

Workshop on:

The Eastern Mediterranean in 2020: Possible Scenarios and Policy Recommendations

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Concept Note

This conference aims to bring together a number of leading thinkers and policy makers from across Europe and beyond to discuss informally and in depth the security problems in the Mediterranean. The exercise will focus on (a) the conflict in Syria (b) the situation in Iraq (including the Kurdish issue, which would be also examined as a regional issue) (c) The Israeli-Palestinian conflict (d) the threat of ISIS/jihadist terrorism and (e) population movements, including issues such as mobility, refugee & asylum policies, and organized crime. Three papers will be commissioned in advance to experts with a deep knowledge of the region. Each expert will be asked to present one scenario [(i) pessimistic/catastrophic (ii) medium/undesired and (iii) optimistic/desired followed by recommendations for stakeholders on how to prevent scenarios (i) & (ii) and increase the likelihood of scenario (iii)]. Those papers will be sent well in advance to all workshop participants. After extensive debate during the workshop (which will be a brainstorming exercise, with very few formal presentations), a final paper would be drafted, incorporating all three scenarios and related policy recommendations. The paper will be widely disseminated among relevant policymakers and the academic community.

Thursday 22 October 2015

- Arrival of participants** at St. George Lycabettus Hotel (2, Kleomenous Street, 106 75 Athens, Tel: +30 210 7416 000, <http://www.sglycabettus.gr/default-en.html>)
- 17:45 – 18:15** **Conference Registration & coffee**
- 18:15 – 18:30** **Welcoming Remarks**
- Ms. Susanna Vogt**, Head of Greece Office, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Athens
- Dr. Thanos Dokos**, Director-General, ELIAMEP, Athens
- 18:30 – 20:30** **Session I - Tour d' horizon regarding regional security developments**
- Moderator:** **Dr. Thanos Dokos**, Director-General, ELIAMEP, Athens
- Speakers:** **Mr. Shlomo Brom**, Senior Research Associate, Institute for National Security Studies (INSS), Tel Aviv
- Dr. Jean-Francois Daguzan**, Deputy Director; Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique, Paris
- Amb. Khaled Shamaa**, Permanent Representative to the International Organizations, Embassy of the Arab Republic of Egypt, Vienna
- Dr. Jamie Shea**, Deputy Assistant Secretary General, Emerging Security Challenges Division, NATO HQ, Brussels
- 20:30** **Welcome dinner on the 6th floor**

Friday 23 October 2015

- 09:00 – 10:45** **Session II - Presentation and discussion of scenario I: pessimistic/catastrophic**
- Moderator:** **Mr. Peter Rimmele**, Resident Representative of KAS Office and Director Regional Rule of Law Program, Middle East/North Africa, Beirut
- Scenario presentation:** **Dr. Emiliano Alessandri**, Non-Resident Senior Transatlantic Fellow, The German Marshall Fund of the US (GMF), Vienna
- 10:45 – 11:15** **Coffee break**
- 11:15 – 13:00** **Session III - Presentation and discussion of scenario II: medium/undesired**
- Moderator:** **Dr. Rem Korteweg**, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for European Reform (CER), London

Scenario presentation:	Dr. Florence Gaub , Senior Analyst, EU Institute for Security Studies (EUISS), Paris
13:00 – 14:00	Light Buffet Lunch
14:00 – 15:30	<u>Session IV</u> - Presentation and discussion of scenario III: optimistic/desired
Moderator:	Dr. Christian Hanelt , Senior Expert, Europe and the Middle East, Bertelsmann Foundation, Gütersloh
Scenario presentation:	Dr. Pol Morillas , Research Fellow in European Affairs, Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB), Barcelona
	Dr. Eduard Soler i Lecha , Research Coordinator and Senior Research Fellow, Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB), Barcelona
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee break
15:45 – 17:30	<u>Session V</u> - Brainstorming session on policy recommendations
Moderator:	Amb. Mark Otte , Director General, Egmont Institute, Brussels

Saturday 24 October 2015

10:00 – 13:00	<u>Brainstorming continues:</u> Population flows across the Mediterranean: Challenges and responses
Moderator:	Mr. Stuart Summers , Senior Political Adviser, European External Action Service(EAAS), Brussels
Key note speaker:	Ms. Heleni Spathana , Special Advisor to General Secretary of Population and Social Cohesion, Ministry of Interior and Administrative Reconstruction, Athens
Speakers:	Mr. Roderick Parkes , Senior Analyst, European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS), Paris Prof. Panayotis Tsakonas , Professor of International Relations, Security Studies and Foreign Policy Analysis, Department of Mediterranean Studies, University of the Aegean, Rhodes
13:00	Light Buffet Lunch
Afternoon	Departure of participants