

International seminar

Political and Security Cooperation in Europe's Four Sea Basins

April 3-4, 2009

Palazzo Rondinini, Via del Corso 518 - Rome, Italy

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY, 3rd APRIL 2009

09:00 Registration

09:30 Welcome and Introduction to the Seminar

Ettore Greco, Director, *IAI*, Rome

Jordi Vaquer i Fanés, Director, *CIDOB*, Barcelona and EU4SEAS Coordinator

10:00 SESSION 1: Defining Security Agendas in Europe's Four Sea Basins

Chair: **Ettore Greco**, Director, *IAI*, Rome

- Security Agenda in the Mediterranean basin
Fulvio Attinà, Jean Monnet Professor, Department of Political Studies,
University of Catania
- Security Agenda in the Baltic basin
Silja B. Omarsdottir, Director, Institute of International Affairs, *University of
Iceland*, Reykjavik
- Security Agenda in the Black Sea basin
Dana Depo, Senior Fellow, *ICPS*, Kiev
- Security Agenda in the Caspian basin
Leila Alieva, President, *CNIS*, Baku

11:45 Coffee-Break

12:00 SESSION 2: Sub-regional Cooperation on Conflict Resolution and beyond

Chair: **Nathalie Tocci**, Senior Fellow, *IAI*, Rome

- Sub-Regional Cooperation and Stabilization in the Mediterranean basin:
Eduard Soler i Lecha, Senior Fellow, *CIDOB*, Barcelona
- Sub-Regional Cooperation and Stabilization in the Baltic Sea basin
Tiago Marques, Research Associate, *Estonian Foreign Policy Institute*, Tallinn

- Sub-Regional Cooperation and Stabilization in the Black Sea basin:
Nadia Arbatova, Head of the Department on European Political Studies, *IMEMO*, Moscow
- Sub-Regional Cooperation and Stabilization in the Caspian Sea basin:
Oktay F. Tanrisever, Associate Professor, *METU*, Ankara

13:45 Lunch

15:00 **SESSION 3: Sub-regional Perspectives on the Transformation of Political System: Democracy, Good Governance and Human Rights in Europe's Four Sea Basins**

Chair: **Gianni Bonvicini**, Executive Vice-President, *IAI*, Rome

- The Role of Sub-Regional Organisations in Promoting Democracy in the Mediterranean Basin
Amr Hamzawy, Senior Associate, Middle East Center, *Carnegie Endowment for International Peace*, Beirut
- The Role of Sub-Regional Organisations in Promoting Democracy in the Black Sea and Caspian Basin
George Tarkhan-Mouravi, President, *International Centre for Geopolitical and Regional Studies*, Tbilisi
- The Role of the EU in Promoting Democracy, Human Rights and Good Governance in Europe's Four Sea Basins
Elena Baracani, Senior Fellow and Deputy Director, *CIRES, University of Florence*
- The Role of other International Organizations in Promoting Democracy in Europe's Four Sea Basins
Neil Winn, Senior Lecturer in European Studies, Faculty of Education, Social Sciences and Law, *University of Leeds*, UK

16:45 Coffee-Break

17:00 **SESSION 4: The Impact of EU and NATO Enlargement and Neighbourhood Strategies on Sub-regional Security**

Chair: **Michele Comelli**, Senior Fellow, *IAI*, Rome

- The Impact on the Mediterranean Sea Basin
Roberto Aliboni, Vice-President, *IAI*, Rome
- The Impact on the Baltic Sea Basin
Riina Kaljurand, Deputy Director, *ICDS*, Tallinn
- The Impact on the Black Sea Basin
Olga Shumylo, Director, *ICPS*, Kiev
- Beyond Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policies: The EU's Central Asia Strategy
Nargis Kassenova, Lecturer, Department of Political Science, *KIMEP*, Almaty

19:00 End of Session

20:00 Dinner

SATURDAY, 4TH APRIL 2009

10:00 **ROUNDTABLE: Strategies for promoting Security in EU Four Sea Basins**

Moderator: **Ettore Greco**, Director, *IAI*, Rome

- **Arslan Chikhaoui**, Chairman & CEO, Nord-Sud Ventures, *Strategy and Lobbying Consultancy*, Algiers
- **Pauli Järvenpää**, Director General, Defence Policy, *Finnish Ministry of Defence*, Helsinki
- **Grygorii Perepelytsia**, Director, *Foreign Policy Research Institute*, Kiev
- **Alfredo Conte**, Policy Planning and Early Warning Unit, *Council of the European Union*, Brussels
- **Alberto Bin**, Head of Regional Affairs Section, Political Affairs and Security Policy Division, *NATO*, Brussels
- **James Henry Bergeron**, Political Advisor, *US Navy*, Striking Force NATO, Naples
- **Igor Sevastiyanov**, Senior Counsellor, *Permanent Mission of the Russian Federation to the European Communities*, Brussels

12:00 **Wrap up Session**

Michele Comelli, Senior Fellow, *IAI*, Rome

12:15 **Closure**

Stefano Silvestri, President, *IAI*, Rome

Jordi Vaquer i Fanés, Director, *CIDOB*, Barcelona and EU4SEAS Coordinator

12:30 **Lunch**