



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 Kornely Kakachia, Director, Georgian Institute of Politics</i> 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 George Melashvili, Chairperson, Europe-Georgia Institute</i>
		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
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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	<p>The Black Sea: Youth Vision – Fishbowl Discussion by FLEECE Fellows of the Black Sea Security Conference</p> <p><i>Moderated by Shalva Chkheidze, Director, Europe-Georgia Institute</i></p> <p>First Speakers</p> <p>Elene Gureshidze, School of International Relations at Free University of Georgia</p> <p>Mariam Bitsadze, Europe-Georgia Institute, EPAG Board Member, Georgia</p> <p>Nika Makasarashvili, Business and Technology University, Georgia</p> <p>Nutsa Nebieridze, School of International Relations at Free University of Georgia</p>
16:45	17:00	Unpacking Day 2: Essential Takeaways