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**Wednesday, September 8, 2004**

*Arrival of participants*

20:30

**Opening of the Summer Seminar**

***Gergana Grancharova***

Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria, Sofia

***Irena Mladenova***

Executive Director, Economic Policy Institute, Sofia

**Welcoming Address:**

*Video record of the welcoming address to the participants in the Fifth Issue of the Summer Seminar delivered by:*

***Meglana Kuneva***

Minister of European Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria, Sofia

**Introduction round**

21:00

***Welcoming Dinner***

**Thursday , September 9, 2004**

**Morning Session**

09:00 – 12:00

**Panel: Southeastern Europe and the Process of European Integration**

**Chair:**

***Cornelius Ochmann***

Project Manager, Bertelsmann Foundation, Berlin

09:15 – 9:45

**Bulgaria's Preparation for EU Membership and Contribution to the Process of European Integration for SEE**

***Rositsa Stoeva***

Attaché, Junior Expert, Europe I Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Sofia

09:45 – 10:15

**Romania's Preparation for EU Membership and Contribution to the Process of European Integration for SEE**

***Maria Ligor***

Director-General, General Directorate for the European Union, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bucharest

10:15 - 10:30

***Coffee break***

10:30 – 11:00 **The Road of Croatia to the EU and Croatia’s Vision for the Future of the SEE Region**

*Dr. Višnja Samardžija*

Head of the European Integration Programme, Institute for International Relations, Zagreb

11:00 - 11:30 **Albania and the Process of European Integration**

*Arjana Dyrmishi*

Assistant to the Minister, Chief Division of Economic and Social Affairs, Ministry of European Integration, Tirana, Albania

11:30 -11:45 **Questions and Answers**

12:00 – 15:00 *Lunch break*

### **Afternoon Session**

15:00 – 16:15 **Parallel Discussions in two Working Groups**

***Working Group I: Southeastern Europe and the Process of European Integration I***

Moderator: *Cornelius Ochmann*

Project Manager, Bertelsmann Foundation, Berlin

***Working Group II: Southeastern Europe and the Process of European Integration II***

Moderator: *Dr. Višnja Samardžija*

Head of the European Integration Programme, Institute for International Relations, Zagreb

16:15 – 16:30 Preparation Time for Rapporteurs of Working Groups

16:30 – 16:45 *Coffee break*

16:45 -17:15 **Plenary Session with presentation of the WG reports. Discussion**

20:00

*Dinner Speech:*

**Relations of Switzerland with the European Union**

*Dr. Ivanka Petkova*

Ambassador of the Republic of Bulgaria to Switzerland, Bern

## **Friday, September 10, 2004**

### **Morning Session**

- 09:00 – 11:15     **Panel: Regional Cooperation in SEE**  
**Chair:**  
***Markus Lux***  
Project Director, Robert Bosch Foundation, Stuttgart
- 09:15 – 09:45     **Assessment of Regional Cooperation versus Bilateral EU-Integration**  
  
***Björn Kühne***  
Political Advisor in the Cabinet of the Special Coordinator of the Stability Pact for South-eastern Europe, Brussels
- 09:45 - 10:15     **The Impact of EU Enlargement on Southeastern Europe**  
  
***Prof. Milica Uvalic***  
Department of Economics, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Perugia, Italy
- 10:15 - 10:30     *Coffee break*
- 10:30 – 11:00     **Sharing First Experience – Hungary as a Member of the European Union**  
  
***Prof. András Inotai***  
Director General, Institute for World Economics, Budapest  
President, Economic Policy Institute, Sofia
- 11:00 – 11:15     **Questions and Answers**
- 11:30 – 12:30     *Lunch break*

### **Afternoon Session**

- 12:30 – 14:15     **Panel: Reform in Public Administration**  
**Chair:**  
***Prof. András Inotai***  
Director General, Institute for World Economics, Budapest  
President, Economic Policy Institute, Sofia
- 12:45 – 13:15     **The Reform of Public Administration in SEE**  
  
***Dr. Martin Brusis***  
Senior Researcher, Bertelsmann Group for Policy Research, Center for Applied Policy Research, Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich
- 13:15 – 13:45     **Key Themes in Public Administration Reform: Some Reflections from Ireland**  
  
