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**Conference of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation**  
**on Ownership for Regional Co-operation**  
**Sarajevo, 11 December 2008**

**10 December 2008**

Arrival of participants

19:30 Dinner in the Restaurant 'Nacionalni Restoran', Holiday Inn, First Floor

**11 December 2008**

**09:00 – 09:30 Opening of Conference**

Introductory Remarks by:

Hido Biscevic, Secretary General of the Regional Co-operation Council, Sarajevo

**09:30 – 11:00 Panel I: New Regionalism - Concepts and Challenges for Regional Co-operation and Ownership**

*What does actual co-operation encompass as opposed to mere interaction?*

*Where does South Eastern Europe stand between Globalisation, Regionalism and European Integration? What are the capacities in the region to autonomously develop co-operation? What is the role of governments, NGOs, regional organisations? What that of external actors?*

Moderator: Paul Stubbs, Institute of Economics, Zagreb

Panelists: Jelica Minic, Regional Co-operation Council, Sarajevo; Eno Trimcev, Oxford; Christophe Solioz, Center for European Integration Studies, Geneva

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

**11:30 – 13:00 Panel II: Between Imposition and Ownership – Existing regional co-operation frameworks between external influences and regional leadership**

*What regional frameworks do we have in South Eastern Europe and how did they develop? Who is calling the shots? How functional are these frameworks? What are the conditions for greater ownership?*

Moderator: Björn Kühne, Brussels

Panelists: Malinka Jordanova, Secretariat for European Affairs, Skopje; Zoran Kulundzic, Foreign Policy Initiative, Sarajevo; Mirza Kusljugic, Tuzla.

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch in the Restaurant 'Salon Bosna', Holiday Inn, First Floor

**14:30 – 16:00 Panel III: Regional Co-operation as an end in itself or only a means for faster European integration?**

*What are the possible benefits of co-operation? What the possible risks for the countries of opening up and loosing autonomy? How are benefits and possible risks considered in South Eastern Europe? What is the role of the EU in regional co-operation in SEE? Is Ownership possible, if the main incentive for co-operation is EU*

*integration and therefore externally defined? What are the perspectives and grounds for sustainable regional co-operation?*

Moderator: Stanislav Daskalov, Head of the RCC Liaison Office in Brussels

Panelists: Axel Wallden, Head of Unit, DG Enlargement, European Commission;  
Anna-Maria Boromisa, Institute for International Relations, Zagreb;

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

**16:30 – 18:00 Closing Panel – What are the upcoming challenges in South Eastern Europe and what answers can the region provide itself through co-operation and ownership?**

Moderator: Jelica Minic, Deputy Secretary General of the Regional Co-operation Council, with short presentations by Rapporteurs of Panel I-III

19:00 Dinner in the Restaurant 'Salon Bosna', Holiday Inn, First Floor

### **12 December 2008**

Departure of participants