

# **REGIONAL DIMENSIONS of the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and the European Security and Defence Policy (ESDP) of the European Union**

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with the participation of speakers from Bulgaria and partner institutions from the International academic network for European foreign and security policy "FORNET"



Sofia, 1-2 October 2004,  
Information Centre of the Ministry of Defence, 106 Georgi Rakovski Street

# P R O G R A M M E

1<sup>st</sup> October 2004 (Friday)

14:00-14:45 OFFICIAL OPENING

***Moderator***

Colonel NIKOLA YAKOV, Director of the Defence Policy Directorate at the Ministry of Defence

***Official Address***

Mr. PETKO DRAGANOV, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria

***Presentation of the FORNET network***

Prof. Dr. CHRISTIAN FRANCK, Secretary General of the Trans-European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA) – Brussels, member of the Steering Committee of the FORNET network

***Presentation of the topics and speakers***

Mr. KRASSIMIR NIKOLOV, Secretary General of the Bulgarian European Community Studies Association (BECSA)

## **THE EUROPEAN UNION AS A “NEIGHBOURHOOD” PLAYER**

14:45-15:30 THE EAST-EUROPEAN DIMENSION

***Moderator***

Ms. ELITSA MARKOVA, Programme Director at the Economic Policy Institute (EPI) – Sofia

Panel:

***What prospects for the EU’s Neighbourhood Policy?***

***A Georgian View***

H.E. Mr. TAIMURAZ SHARASHENIDZE, Ambassador of the Republic of Georgia to Bulgaria (*to be confirmed*)

***Effects of the EU’s Neighbourhood Policy on the Caucasus and the Western New Independent States (West-NIS)***

Dr. ESRA HATIPOGLU, European Community Institute at Marmara University – Istanbul, Turkey, and member of the Turkish University Association for European Community Studies (TUNAECS)

***Political prerequisites for the “European perspective” of the Caucasian and the Western New Independent States (West-NIS)***

Mr. VLADIMIR SHOPOV, Political Science Department at the Sofia University “St. Kliment Ohridski”

questions & comments

15:30-16:00 coffee break

16:00-17:30 **Moderator**

Mr. MARIN LESSENSKI, Programme Director at the Institute for Regional and International Studies (IRIS) – Sofia

### THE MEDITERRANEAN DIMENSION

Panel:

#### ***What potential for a EU role in the Middle East crisis in a post – 9/11 environment?***

Mr. KAMEN VELICHKOV, Counselor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria, former Bulgarian ambassador to the Hague and first chargé d'affaires in Tel-Aviv

#### ***Security and CFSP vis-a-vis Cyprus and the region: security- and sovereignty-related idiosyncrasies of the Annan Plan***

Prof. Dr. COSTAS MELAKOPIDES & Dr. GEORGE KENTAS, Cyprus Institute for Mediterranean, European and International Studies – Nicosia

questions & comments

## THE EUROPEAN UNION AS A REGIONAL PLAYER

17:30-18:00 THE AFRICAN DIMENSION

#### ***The European and the African Unions – a learning experience in conflict prevention and crisis management***

Dr. LYUBOV MINCHEVA, Institute for Regional and International Studies (IRIS) – Sofia; Affiliated Researcher with the Center for International Development and Conflict Management at the University of Maryland, College Park, USA

questions & comments

2<sup>nd</sup> October 2004 (Saturday)

## BEYOND REGIONALISM

09:30-11:00 STRATEGIC RELATIONS AND KEY SECURITY ISSUES

**Moderator**

Mr. VESSELIN VALKANOV, Political Director, Head of the CFSP Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Panel:

***The EU's strategic relations with the United States,***  
Prof. Dr. HANSPETER NEUHOLD, Director of the Institute of International  
Law and International Relations, University of Vienna

***Bulgaria's Contribution to the Development of ESDP***  
Ms. RALITSA KOVACHEVA, Senior Expert, Collective Defence and  
Security Department, Defence Policy Directorate at the Ministry of  
Defence

***The Greek Contribution to CFSP and Civilian Crisis Management,***  
Ms. ELENI DEMIRI & Mr. EVANGELOS VLIORAS, Hellenic Centre of  
European Studies and Research (EKEME) – Athens

***New security challenges in Europe and structural dimensions of  
interaction between "the second and the third pillar" of the EU***  
Mr. BORIS KOSTOV, Political Science Department at the Sofia University  
"St. Kliment Ohridski"

questions & comments

11:00-11:30 coffee break

**Special session:**  
**THE EUROPEAN UNION ON THE BALKANS**

11:30-12:30 ***Moderator***  
Mr. KRASSIMIR NIKOLOV, Secretary General of BECSA

***Perspectives for EU – Western Balkan relations: From post-  
stabilisation towards pre-accession?***  
Mr. VASSILIS MARAGOS, Counselor for Political and Economic Issues,  
Delegation of the European Commission to Skopje

questions & comments

12:30 closure of event

*simultaneous English-Bulgarian interpretation is provided*