

**Conference on Cost of borders in Black Sea region**

**30-31 May 2013**

**Draft Agenda**

**Organizers:** Public Association for Assistance to Free Economy and Friedrich Naumann Foundation

**Partners:** Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies; Ukraine Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting

**Working lunguages:** English and Azerbaijani

**30 May 2013, Hilton hotel**

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| 9:30 | Registration, coffee-tea |
| 10:00-10.30 | **Opening session**  Roland Kobia, Head EU Delegation in Azerbaijan (to be confirmed)  Mehriban Rahimli, Coordinator of German Marshall Foundation Black Sea Trust Program in Azerbaijan  YaseminPamuk, Director of Friedrich Naumann Foundation South Caucasus Program  Zohrab Ismayilov, Head of Public Association for Assistance to Free Economy |
| 10:30-11.30 | **Panel I. European integration policy and Economic cooperation perspectives in Black Sea region**  Moderator: Mehriban Rahimli  Panelists:  Dr. Rasim Musabayov, Member of Parliament (to be confirmed)  **Ivlian Haindrava,** Director of the South Caucasus Studies Program at the Tbilisi-based Republican Institute; Dr. Leyla Aliyeva, President of National and International Study Center. |
| 11:30 – 11:45 | Quick coffee/chat/cookie |
| 11:45 – 13:00 | **Panel II. Free trade, investment and mobility of people in Black Sea Region**  Moderator: Yasemin Pamuk, Friedrich Naumann Foundation  Panelists:  Kanan Aslanli, Public Association for Assistance to Free Economy  Kakha Gogolashvili, Director of EU Studies at Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies (GFSIS)  Dr. Svitlana Galko, Ukraine Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting |
| 13:00 – 14:00 | Lunch |
| 14:00 – 15:15 | **Panel III. Effects of reforms and economic performances of Azerbaijan, Georgia and Ukraine** (Doing Business, Economic Freedom Indexes, World Competiveness Index, Bertelsmann Transformation Index and etc)  Moderator: Kakha Gogolashvili  Panelists:  Dr. Tom G. Palmer, ATLAS Economic Research Foundation (USA);  Zohrab Ismayil |
| 15:15 – 15:30 | Quick coffee/chat/cookie |
| 15:30 –17:00 | **Panel IV. The role of external initiatives pushing the reforms forward (WTO Accession, DCFTA, Visa Facilitation Negotiations by EU Eastern Partnership) and framing the opportunities on regional economic integration;**  Moderator: Kenan Aslanli  Dr. Tamara Kovziridze, Associated Professor, Free University of Tbilisi and Member of Board, former chief negotiator for the EU-Georgia DCFTA.  Dr. VeronikaMovchan, Ukraine Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting |
| 17:00 – 17:30 | Closing |
| 19:00 | Dinner (invitation only) |

**31 Mart 2013, Park inn hotel**

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| 10:30-13.00 | Project partners meeting |
| 13.00 | Lunch |