



PROGRAM

Preparation for EU Accession 2002

Summer Seminar for Young Public Servants

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Saturday, September 7, 2002

Arrival of participants

20:00 h

**Opening of the Summer Seminar
Welcome and Introduction**

Irena Mladenova

Executive Director, Economic Policy Institute, Sofia

Dumitru Dorin Prunariu

Vice President, EURISC Foundation, Bucharest; President of the Romanian Aero-spatial Agency

Gabriele Schroers

Program Officer, Central and Eastern Europe,
Bertelsmann Foundation, Guetersloh

20:30 h

Welcoming Dinner

Sunday, September 8, 2002

Morning Session

Panel: EU Enlargement

Chair:

Irena Mladenova

Executive Director, Economic Policy Institute, Sofia

9:30 - 10:00

Main Objectives of the Danish Presidency

H.E. Christian Faber-Rod, Ambassador of Denmark to Bulgaria, Sofia

10:00 - 10:30

**The Enlargement of the European Union - Current State and Future Agenda.
Negotiations with Bulgaria and Romania**

Russi Ivanov

Head of Department, European Integration Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sofia

Radu Dobre

Senior Expert, EU Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bucharest

10:30 - 11:00

**The Economic Criteria for EU Membership - Towards Functioning Market
Economy and the Capacity to Cope with Competitive Pressures and Market
Forces within the Union - Progress and Outstanding Issues**

Georgy Ganev

Program Director, Center for Liberal Strategies, Sofia, Bulgaria

11:00 - 11:30

**The Political Criteria for EU Membership - The Rule of Law, Minority Issues-
Progress and Outstanding Issues**

Martin Brusis

Senior Researcher, Bertelsmann Group for Policy Research, Center for Applied Policy Research,
Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich

- 11:30 - 12:00 **Questions and answers session**
- 12:00 -14:00 *Lunch Break*
- 14:00 - 15:30 **Parallel Discussions in two Working Groups**
- Working Group I: State of Negotiations*
Moderator: **Martin Brusis**
- Working Group II: Economic and Political Criteria*
Moderator: **Georgy Ganev**
- 15:30 - 15:45 *Coffee Break*
Preparation Time for Rapporteurs of Working Groups
- 15:45 -17:00 **Plenary Session with presentation of the WG reports. Discussion**
- 20:00 *Dinner*

Monday, September 9, 2002

Morning Session

Panel: International and Cross-border Cooperation

Chair:

Liviu Muresan

President, Eurisc Foundation, Bucharest

- 9:00 - 9:30 **Economic Cooperation in SEE - Current State and Perspectives**

Eugen Ovidiu Chirovici

Senior Economic Advisor to the Prime Minister, Bucharest

Jani Bogoevski

Expert WT II – Investment Compact, Office of the Special Coordinator of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe, Brussels

- 9:30 – 9:45 **The Potential of Black Sea Co-operation and the EU Enlargement**

Yannis Papanikolaou*

Director-General, International Center for Black Sea Studies, Athens

- 9:45 – 10:00 **The Role of International Financial Institutions**

Oscar de Bruyn Kops

Resident Representative, World Bank Mission, Sofia, Bulgaria

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10:00 - 10:30 **The Transformation of the EU Pre-accession Instruments in the Context of Enlargement**

Tsvyatko Velikov

Chief Expert, Public Internal Financial Control Agency, Sofia, Bulgaria

11:00 - 11:15 **Questions and answers session**

11:15 - 11:30 *Coffee Break*

11:30 - 12:30 **Parallel Discussions in two Working Groups**

Working Group I: International Financial Institutions and EU Funds

Moderator: **Oscar de Bruyn Kops**

Working Group II: Pre-Accession Instruments

Moderator: **Tsvyatko Velikov**

12:30 - 12:45 *Preparation Time for Rapporteurs of Working Groups*

12:45 - 13:15 **Plenary Session with presentation of the WG reports. Discussion**

13:15 - 14:30 *Lunch break*

Panel: Good Governance and Anti-corruption Policies in the Public Administration

Chair:

Wim van Meurs

Senior Researcher, Bertelsmann Group for Policy Research, Center for Applied Policy Research, Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich

