discussions during the overall event:

- *How to better link international and regional policies for Black Sea stability with needs on the ground? What is the role and contribution of civil society?*
- *What are the missing pieces and how can they be put together for an effective Black Sea synergy of international policies?*
- *What is the desired outcome of the process: key questions and benchmarks for a civil society strategy in the region?*

10:00 – 11.30 New European and Euro-Atlantic policies for the region

Moderator: Ovidiu Dranga, Minister Plenipotentiary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania
Panel: *The EU policy for the Black Sea (Black Sea Synergy and ENP+): the role of civil society* (Egidio Canciani, deputy head of ENP general coordination unit, European Commission);

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Lessons-learnt in the Balkans (Balkans Trust for Democracy) and perspective for civil society development and cooperation in the Black Sea area (Ivan Vejvoda, director Balkan Trust for Democracy)

Issues for framing the discussions:

- *What are the aims of the Black Sea Synergy and the Black Sea Trust for Regional cooperation and how do they fit in the overall policy context?*
- *What are the realistic priorities for international engagement at regional level (a “donor” perspective)?*
- *Open discussion: Key challenges and opportunities – a civil society perspective*

11.30-12.00: Coffee break

12.00: 13.30: Challenges in policy implementation: new instruments for the region

Moderator: Cosmin Dobran, Member of Aspen Institute, Bucharest

Panel: *The new EU financial instruments for the region: ENPI (Jakub Urbanik, ENP General Coordination Unit, European Commission) and CBC-BS (Sorina Canea, Program Coordinator, Ministry for Development of Romania)*

The Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation: the implementation (Alina Inayeh, director of the Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation)

Issues for framing the discussions:

- *Lessons learned from the implementation of existing instruments*
- *New instruments: what can they deliver?*
- *How can the role of civil society be enhanced ?*
- *Open discussion: What are the needs and expectations of civil society?*

13.30 – 15.00 Lunch (Intercontinental Hotel, 1st floor)

15.00 – 18.30: Existing regional projects and networks (solution-oriented discussions on how to improve their impact)

15.00 – 16.45: Moderator: Sergey Konoplyov, Harvard BS Security Program

Regional initiatives

- *EU-BS Peace-building network (CMI, Institute for Public Policy, International Centre for Human Development, Helsinki Citizens’ Assembly of Azerbaijan)*
- *Black Sea Association of National News Agency (Marina Dyachenko, Ukrinform),*
- *Black Sea democratic reform mechanism (Igor Munteanu, IDIS, R. Moldova)*
- *Black Sea NGO Network (Dan Manoleli, Romania)*
- *Black Sea Forum for Dialogue and Partnership on Environment (Ovidiu Panea, COEVOLVE, Romania).*
- *Black Sea Commission on resolution of frozen conflicts (Olga Dorokhina, SCIRS, Georgia)*
- *Black Sea University Network (Georgiana Berbaru, BSUN Secretariat, Romania)*

Open discussion

16.45 – 17.00: Coffee break

17.00-18.30: Moderator: Judith Large, CMI

Civil society in conflict resolution: the specific case of conflict zones

- *“Missing peaces”: Challenges and opportunities for engaging the breakaway regions, Nina Caspersen, Richardson Institute*

- Business /development and conflicts (Caucasus Business and Development Network), *Diana Klein, International Alert*
- European and Euro-Atlantic integration and conflict resolution: the case of Georgia (Abkhazia, South Ossetia), *George Khutsishvili, International Center on Conflict and Negotiation, Georgia*
- Building civil society capacity in Transnistria, *Sergei Neicoucen, CONTACT, R. Moldova*

Open discussion

Common issues for framing the discussion:

- *Aims and means of existing regional projects, opportunities and difficulties*
- *How could the impact of these initiatives be increased?*
- *What are the lessons learned and what can civil society deliver at regional level?*

20:00 – Cocktail offered by the Romanian MFA (*Balada Hall, 21st floor, Intercontinental Hotel*)

11 July, Intercontinental Hotel, Ronda Hall, 1st floor

9.00 – 12.00: Joint discussion on priorities, critical challenges and the way ahead
(*10.30-11.00: Coffee break*)

Moderator: Ivan Vejvoda, director, Balkan Trust for Democracy

Panel: Perspectives from the ground (Eastern ENP countries)

Armenia: Tevan Poghosyan, International Centre for Human Development

Azerbaijan: Irada Baghirova, co-chair, Committee for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration of Azerbaijan

Georgia: George Khutshisvili, International Centre on Conflict and Negotiation

R. Moldova: Oazu Nantoi, Institute for Public Policy

Ukraine: Ihor Kohut, Agency for Legislative Initiatives

Open discussion (the other regional countries: Turkey, Russia, Bulgaria, Romania)

Issues for framing the discussions:

- *What are the needs on the ground (country perspectives, including for the regional level)?*
- *What should be the priorities for civil society development (country perspectives, including for the regional level)?*
- *How the needs on the ground could be better matched with existing policies and instruments?*
- *Open discussion: What are the key questions and benchmarks for an effective strategy to enhance civil society contribution to regional security?*

12.00 – 12.30 Conclusions: Policy recommendations for a Black Sea region civil society strategy

CMI: Summary of the two days proceedings – What next?

Romanian MFA: The political way ahead;

12:30 – 14:30 Lunch (*Intercontinental Hotel, 1st floor*)