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11-13 February 2008, Sofia
Princess Hotel, Europe Hall

Tuesday, 12 February
09:00 – 09:30 registration of the participants, Princess Hotel, Europe Hall
09:30 - 10:30 OPENING STATEMENTS

Dr. Solomon Passy
Chairman, Foreign Policy Committee
Bulgarian National Assembly

Mr. Simeon Nikolov
Deputy Minister of Defence
Ministry of Defence of Republic of Bulgaria

**Mr. Petrit Karabina**  
Deputy Minister of Defence  
Ministry of Defence of Albania

**Dr. Petio Petev**  
Director  
NATO and International Security Directorate  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bulgaria

**KEYNOTE REMARKS**  
**Troels Frøling**  
Secretary General  
Atlantic Treaty Association

**Avgustina Tzvetkova**  
President  
Balkan Mosaic Foundation, Bulgaria

**10:30 - 11:30**  
**FIRST PANNEL**  
On the Brink of Bucharest Summit:  
Opportunities to the Western Balkans Development

**Chair:**  
**Dr. Liviu Muresan**  
Executive President  
EURISC Foundation, Romania

**Speakers:**  
**Prof. Radovan Vukadinovic**  
President  
Atlantic Council of Croatia

**Adelina Marku**  
High Official  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Macedonia

**Arian Starova**  
Member of Albanian Parliament  
Vice-President of ATA

**Vessela Tcherneva**  
Programme Director, Foreign Policy Studies  
Centre for Liberal Studies

**11:30 - 12:00**  
Coffee Break

**12:00 - 13:30**  
**SECOND PANEL**  
Addressing Key Security Issues in the Balkans: The Future of the Region

**Chair:**  
**H.E. Valery Rachev**  
Bulgarian Ambassador to Iraq  
Councilor to the Political Cabinet of the Minister of Foreign Affairs
Speakers:
Dr. Plamen Pantev
Director
Institute for Security and International Studies, Bulgaria

Vladan Zivulovic
President
Atlantic Council of Serbia

Lulzim Peci
Director
Kosovar Institute for Policy Research and Development (KIPRED)
UNMIK/Kosovo

Damir Masic
Member of Parliament of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Discussion

13:30 - 15:00
Lunch

15:00 - 16:30
THIRD PANEL
Western Balkans on the Road to EU: Consolidating Stability and Raising Prosperity

Chair:
Lubov Panayotova
Programme Director
European Institute
Bulgaria

Speakers:
Mladen Nakic
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration
Croatia

Dragana Markovic
Committee for International Relations and European integration
Parliament of Montenegro

Mr. Branslav Borenovic
National Assembly of Republic of Srpska
Bosnia and Herzegovina

Mr. Lutfi Haziri
Member of Parliament
Deputy Chairman of the Parliamentary Committee on European Integrations
Former Deputy Prime Minister
UNMIK/Kosovo

16:30 - 17:00
Coffee break

17:00 - 18:00
Panel discussions
Wednesday 13 February
9:30 - 11:00  FOURTH PANEL
Networking the Networks:
Positive Experience and Implications in Western Balkans and Caucasus

Chair:
Aleksandar Genchov
Vice-President
Euro-Atlantic Council of Macedonia

Speakers:
Representatives of Balkan Mosaic and South Caucasus Mosaic

Milos Solaja
President
Center for International Relations of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Marit Rye Ramberg
South Caucasus/Black Sea Mosaic

Sorena Lortkipanidze
South Caucuses Mosaic

11:00 - 11:30  Coffee break

11:30 - 13:00  CONCLUDING SESSION
Discussion and Summing up

Conclusion remarks

Harald Thørud
Norwegian Atlantic Committee

Kristian Sorensen*
CEO, Dialogue Development

13:00 - 14:30  Lunch