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9:00 – 10:30	<p>Session I: Whither the Black Sea Region? The State of Play</p> <p><u>Welcoming Remarks</u></p> <p>Wolf-Ruthart Born <i>State Secretary of the Federal Foreign Office, Berlin</i></p> <p><u>Key note speaker</u></p> <p>Marin Raykov <i>Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria, Sofia</i></p> <p><u>Discussants</u></p> <p>Elmar Brok <i>Member of the European Parliament; Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Brussels</i></p> <p>Suat Kiniklioglu <i>Member of parliament; Spokesperson of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Grand National Assembly of Turkey, Ankara</i></p> <p>Boris Tarasyuk <i>Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine; Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada Committee on European Integration, Kiev</i></p> <p>Dimitrios Triantaphyllou <i>Director General, International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS), Athens</i></p> <p><u>Moderator</u></p> <p>Joachim Fritz-Vannahme <i>Director, Programme „Europe's Future“, Bertelsmann Stiftung, Guetersloh</i></p>
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10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:30	<p>Session II: The Region of Risks: Security and Democracy in the Black Sea</p> <p><u>Discussants</u></p> <p>Vlad Lupan <i>Journalist and Independent Expert from the Republic of Moldova, Chisinau</i></p> <p>Ernst Reichel <i>Head of Division for Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin</i></p> <p>Peter Semneby <i>EU Special Representative for the South Caucasus, Council of the European Union, Brussels</i></p> <p>Andrei Zagorski <i>Associated Professor; Acting Head, The Center for the Studies of War and Peace, Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO), Moscow</i></p> <p><u>Moderator</u></p> <p>Mustafa Aydin <i>Director, International Policy Research Institute of Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey (TEPAV), Ankara</i></p>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch

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<p>13:30 – 15:00</p>	<p>Session III: The Region of Potentials: Economic Development and Regional Cooperation Perspectives</p> <p><u>Discussants</u></p> <p>Panagiotis Gavras <i>Head, Policy & Strategy, Black Sea Trade & Development Bank (BSTDB), Thessaloniki</i></p> <p>Tedo Japaridze <i>Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Georgia; Alternate Director General, International Centre for Black Sea Studies (ICBSS), Athens</i></p> <p>Hannes Swoboda <i>Member of the European Parliament; Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Brussels</i></p> <p>Fabrizio Tassinari <i>Senior Fellow, Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS), Copenhagen</i></p> <p><u>Moderator</u></p> <p>Traian Chebeleu <i>Ambassador; Deputy Secretary General, Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC), Istanbul</i></p>
<p>15:00 – 16:00</p>	<p>Wrap up Session: Assessing the Region's Future</p> <p><u>Discussants</u></p> <p>Sergiu Celac <i>Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania; Senior Adviser, National Centre for Sustainable Development (NCSD), Bucharest</i></p> <p>Dov Lynch <i>Senior Adviser, Office of the Secretary General, The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), Vienna</i></p> <p>Vartan Oskanian <i>Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Armenia; Chairman of the Board, The Civilitas Foundation, Yerevan</i></p> <p><u>Moderator</u></p> <p>Alina Inayah <i>Director, The Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation, Bucharest</i></p>

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