



**18th Workshop
of the PfP Consortium Study Group
“Regional Stability in South East Europe”**

**“2009 – Bosnia’s Year?
The Challenge of Reaching Self-Sustainability in a
Post-War Environment”**

24-27 April 2009

Chateau Rothschild, Reichenau / Rax

Outline and Programme as of 7 April 2009

Purpose:

The Regional Stability in South East Europe Study Group seeks to assess the situation in the South East European region through enhanced international co-operation and strategic research on an academic level. The main focus is to elaborate major problem areas and work on possible solutions. The latest political developments in the region gave rise to the main topic of the 18th Workshop “2009 – Bosnia’s Year? The Challenge of Reaching Self-Sustainability in a Post-War Environment” to be convened at the Chateau Rothschild, Reichenau / Rax, Austria, 24-26 April 2008.

Topic:

Kosovo’s complicated status and post-status development has drawn the international actor’s attention away from the second very challenging area in the Western Balkans. Bosnia and Herzegovina in the last 13 years of the post-Dayton period has not become a functional state despite some successes that have been achieved in regard to the Euro-Atlantic integration processes. Continuing ethno-centric argumentation in the discourses of the local political leadership and partly dysfunctional state institutions have produced a standstill in the process of bringing Bosnia and Herzegovina nearer to “positive peace”. A political dialogue about the future of Bosnia and Herzegovina started by three national party leaders last year has been regarded with suspicion by the other political actors in this country. As a consequence of continuous antagonism and mistrust Bosnia and Herzegovina still seems to be far away from EU and NATO membership. The planned transformation of the international presence from a (de facto) protectorate power towards a presence supporting mainly Bosnia and Herzegovina’s integration into the EU is hindered. Alarmed by this critical situation EU representatives have declared 2009 of becoming “Bosnia’s Year”.

The upcoming workshop of the Study Group Regional Stability in South East Europe should focus on the necessities in terms of political, security and economic means to finally reach a breakthrough in Bosnia and Herzegovina that will lead to self-sustainability, EU and NATO membership.

The workshop will deal with

- 1) Political obstacles on the local level that prevent BaH becoming a functional state; identifying ways out of political stagnation (key words: political leadership, (dys)functional institutions, “successful” vs. “unsuccessful” entity, constitutional reform, ethno-centric policies vs. concept of civic state, local ownership, careful reforms or “new Dayton”)

- 2) Economic aspects of Bosnian state-(re)building (key words: necessities and obstacles for a common market in BaH, overcoming political antagonism through economic progress, corruption)
- 3) Security development (key words: defence and police reform, organized crime, religious radicalism/terrorism)
- 4) Regional factors of influence (key words: constructive or non-constructive role of the neighbours, regional frameworks and their influence on BaH)
- 5) The international role (key words: EU and NATO integration processes – still a carrot in Bosnian state-(re)building?; how to increase the efficiency of international presence – OHR/EUSR, EUFOR, EUPM, NATO?)
- 6) Psycho-emotional barriers and ways of dealing with them (key words: war traumas, reconciliation, justice, confidence-building)

Preliminary Programme (as of 7 April 2009)

Friday, 24 April 2009

- till 18.30 Arrival of the participants
- 19.30 – 19.40 **Welcome**
Andreas F. WANNEMACHER, Directorate for Security Policy at the Ministry of Defence and Sports, Vienna/Austria (conf.)
- 19.40 – 20.00 **Words of Welcome**
General Raimund SCHITTENHELM, Commandant of the Austrian National Defence Academy, Vienna/Austria (inv.)
- 20.00 **Dinner Reception**
- Dinner Speech**
Ambassador Wolfgang PETRITSCH, Austrian Representative to the OECD, Paris/France (conf.)

Saturday, 25 April 2009

- 07.00 – 09.00 Breakfast
- 09.00 – 09.30 **Opening Statement and Introduction to PfP-Consortium Activities**
- Chair:**
Ernst FELBERBAUER, Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces, Geneva/Switzerland (conf.)
- MG Johann PUCHER, Director for Security Policy at the Ministry of Defence and Sports, Vienna/Austria (conf.)
- Benedikt HENSELLEK, Institute for Peace Support and Conflict Management at the National Defence Academy, Vienna/Austria (conf.)
- 09.30 – 11.00 **PANEL 1: Overcoming Political Obstacles, Facing Economic Challenges**
- Chair:**
Predrag JUREKOVIĆ, Institute for Peace Support and Conflict Management at the National Defence Academy, Vienna/Austria (conf.)
- Speakers:**
Michael SCHMUNK, Former German Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina, Berlin/Germany: *“A Country with Several Nations, but without a Proper State? Why Bosnia Doesn’t Work”* (conf.)
- Vedran DŽIHIC, University of Vienna, Vienna/Austria: *“Ethnopolitics and Ethnonationalism in Post-Dayton Bosnia and Herzegovina”* (conf.)
- Svetlana CENIĆ, Economist, Banja Luka/Bosnia and Herzegovina: *“Economic Relations and the Problem of Corruption”* (conf.)
- 11.00 – 11.30 **Coffee Break**

11.30 – 13.00

PANEL 2: Regional Factors of Influence

Chair:

Gorana ODANOVIĆ, Center for Civil Military Relations, Belgrade/Serbia (inv.)

