Session 04.1:
TRANSATLANTIC COOPERATION AS A FACTOR OF STABILITY
IN SEE AND THE WIDER REGION OF THE MIDDLE EAST

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DRAFT PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 16 June 2004

Arrival of participants in Halki

Welcoming dinner for participants who arrive in the afternoon

Thursday, 17 June 2004

09:00  **Opening Remarks**
Prof. Theodore COULOUMBIS, Director General, ELIAMEP; Professor Emeritus, University of Athens

**Keynote Speech**: TBA

09:30 – 11:30 **Transatlantic relations in the post-Iraq war era**
One year after the Iraq war: Has there been a gradual convergence of European and American positions? What are the prospects for further convergence or increased friction on issues such as the environment, trade, the pre-emptive use of force, arms control, the role of the UN, the International Criminal Court, and other international institutions, etc.

Chair:  Prof. Theodore COULOUMBIS, Director General, ELIAMEP; Professor Emeritus, University of Athens

Speakers:  Dr. Steven EVERTS, Director, Transatlantic Programme, Center for European Reform, London
Dr. Oksana ANTONEKO, Senior Fellow, Russia – Eurasia, IISS, London
Dr. Gulnur AYBET, Dept. of Politics and International Relations, Kent University at Canterbury
US Participant-TBA
11:30 – 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 – 14:00 **Security developments in the wider region of the Middle East. Dealing with regional problems: The role of the US and the EU in (a) the Israeli-Palestinian conflict; and (b) Iraq, Iran**

What has been the role of out-of-region mediators and to what extent can they facilitate a solution to the conflicts? Should the deployment of a multinational force to guarantee a peace settlement in Palestine be contemplated? Is there a role for NATO and the EU in Iraq and Palestine? Can we formulate a common EU-US position towards Iran?

Chair: TBA

Speakers: Dr. Yezid SAYIGH, Center of International Studies, Cambridge University
Dr. Nomi BAR-YACOV, Research Fellow, International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), London
Ms. Judith KIPPER, Director, Middle East Forum, Council on Foreign Relations, Washington
Dr. Alain DIECKHOFF, Director of Research, CNRS – CERI, Paris

14:00 – 18:00 Free afternoon

18:00 – 20:00 **Political and security developments in SEE: Europeanisation and Transatlantic dimensions**

Chair: TBA

Speakers: Prof. Mladen IVANIĆ, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia-Herzegovina
Dr. Stefan LEHNE, Council of the EU, Brussels
Dr. Dimitrios TRIANTAPHYLLOU, Senior Research Fellow, Hellenic Observatory, LSE
Mr. Veton SURROI, Chairman, Koha Media Group, Prishtina

**Friday, 18 June 2004**

09:30 – 11:30 **Democracy in the wider region of the Middle East and SEE: Positive or negative trends?**

Democracies in ethnically divided societies; Readjustment of constitutional structures and other modes of decentralization short of independence; the role and power of the media in democratic transition; Corruption and how it affects the democratic process; Economic pressures on democracy. Is economic liberalization/development a prerequisite for sustainable democracy? What is the role of education in forming acting and democratic citizens? What is the role of civil society in building democracy in these regions?

Chair: TBA

Speakers: Dr. Othon ANASTASAKIS, Director, SEE Studies Programme, St. Antony’s College, Oxford University
Dr. Vladimir GLIGOROV, Staff Economist, The Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (WIIW)
Dr. Iris **GLOSEMEYER**, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP), Berlin
Mr. Riald **MALKI**, Director, PANORAMA Center, Ramallah
Mr. Fouad Ammor, Senior Researcher, GERM, Rabat*

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee - break

12:00 – 14:00 **Promoting democracy in the wider region of the Middle East and SEE: The role of the International Community**

Democratic transition from communist rule; Can democracy be externally designed? Is democracy culture-specific? Are there alternative paradigms of democracy? Can “models” of democracy be transplanted from one region or country to another? Democratic rule in protectorates; Can the US plan for the democratization of the Middle East attract sufficient support from elites and public opinion in the region?

Chair: Ms. Haleh Z. **BRIDI**, World Bank Special Representative to the European Union, Brussels

Speakers: Dr. Alexandros **YANNIS**, Directorate General for External and Politico-Military Affairs, Council of the EU, Brussels
Dr. Yezid **SAYIGH**, Center of International Studies, Cambridge University
Ms. Judith **KIPPER**, Director, Middle East Forum, Council on Foreign Relations, Washington
Dr. Vesna **BOJICIC-DZELILOVIC**, Center for Global Governance, London School of Economics and Political Science

14:00 – 18:00 Free afternoon

18:00 – 20:00 **International terrorism: How to deal with the threat?**

How serious is the threat to European countries and Arab regimes? Should “catastrophic” terrorism be considered as a real possibility? What will be the impact of the resolution of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict on terrorist activities? What is the current level of anti-terrorist cooperation among EU member-states and between EU and non-EU states in the Eastern Mediterranean? Is there a role for NATO? What has the impact been on the transatlantic relationship?

Chair: TBA

Speakers: Dr. Anat **KURZ**, Director, Project on Low Intensity Conflict, The Jaffee Center for Strategic Studies (JCSS), Tel Aviv
Dr. Sebastian **GORKA**, Executive Director, Institute for Transitional Democracy and International Security (ITDIS), Budapest
Ambassador Dr. El-Sayed Amin **SHALABY**, Executive Director, Egyptian Council on Foreign Relations, Cairo
Mr. Oliver **MCTERNAN**, Adviser, Club of Madrid

**Saturday, 19 June 2004**

09:30 – 14:00 **Working groups meet:**

(a) NATO’s role in the Mediterranean and the wider region of the Middle East
(b) Greek-Turkish relations in a changing security environment

Moderator: Dr. Willem van EekeLEN, The Netherlands Senate, The Hague

Commentators: Ambassador (ret.) Ilter TURKMEN, Istanbul
Prof. Theodore COULOUMBIS, Director General, ELIAMEP; Professor Emeritus, University of Athens
Ms. Carol MIGDALOWICZ, Middle Eastern Affairs, Congressional Research Service, Washington D.C.

(c) Transnational organized crime in SEE

Moderator: Prof. Thanos VEREMIS, Vice-President of the Board of Directors, ELIAMEP; Professor of Political History, University of Athens

Speakers: Dr. Aristotle TZIAMPIRIS, Lecturer, International and European Studies Department, University of Piraeus
Mr. Alexandar FATIC, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of International Relations, Belgrade

14:00 – 18:00 Free afternoon

18:00 – 20:00 Improving transatlantic cooperation in SEE and the wider region of the Middle East: Policy Recommendations

Chair: Prof. Theodore COULOUMBIS, Director General, ELIAMEP; Professor Emeritus, University of Athens

Working groups reports

Comments: Mr. Nicola de SANTIS, Information Officer, Mediterranean Dialogue and Partner Countries, NATO Public Diplomacy Division, NATO HQ, Brussels
Dr. Steven EVERTS, Director, Transatlantic Programme, Center for European Reform, London
Dr. Thanos DOKOS, Director of Studies, ELIAMEP, Athens

Keynote speech: TBA

Sunday, 20 June 2004

Departure of participants