

## **Lessons for a new European Neighbourhood Policy for the Black Sea Region**

March 12/13th, 2007, Berlin

### **AGENDA**

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#### **Monday March 12th**

**Venue:** Hilton Hotel, Mohrenstraße 30  
10117 Berlin

14.30 Registration - Tea/Coffee

15.00 Welcome: **Lord Weidenfeld**, Chairman,  
Weidenfeld Institute for Strategic Dialogue  
**Ivan Vejvoda**, Director, Balkan Trust for Democracy  
The German Marshall Fund of the United States

**15.15-16.30 Session I: Black Sea Regional Cooperation: feasibility and potential benefits**

**Moderator:** **Ivan Vejvoda**, The German Marshall Fund, Belgrade  
**Speakers:** **H.E. Peter Semneby**, The Council of the European Union, Brussels  
**Ivan Krastev**, Center for Liberal Strategies, Bulgaria  
**Hans-Dieter Lucas**, German Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

- *Regional cooperation without a regional identity?: Are there sufficient common interests to drive implementation of a new regional policy?*
- *An integrated Black Sea border management strategy: the way to provide both economic and security benefits?*
- *Regional conflicts: should a revised Black Sea Policy stretch beyond functional cooperation to conflict management?*

**17.00-18.30 Session II: Learning the Lessons of Existing Frameworks for Regional Cooperation**

**Moderator:** **Sasha Havlicek**, Weidenfeld Institute for Strategic Dialogue  
**Speakers:** **Markus Ederer**, German Federal Foreign Office, Berlin  
**Goran Svilanovic**, Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe, Belgrade  
**Joerg Himmelreich**, The German Marshall Fund, Berlin

- *Northern Dimension*

- *Stability Pact for SEE*
- *BSEC*
- *CEFTA*
- *ESDP in the making*

**20.00 WORKING DINNER**

**“Contemporary Challenges for a New European Neighbourhood Policy in the Black Sea Region and its Transatlantic Implications”**

**Welcoming Remarks: Wolfgang Nowak**, Managing Director and Spokesman for the Executive Board, Alfred Herrhausen Gesellschaft, Deutsche Bank

**Venue:**

Deutsche Bank,  
Unter den Linden, Charlottensaal (5th floor)  
**Entrance Charlottenstrasse 37**

**Keynote Speaker:**

**The Hon. Eckart von Klaeden, MdB** Foreign Policy Speaker, CDU/CSU Parliamentary Group, Member of the Executive Council of the CDU/CSU Party

**Tuesday March 13th**

**9.00 – 10.45 Session III: Overcoming the practical challenges to a successful revised European Neighbourhood Policy**

**Moderator: Ron Asmus**, The German Marshall Fund, Berlin

**Speakers: Patrick Child**, European Commission, Brussels

**David Darchiashvili**, Open Society Institute, Georgia

**Nemyria Hryhorii**, Center for European and International Studies, Ukraine (TBC)

- *Between vision and economic realities: what levels of international donor commitment are necessary?*
- *The role of the EU: How can a regional cooperation and development policy work without the prospect of EU membership?*
- *Focus: from democratisation and reconciliation to security, development, environment and trade - what issues could and should Neighbourhood Policy realistically address?*

**11.15 – 13.00 Session IV: Europe, Russia, Turkey and the US: the International**

## **Framework**

**Moderator:**

**Joerg Himmelreich**, The German Marshall Fund, Berlin

**Speakers:**

**James Sherr**, Defence Academy of the United Kingdom, London

**Vyacheslav Igrunov**, Institute for Humanities and Political Studies, Moscow

**Oktay Tanrisever**, METU University, Ankara

**Ron Asmus**, The German Marshall Fund, Brussels

- *An EU-sponsored Black Sea Neighbourhood Policy: feasible even without US and Russian involvement?*
- *Russia and America: rivals or friends in the Black Sea region? Can both be party to a Black Sea Cooperation and Development Policy?*
- *The German EU Presidency: Can it promote a reviewed Eastern European Neighbourhood Policy constructively engaging the US and Russia?*

**13.00**

**BUFFET LUNCHEON**

**14.00-15.00**

**Session V: Conclusions and Next Steps**