

**“Back to the Cold War
or forward to a stable relationship?
Political and energy relations between
Russia and the West in the Black Sea”**

Programme

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Thursday 22 January 2015

	Arrival of participants – hotel check in
17:00 – 17:30	<u>Conference registration – Coffee</u>
17:30 – 18:00	<p><u>Welcoming and introductory remarks:</u> <i>Ms. Ino Afentouli</i>, Information Officer, NATO Public Diplomacy Division, Brussels <i>Dr. Thanos Dokos</i>, Director General, ELIAMEP, Athens</p> <p><u>Keynote speech</u> <i>HE Evangelos Venizelos</i>, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hellenic Ministry of Foreign Affairs (TBC)</p>
18:00 – 20:00	Session I: Developments in the Black Sea region and the state of relations between Russia and the West
Chair:	<i>Ms. Alina Inayah</i> , Director, Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation, The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF), Bucharest
Speakers:	<p><i>Prof. Steven Blockmans</i>, Head EU Foreign Policy, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), Brussels <i>Dr. Sharyl Cross</i>, Director, Kozmetsky Center; Global Policy Fellow, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Austin <i>Dr. Thanos Dokos</i>, Director General, ELIAMEP, Athens <i>Dr. Alexey Gromyko</i>, Director, Institute of Europe, Moscow <i>Dr. Arkady Moshes</i>, Programme Director, Finish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA), Helsinki</p>
20:30	Welcome Dinner

Friday 23 January 2015

09:00– 11:30	Session II: The security environment in the Black Sea region: Possible flashpoints
Chair:	<i>Dr. Dimitris Triantaphyllou</i> , Director, Center for International and European Studies, Kadir Has University, Istanbul
Speakers:	<p><i>Dr. Nadia Arbatova</i>, Head, Department on European Political Studies, Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow <i>Prof. Gülnur Aybet</i>, Head, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Bahçeşehir University, Istanbul <i>Mr. Alexander Iskandaryan</i>, Director, Caucasus Institute, Yerevan <i>Mr. Sergiy Solodkyy</i>, First Deputy Director, Institute of World Policy (IWP), Kiev</p>
Comments:	<p><i>Ms. Ino Afentouli</i>, NATO Public Diplomacy Division <i>Dr. Panagiota Manoli</i>, Assistant Professor, University of the Aegean; Research Associate, ELIAMEP, Athens</p>
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee break
12:00 – 14:00	Session III: Exploring the energy and politics nexus
Chair:	<i>Dr. Michalis Myrianthis</i> , Special Advisor, ELIAMEP
Speakers:	<p><i>Mr. John Roberts</i>, Energy Security Specialist, Methinks Ltd, Scotland <i>Dr. Konstantin Simonov</i>, Founder & Director General, National Energy Security Fund, Moscow <i>Dr. Theodoros Tsakiris</i>, Assistant Professor, University of Nicosia and Head of Energy & Geopolitics Programme ELIAMEP, Athens</p>
14:00-15:00	Light buffet lunch
15:00-17:30	Session IV. Round Table Discussion: Is a strategic partnership still possible?
Chair:	<i>Prof. Loukas Tsoukalis</i> , President, ELIAMEP; Professor of European Integration, University of Athens
Keynote Speaker:	<p><i>Amb. Thrasyvoulos (Terry) Stamatopoulos</i>, Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs and Security Policy, Brussels <i>Amb. Vladimir Chizhov</i>, Russian representative to the EU, Brussels</p>
Speakers:	<p><i>Dr. Ihor Zhovkva</i>, Head of Directorate General for Foreign Policy and European Integration, Administration of the President of Ukraine, Kyiv <i>Dr. Andrey Kortunov</i>, Director General, Russian International Affairs Council, Moscow <i>Dr. Ian Lesser</i>, Executive Director, Brussels office of the GMFUS <i>Dr. Dušan Reljić</i>, Head of Brussels Office, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), Berlin</p>
20:00	Farewell dinner