Speakers:

Sonja BISERKO, Helsinki Foundation in Serbia, Belgrade/Serbia: *“Serbia’s Role”* (conf.)

Mladen STANIČIĆ, Institute for International Relations, Zagreb/Croatia: *“Croatia’s Role”* (conf.)

Efrem RADEV, Regional Cooperation Council, Sarajevo/Bosnia and Herzegovina: *“Challenges and Tasks for the Regional Cooperation Council”* (inv.)

13.00 – 14.15

Lunch Break

14.15 – 15.45

PANEL 3: Relevant Developments in the Security Sector

Chair:

Gregor ZORE, Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces, Geneva/Switzerland (conf.)

Speakers:

Denis HADŽOVIĆ, Secretary General, Centre for Security Studies, Sarajevo/Bosnia and Herzegovina: *“Recent Developments in Security Sector Reform”* (conf.)

Heinz VETSCHERA, Academic Lecturer, Peace Support Operations Training Centre (PSOTC), Sarajevo/Bosnia and Herzegovina: *“The Next Step in Defence Reform: Establishing a Joint System of Military Education in Bosnia and Herzegovina”* (conf.)

Velko ATTANASSOFF, Institute for Security and International Studies, Sofia/Bulgaria: *“Religious Radicalism and its Impact on the Security Development in Bosnia and Herzegovina”* (conf.)

Stephen GODDARD, European Police Mission/Anti Organised Crime Department, Sarajevo/Bosnia and Herzegovina: *“Recent Developments in Fighting Organized Crime”* (conf.)

15.45 – 16.00

Coffee Break

16.00 – 17.30

PANEL 4: The Role of the International Actors

Chair:

Plamen PANTEV, Institute for Security and International Studies, Sofia/Bulgaria (conf.)

Speakers:

N.N.: *“EU’s Further Role in Bosnian State-Building”* (inv.)

Dino ABAZOVIĆ, Political Analyst, Sarajevo/Bosnia and Herzegovina: *“Europeanization’ and its Meaning for Bosnia and Herzegovina”* (conf.)

Bruce McLANE, Former Political Advisor to NATO in Bosnia and Herzegovina, USA: *“NATO’s Influence on the Reform Processes in Bosnia and Herzegovina”* (conf.)

17.30 – 17.45 **Coffee Break**

17.45 – 18.30 **Interactive Discussion**

Moderation:

Franz-Lothar ALTMANN, Bucharest State University, Munich/Germany (conf.)

20.00 **Dinner**

Sunday, 26 April 2009

07.00 – 09.00 **Breakfast**

09.00 – 10.30 **PANEL 5: Psycho-Emotional Barriers and Ways of Dealing with Them**

Chair:

Frederic LABARRE, Baltic Defence College, Tartu/Estonia (conf.)

Speakers:

Dennis SANDOLE, George Mason University, Arlington/USA: *“Lessons of Peace-Building for the Balkans. Toward a Culture of Dialogue and Reconciliation”* (conf.)

Mirsad TOKAČA, Research and Documentation Center, Sarajevo/Bosnia and Herzegovina: *“Dealing with the Victims of War as a Precondition for Reconciliation”* (conf.)

Drago PILSEL, Journalist, Zagreb/Croatia: *“The Role of the Media in the Process of Peace-Building”* (conf.)

Wolfgang BENEDEK, Institute for International Law and International Relations, University of Graz, Graz/Austria: *“The Role of Education for Sustainable Peace”* (conf.)

10.30 – 11.00 **Coffee Break**

11.00 – 12.00 **Interactive Discussion**

Moderation:

Predrag JUREKOVIĆ, Institute for Peace Support and Conflict Management at the National Defence Academy, Vienna/Austria (conf.)

12.00 – 12.15 **Conclusions and Outlook**

Predrag JUREKOVIĆ, Institute for Peace Support and Conflict Management at the National Defence Academy, Vienna/Austria (conf.)

12.15 – 13.15 **Lunch**

Side Programme

Monday, 27 April 2009

Breakfast

Departure