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Thursday, October 6, 2011

(German Marshall Fund of the US, Brussels Office, Résidence Palace, Rue de la Loi 155 Wetstraat, 1040 Brussels)

9:30 am **Welcome and introduction**

BSYR Team

10:00 am **Morning Discussions:**

Perspectives and cooperation opportunities in the sphere of European institutions in Brussels

Michael Däumer (Policy Analyst, European External Action Service EEAS, Brussels) – at GMF office.

11:00 am ***Antonio Missiroli*** (BEPA Outreach Team, European Commission, Brussels) – at: European Commission, BEPA Office.

Michael Leigh (GMF Fellow and Senior Advisor, German Marshall Fund of the US, Former Director-General for Enlargement, European Commission, Brussels) – at: GMF Office

12:30 pm **Lunch Buffet**

2:00 pm **Afternoon Discussions:**

2:00 pm ***Hannes Swoboda*** (European Parliament, Member of the European Parliament, Brussels) – at GMF office.

2:30 pm: ***Daniela Gritti and Anita Vella*** (European Commission, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries Unit D1 – Maritime Affairs in the Mediterranean and Black Sea) - at: European Commission

2:30 pm ***Riina Ruth Kionka*** (EEAS, Head of Human Rights Policy Guidelines Division) – at: GMF Office

3:30 pm: ***Reinhold Brender*** (EEAS, Deputy Head of Division, Eastern Partnership – Bilateral relations with Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus and the Southern Caucasus, Brussels) – at GMF Office

4:15 pm: **Coffee Break**

4:45 pm: ***Markus Warasin*** (European Parliament, Directorate General for Communication, Policy Team) –at GMF office.

Friday, October 7, 2011

(German Marshall Fund of the US, Brussels Office, Résidence Palace, Rue de la Loi 155 Wetstraat, 1040 Brussels)

9:30 am **Welcome and introduction**

Ian Lesser (Executive Director, German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMFUS), Brussels)

Joachim Rogall (Senior Vice President, International Relations Central and Southeastern Europe, CIS, China“ Robert Bosch Stiftung, Stuttgart)

10:00 am **Panel I: Black Sea Region in 2020 – Is it a place for the EU?**

Moderator: **Ognyan Minchev** (Director, Institute for Regional and International Studies (IRIS))

Presentation: **Hanna Shelest, Zaur Shiriyev, Natiq Jafarov, Kaloyan Simeonov**

Comments:

Frank Hofmann (Journalist, Europe Correspondent, Brussels)

Philip Gamaghelyan (Co-Founder, Imagine Center for Conflict Transformation, Washington/Baku/Yerevan)

12:00 pm **Business Lunch**

2:00 pm **Panel II: Visa-free travel in the EU: a top priority for Moldova and Georgia**

Moderator: **Franz-Lothar Altmann** (Assoc. Prof, UNESCO Chair in intercultural and inter-religious exchanges, University of Bucharest, Bucharest; Member of Board Southeast Europe Association, Munich)

Presentation: **Leonid Litra and Ivane Chkhikvadze**

Comments:

Alexandra Stiglmayer (General secretary and founding member, European Stability Initiative, Brussels)

Joanna Fomina (Project Coordinator, Stefan Batory Foundation, Open Europea Programme, "Friendly EU Border", Warsaw)

3:30 pm **End of Panel II. & Coffee Break**

4:00 pm **Panel III: The common neighbourhood: defining a modus vivendi between Russia and the EU**

 Moderator: ***Olga Shumylo-Tapiola*** (Visiting Scholar, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Brussels)

 Presentation: ***Paul Ivan and Petr Korzun***

 Comments:

Nicholas Whyte (Director, Brussels Office, Independent Diplomat, Brussels)

Franz-Lothar Altmann (Assoc. Prof, UNESCO Chair in intercultural and inter-religious exchanges, University of Bucharest, Bucharest; Member of Board Southeast Europe Association, Munich)

4:00 pm Meeting with ***Richard Tibbels*** (Head of Division for 'Eastern Partnership, Regional cooperation & OSCE, EEAS, Brussels) – at EEAS

5:30 pm End of conference day

8:00 pm **Drinks & Dinner**

Presentation of the Alumni Association

Saturday, October 8, 2011

(German Marshall Fund of the US, Brussels Office, Résidence Palace, Rue de la Loi 155 Wetstraat, 1040 Brussels)

09:00 am **Presentations: Fellows' Project Visions**

Chaired by: BSYR Team

Group I.: Civil Society Workshop

Fellows: Irine Odisharia, Konstantin Baranov, (Ana Natsvlishvili)

Group II.: Training on TV journalism and online broadcasting in Armenia

Fellows: Armen Grigoryan, (Andriy Shevchenko)

Group III. International Lobbying and Ethics Reform Program

Fellows: Dennis Bazylevich, (Igor Zvokhva and Emre Özdemir as participants)

10:30 am Coffee Break

11:00 am **Group IV. Ararat Hike**

Fellows: Nigar Göksel, Arzu Geybullayeva

Group V.: Black Sea Tourism Routes

Fellow: Öykü Ulucay

Group VI.: Reforming the News Room at the public broadcaster TV Moldova 1

Fellow: Liliana Vitu-Esanu

12:30 pm **Final Comments BSYR Fellowship 2011**

1:00 pm **Lunch**

2:30 pm **End of conference**