



# BALKAN İLETİŞİM AĞI KONFERANSI COMMUNICATION NETWORK CONFERENCE

## 8<sup>TH</sup> BALKAN COMMUNICATION NETWORK CONFERENCE

( 7 November 2014 | Time: 09.30 - 13.00 | Margi Hotel - Edirne )

### DRAFT AGENDA

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

##### Opening Speeches

Ambassador (R) Murat BİLHAN, Coordinator of BIA | Vice President of TASAM  
Süleyman ŞENSOY, President of TASAM

#### 2. MAIN HEME

##### Economic and Security Integration in Balkans: Opportunities and Challenges

Ensuring stability and security in Balkans is significant not only for the regional countries but also for Europe - Asia connections, as recent developments near the region reveal. The position of Balkans in the new security conjuncture has not been determined yet while centre of global security activities are getting to move to Pacific from Atlantic. The era we are living in is an historical breaking point and recently developing conditions require Balkan countries to construct their joint future according to zeitgeist punctiliously. The need of strong initiatives for justice, trust, stability, empathy, and cooperation in Balkans are more required everyday.

The main tendency with gaining speed of globalization after end of the Cold War is consolidating power within regional cooperations or “trans-regional partnerships” instead of per se. Currently, countries are tending towards an open structure based on economic, political, cultural dialogue and cooperation, while the other countries that could not adapt themselves facing with significant instability.

#### 3. SUB THEMES

- Evaluating New Developments in terms of Historical and Strategic Background
- New Aspects and Changing Content of Security Concept
- Importance of Economic and Cultural Activities in terms of Security
- Process of European Union and Future of Balkans
- Importance of NATO with regard to Balkans
- Importance of Transatlantic and Transpacific Economic Cooperation and Investment Partnership
- Technology Sharing, Academic and Cultural Cooperation
- Sectoral, Financial and Strategic Deepening
- Cooperation in Diplomacy, Cultural, Tourism, Industry, Energy, Defense and Security, Banking
- Social, Economic and Political Developments



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With this framework, the conference aims for establishing an intellectual and strategic platform to support decision makers to take effective and preventive initiative, and revealing how mutual potential and current practices can be transformed into a strategic cooperation.

## 4. TOPICS ABOUT BCN REORGANIZATION

### Participants

Ambassador Drazen HRATIC, Croatia Embassy

Ambassador Murat Ahmet YÖRÜK, Edirne Representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Turkish Republic

Gülay DALYAN, Deputy of İstanbul, Turkish Parliament | Romania - Turkey Friendship Group Chairman

Rifat SAİT, Deputy of İzmir, Turkish Parliament | Albania - Turkey Friendship Group Chairman

Jovana KRIVOKAPIC, Embassy of Montenegro in the Republic of Turkey, Diplomat

Fulya ÇANGA, 2<sup>nd</sup> Clerk, Edirne Representation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Turkish Republic

Ambassador (R) Prof. Dr. Ali Engin OBA, Advisor to the President TASAM|Çağ University

Süha UMAR, R. Ambassador

Dr. Ana Maria BOROMİSA, President, Institute for Development and International Relations, Croatia

Dr. Ilir GEDESHI, Director of the Center for Economic and Social Studies (CESS), Albania

Dr. Borislav MAVROV, Program Director, European Institute, Bulgaria

Apostol APOSTOLOV, Communications Specialist, European Institute, Bulgaria

Vladan SİMONOVIĆ, Center for Democracy and Human Rights (CEDEM), Montenegro

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Assist. Prof. Dr. Nermin ORUC, Head, Economic Development and Research Center, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Prof. Dr. Mustafa Türkeş, Middle East Technical University

Dr. Akkan SUVER, Chairman, Marmara Group Foundation

Dr. Yelda BEKTAŞ, Namık Kemal University

Dr. Deniz Ece DALGIÇ, Namık Kemal University

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Gözde KILIÇ YAŞIN, Balkan Expert, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Turkey Institute