



AGENDA

BLACK SEA SECURITY CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 4th – 5TH, 2023
Tbilisi Marriott Hotel, 13 Rustaveli Ave
Tbilisi, Georgia

Day 1		
10:30	11:10	<i>Registration and Welcome Coffee</i>
11:10	11:20	<i>Opening</i>
		Katrin Bannach, Head of Office, Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom South Caucasus George Melashvili, Chairperson, Europe-Georgia Institute
11:20	11:45	<i>Keynote Conversation</i>
		William Townsend, Secretary General, Liberal International, UK
Panel I		
11:45	13:45	Guarding Against Emerging Dangers: The Black Sea's Pivotal Part in European Defense and Deterrence
		<i>Moderated by</i> Kornely Kakachia, Director, Georgian Institute of Politics
		Speakers
		Amb. Batu Kutelia, Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy Research Institute, Georgia
		Iulian Romanyshyn, Senior Fellow, CASSIS - Center for Advanced Security, Strategic and Integration Studies, Ukraine
		John P. DiPirro, Resident Program Director, International Republican Institute, USA/Georgia
		Nata Koridze, Managing Editor, Civil.ge, Georgia
13:45	14:45	Lunch Break



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Panel II			
14:45	16:45	Reimagining Black Sea Security: A New Liberal Order or Old Chaos?	
		<i>Moderated by</i> George Melashvili, Chairperson, Europe-Georgia Institute	
		Speakers	
			Giorgi Vashadze, Chairperson, Strategy Aghmashenebeli Party (ALDE), Georgia
			Maria Alesina, Policy and Research Officer, European Liberal Forum, Belgium
			Amb. Salome Samadashvili, Member of Parliament, Political Secretary, Lelo for Georgia Party, Georgia
Thomas Hacker, Member of Bundestag from FDP, Germany			
16:45	17:00	Unpacking Day 1: Essential Takeaways	

Day 2		
11:00	11:30	<i>Registration and Welcome Coffee</i>
11:30	11:45	<i>Welcome Remarks</i>
		George Melashvili, Europe-Georgia Institute
Panel IV		
11:45	13:45	European Choice: Democracy vs Autocracy: challenges and way ahead
		<i>Moderated by</i> Katrin Bannach, Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom South Caucasus



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		Speakers	
			Giorgi Mshvenieradze, Chairperson, Democracy Defenders, Georgia
			Ivane Chkhikvadze, EU Integration Program Manager Open Society Foundation, Georgia
			Jelger Groeneveld, Committee Member, D66, Netherlands
			William Townsend, Secretary General, Liberal International, UK
13:45	14:45	Lunch Break	
Panel V			
14:45	16:45	The Black Sea: Youth Vision – Fishbowl Discussion by FLEECE Fellows of the Black Sea Security Conference	
		<i>Moderated by</i> Shalva Chkheidze, Director, Europe-Georgia Institute	
		First Speakers	
			Elene Gureshidze, School of International Relations at Free University of Georgia
			Mariam Bitsadze, Europe-Georgia Institute, EPAG Board Member, Georgia
		Nika Makasarashvili, Business and Technology University, Georgia	
		Nutsa Nebieridze, School of International Relations at Free University of Georgia	
16:45	17:00	Unpacking Day 2: Essential Takeaways	