



AS OF NOVEMBER 25, 2009

**International Conference
"Towards a New Transatlantic Strategy for the
Wider Black Sea Region"**

November 30 – December 1, Holiday Inn Hotel, Sofia, Bulgaria

November 30, Day 1

10:00-10:30 Official opening

- Roger Fielding, Executive Director, Centre for SouthEast European Studies
- Susan M. Sutton, Chargé d'Affaires ad interim, Embassy of the United States of America, Sofia
- Anyu Angelov, Deputy Minister, Bulgarian Ministry of Defence
- Marin Raykov, Deputy Minister, Bulgarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

10:30-12:30 SESSION 1 Security governance in the Wider Black Sea Region: actors and visions

Moderator:

- Todor Tanev, Sofia University

Speakers:

- Georgi Panayotov, Head of NATO Department, Security Policy Directorate, Bulgarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Mitat Çelikpala, Deputy Dean, Graduate School of Social Sciences, University of Economics and Technology TOBB ETU, Ankara
- Boris Kuznetsov, Director, Center of International and Regional Policy (CIRP)
- Valeri Ratchev, Chief of the Political Cabinet, Bulgarian Ministry of Defence

12:30-13:30 Lunch

14:00-15:30 SESSION 2 Building a stronger security architecture in the Wider Black Sea Region – national expectations and approaches

Moderator:

- Roger Fielding, Executive Director, Centre for SouthEast European Studies

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Speakers:

- Maria Amaryan, Board Member, Analytical Centre on Globalization and Regional Cooperation
- Lada Roslycky, PhD Candidate, Independent Consultant, International Relations/International Organizations Department, University of Groningen
- Lt. Col. Vladimir Nikolov, National Coordinator for the PfPC Regional Stability in the Greater Black Sea Area Working Group, Bulgarian Defence and Staff College
- Elkhan Mehdiyev, Director, Peace and Conflict Resolution Center
- Olexiy Melnyk, Senior Fellow, Military Programmes, Razumkov Centre

15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-17:30 SESSION 3 NATO's expeditionary operations and territorial defence: striking a balance in the new Strategic Concept

Moderator:

- Vladimir Shopov, Sophia Analytica

Speakers:

- Hari Bucur Marcu, Academic Coordinator, NATO Studies Center, Bucharest
- Marcel de Haas, Senior Researcher, Netherlands Institute of International Relations Clingendael
- Frederic Labarre, Baltic Defence College
- Todor Tanev, Sofia University

December 1, Day 2

09:00-10:30 SESSION 4 Today's Capabilities in Tomorrow's Operations: Improving the Crisis-management Toolkit

Moderator:

- Tsvetelina Manolova, Capital Weekly

Speakers:

- Marco Bartolozzi, Business Manager in DSA N&N/South Europe, NC3A
- Liviu Muresan, Executive President, EURISC Foundation
- Ventsislav Milenkov, WMD Center, NATO HQ
- Nika Chitadze, George C. Marshall Alumni Association – Georgia

10:30-11:00 Coffee break

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11:00-12:30 SESSION 5 The Wider Black Sea Region in 2020: Planning for the future

Moderator:

- Todor Tagarev, Bulgarian Ministry of Defence

Speakers:

- Andrzej Karkoszka, Managing Director, Aerospace, Defence and Security, PriceWaterhouseCoopers Poland
- Henrik Breitenbauch, Acting Deputy Head, Danish Military Studies Institute
- Zlatogor Minchev, Executive Director, Joint Training Simulation and Analysis Centre, Bulgarian Academy of Sciences

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