

# **“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

	<b>Arrival of participants – hotel check in</b>
<b>17:00 – 17:30</b>	<b><u>Conference registration – Coffee</u></b>
<b>17:30 – 18:00</b>	<b><u>Welcoming and introductory remarks:</u></b> <i>Ms. Ino Afentouli</i> , Information Officer, NATO Public Diplomacy Division, Brussels <i>Dr. Thanos Dokos</i> , Director General, ELIAMEP, Athens
<b>18:00 – 20:00</b>	<b><i>Session I: Developments in the Black Sea region and the state of relations between Russia and the West</i></b>
<b>Chair:</b>	<b><i>Dr. Panagiota Manoli</i></b> , Assistant Professor, University of the Aegean; Research Associate, ELIAMEP, Athens
<b>Speakers:</b>	<b><i>Prof. Steven Blockmans</i></b> , Head EU Foreign Policy, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), Brussels <b><i>Dr. Thanos Dokos</i></b> , Director General, ELIAMEP, Athens <b><i>Dr. Alexey Gromyko</i></b> , Director, Institute of Europe, Moscow <b><i>Dr. Arkady Moshes</i></b> , Programme Director, Finish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA), Helsinki

## Friday 23 January 2015

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