

The EU and sub-regional multilateralism

28-29 January 2009
Barcelona, Spain

PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY, 28th JANUARY 2009

- 09.00 **Welcome and introduction to the project and the seminar**
Angela Liberatore, Project Officer, *European Commission*
Habib Ben Yahia, Union of Arab Maghreb, Rabat, Morocco
Jordi Vaquer i Fanés, Project Coordinator, *EU4seas*
- 09.30 **Session 1: Sub-regional Multilateralism in Europe and EU4Seas**
- SUB-REGIONAL MULTILATERALISM IN EUROPE: AN ASSESSMENT
Andrew Cottey, *University College Cork*
 - MAPPING SUB-REGIONAL COOPERATION AROUND EUROPE'S SEAS
Francisco Andrés Pérez, *CIDOB Foundation*
 - THE THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK FOR EU4SEAS
Jordi Vaquer i Fanés, *CIDOB Foundation*
- 11.00 **Coffee break**
- 11.30 **Session 2: The Baltic Sea region and Nordic cooperation**
- SUB-REGIONAL MULTILATERALISM AROUND THE BALTIC SEA
Maria Mälksoo, *International Centre for Defence Studies, Tallinn, Estonia*
 - THE EUROPEAN UNION APPROACH TO THE BALTIC SEA REGION AND THE NORTHERN DIMENSION
Pertti Joenniemi, *Danish Institute for International Studies, Copenhagen, Denmark*
 - THE EU AND THE NORDIC INSTITUTIONS: COMPETING OR COOPERATING?
Esko Antola, *Centrum Balticum, Turku, Finland*
- 13.30 **Lunch**
- 15.00 **Session 3: The Caspian Sea region**
- SUB-REGIONAL COOPERATION AROUND THE CASPIAN SEA
Yury E. Fedorov, *Moscow State Institute of International Relations, Moscow, Russia*
 - THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE CASPIAN SEA REGION
Leila Alieva, *CNIS, Baku, Azerbaijan*

16.30 Coffee break

17.00 Session 4: The Black Sea and the Eastern Dimension

- SUB-REGIONAL MULTILATERALISM AROUND THE BLACK SEA
Panagiota Manoli, *International Centre for Black Sea Studies, Athens, Greece*
- THE EU'S EXPANSION TOWARDS THE BLACK SEA
Krassimir Nikolov, *Bulgarian European Community Association, Sofia, Bulgaria*
- THE EU'S EASTERN DIMENSION
Olga Shumylo, *International Centre for Political Studies, Kyiv, Ukraine*

THURSDAY, 29TH JANUARY 2009

09.30 Session 5: The Mediterranean

- SUB-REGIONAL MULTILATERALISM AROUND THE MEDITERRANEAN
Michele Comelli, *Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome, Italy*
- COMPARING BALTIC AND MEDITERRANEAN COOPERATION: LESSONS LEARNT
Elisabeth Johansson – Nogués, *Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain*
- THE EU AND THE ARAB LEAGUE
Eduard Soler, *CIDOB Foundation, Barcelona, Spain*

11.00 Coffee Break

11.30 Session 6: The practitioners' viewpoint 1; sub-regional cooperation in national foreign policies

- ROUNDTABLE WITH FOUR DIPLOMATS RESPONSIBLE FOR STRATEGIC THINKING AND SUBREGIONAL COOPERATION.

Alessandro Gonzales, *Foreign Affairs Ministry, Rome, Italy*
Pavlo Klimkin, *Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kyiv, Ukraine*
***Khalaf Khalafov**, *Foreign Ministry, Baku, Azerbaijan*
Viljar Lubi, *Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Tallinn, Estonia*

13.00 Lunch

15.00 Session 7: The practitioners' viewpoint 2; talking to the EU from sub-regional organizations

- ROUNDTABLE WITH OFFICERS REPRESENTING SUB-REGIONAL ORGANISATIONS IN FRONT OF THE EU.

Murat Sungar, *Organization of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation, Istanbul, Turkey*

Philipp Saprykin, Council of Baltic Sea States, Stockholm, Sweden

Habib Ben Yahia, Union of Arab Maghreb, Rabat, Morocco

Esa Halme, Regional Council of Päijät-Häme, Lahti, Finland

16.30 Coffee Break

17.00 Conclusions and closure

Jordi Vaquer i Fanés, Project Coordinator, *EU4seas*

Carmen Claudín, Deputy Director, *CIDOB Foundation*

TIMING AND DEADLINES

- **20th December 2008**: Logistical arrangements in place
- **12th January 2009**: Submission of papers
- **21st January 2009**: Final list of participants, speakers and moderators

DISCUSSANTS AND MODERATORS

Once the full list of participants is compiled, some of them will be asked to discuss/moderate the sessions. This task will often be asked from the members of the scientific board present in the seminar, but other participants will be invited to fulfil the positions too.

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