***Dr. Richard Boyle***  
Senior Research Officer, Institute of Public Administration, Dublin

- 13:45 – 14:15     **Public Administration Reform in the EU Pre-accession Process: The Case of Bulgaria**
- Jivka Staneva*  
Head of Unit, European Integration Directorate, Council of Ministers, Sofia
- 14:15 – 14:30     *Coffee break*
- 14:30 – 15:30     **Parallel Discussions in two Working Groups**
- Working Group I: Regional Cooperation in SEE***  
Moderator: Prof. Milica Uvalic  
Department of Economics, Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Perugia, Italy
- Working Group II: Reform in Public Administration***  
Moderator: Dr. Richard Boyle  
Senior Research Officer, Institute of Public Administration, Dublin
- 15:30 – 15:45     Preparation Time for Rapporteurs of Working Groups
- 15:45 – 16:15     **Plenary Session with presentation of the WG reports. Discussion**
- 17:00             *Vizit to Aladzha Monastery*
- 20:00             *Dinner in “Golden Sands” resort*

**Saturday, September 11, 2004**

**Morning Session**

**Roundtable Discussion**

- 09:30 – 10:00     **The Role of the World Bank in the Enlargement Process and its Interaction with EU Candidate Countries and the European Commission**
- Franz Kaps*  
Senior Partnership Advisor, World Bank, Europe and Central Asia Region  
Special Representative, World Bank Group for South East Europe Office for South East Europe; European Commission / World Bank, Brussels
- 10:00– 10:30     **Questions and Answers**
- 10:30 – 10:45     *Coffee break*

## **Panel: The Future of Europe**

10:45 – 17:30

### **Chair:**

***Dr. Martin Brusis***

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

11:00 – 11:30

### **Reflections on the Future of Europe**

***Lothar Jaschke***

Minister Councillor of the Austrian Embassy, Sofia

11:30 – 14:00

*Lunch break*

14:00 – 14:45

### **Soft Sectors and Preparedness for a New Europe. The Role of Higher Education as a Hinge Between the Civil Institutions**

***Prof. Dr. Michael Daxner***

Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe, Vienna

14:45– 15:00

### **Questions and Answers**

15:00 – 15:15

*Coffee break*

15:15 - 16:30

### **Parallel Discussions in two Working Groups**

#### ***Working Group I: The Future of Europe I***

**Moderator: *Prof. Dr. Michael Daxner***

Institute for the Danube Region and Central Europe, Vienna

#### ***Working Group II: The Future of Europe II***

**Moderator: *Diana Ivanova***

Member of “T’Club”, Head of European Integration Department, Ministry of Energy and Energy Resources, Sofia

16:30 – 16:45

Preparation Time for Rapporteurs of Working Groups

16:45 – 17:30

### **Plenary Session with presentation of the WG reports. Discussion**

20:00

*Dinner Speech:*

### **Democratization and Media Policy in Southeastern Europe**

***Carola Kaps***

Economic Correspondent for CSEE, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Budapest

20:30

*Dinner*

**Sunday, September 12, 2004**

**Morning Session**

**Panel: The Security Dimension of Widening and Deepening**

**Chair:**

***Elitsa Markova***

Project Director, Economic Policy Institute, Sofia

09:00 – 09:30

**The Transatlantic Dimension of CFSP for SEE**

***Dr. Liviu Muresan***

President, EURISC Foundation, Bucharest

10:00 - 10:30

**The Role of the CFSP/ESDP for the Formation of the EU as a Global Actor**

***Mihail Naydenov***

Senior expert, Defence Policy Directorate, Ministry of Defence, Sofia

10:30 - 10:45

**Questions and Answers**

10:45 – 11:00

*Coffee break*

11:00 – 12:00

**Parallel Discussions in two Working Groups**

***Working Group I: The Security Dimension of Widening and Deepening I***

**Moderator: Dr. Liviu Muresan**

President, EURISC Foundation, Bucharest

***Working Group II: The Security Dimension of Widening and Deepening II***

**Moderator: Mihail Naydenov**

Senior expert, Defence Policy Directorate, Ministry of Defence, Sofia

12:00- 12:15

Joint Preparation Time for Rapporteurs of Working Groups

12:15 – 13:00

**Plenary Session with presentation of the WG reports. Discussion**

13:00 -

*Lunch*

13:00 – 17:00

*Free time*

**Afternoon Roundtable**

17:00 – 17:30

**Presentation of the activities of T'Club of young public servants working in the field of European Integration**

***Diana Ivanova***

Member of "T'Club", Head of European Integration Department, Ministry of Energy and Energy Resources, Sofia

17:30 – 17:45      **Final discussion and evaluation**

20:00                *Farewell Dinner*

**Monday, September 13, 2004**

*Departure of participants*