14:30 - 15:00 **The Issue of Good Governance**

Martin Brusis

Senior Researcher, Bertelsmann Group for Policy Research, Center for Applied Policy Research, Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich

15:00 - 15:30 **Anti-Corruption Measures in the Public Administration**

Sorin Ionita

Senior Researcher, SAR Romanian Academic Society, Bucharest

15:30 - 15:45 **Questions and answers session**

15:45 - 16:00 *Coffee Break*

16:00 - 17:00 **Parallel Discussions in two Working Groups**

Working Group I: Good Governance

Moderator: **Martin Brusis**

Working Group II: Anti-Corruption Measures

Moderator: **Wim van Meurs**

17:00 - 17:15 Preparation Time for Rapporteurs of Working Groups

17:15 - 18:30 **Plenary Session with presentation of the WG reports. Discussion**

Afternoon Roundtable

19:00 - 19:45 **Informal Economy with Particular Focus on Public Administration**

Emil Tsenkov

Senior Fellow, Center for the Study of Democracy, Sofia

19:45 - 20:00 **Questions and answers session**

20: 00 *Dinner*

Guest Speaker:

Victor Ponta

Secretary of State, Chief of the Control Unit of the Prime Minister and Coordinator of the Anti-Corruption Programmes, Bucharest

Tuesday, September 10, 2002

Morning session

Panel: Security in Europe

Chair:

Liviu Mureşan

Executive President, EURISC Foundation, Bucharest

9:00 - 9:30 **Security in the Balkans**

Stanimir Ilchev**

Chairman, Parliamentary Commission on Foreign Policy and National Security, National Assembly, Sofia, Bulgaria

Dimitar Mircev

Director, Centre for Security Policy; Professor on Post-Graduate Studies for European Integration, Skopje University, Skopje

10: 00 - 10:30 **Europe as an International Actor**

Wim van Meurs

Senior Researcher, Bertelsmann Group for Policy Research, Center for Applied Policy Research, Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich

10:30 - 11:00 **Questions and answers session**

11:00 - 11:15 *Coffee Break*

** Upon availability

- 11:15 - 12:15 **Parallel Discussions in two Working Groups**
- Working Group I: Security in the Balkans*
Moderator: **Liviu Mureşan**
- Working Group II: Europe as an international actor*
Moderator: **Wim van Meurs**
- 12:15 - 12:30 *Preparation Time for Rapporteurs of Working Groups*
- 12:30 - 13:30 **Plenary Session with presentation of the WG reports. Discussion**
- 13:30 - 15:00 *Lunch*
- 15:30 *Excursion to "Aladzha" Monastery*
- 19:00 *Dinner in "Zlatni Piassaci"*

Wednesday , September 11, 2002

Panel: Interim Assessment of the Convention on the Future of Europe

Chair: Antoaneta Primatarova, Project Director, Center for Liberal Strategies, Sofia

- 10:00 - 10:30 **The EU Member-States Perspective**
- Martin Kremer**
Planning Staff, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin
- 10:30 - 11:30 **The SEE Perspective**
- Antoaneta Primatarova**
Project Director, Center for Liberal Strategies, Sofia
- 11:30 - 12:00 **Questions and answers session**
- 12:00 - 14:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00 - 14:30 **Parallel Discussions in two Working Groups**
(same topic; two groups to enable better discussions than plenary)
- Working Group I: Convention on the Future of Europe**
Moderator: **Martin Brusis**
- Working Group II: Convention on the Future of Europe**
Moderator: **Martin Kremer**
- 14:30 - 14:45 **Joint Preparation Time for Rapporteurs of Working Groups**
- 14:45 - 15:00 **Plenary Session with presentation of the WG reports. Discussion**

Evening lecture

- 19:00 - 19:45 **The Austrian Experience in Regional Cooperation**
Andrea Wicke
First Secretary, Embassy of the Republic of Austria, Sofia
- 19:45 - 20:45 **Questions and answers session. Final discussion and evaluation**
- 21:00 *Farewell Dinner*

Thursday, September 12, 2002

Departure of participants