

**CEFTA 2006 –
Expanding Trade and Investment in
South Eastern Europe**

A Seminar for Parliamentarians from South Eastern Europe

Brussels, 18 – 20 April 2007

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Interpretation in Albanian and BCS will be provided.

AGENDA

Wednesday, 18 April 2007

Individual arrival of participants to Brussels
Meeting with TMS driver at the airport (contact: ++32 (0)2 – 461 02 99)
Transfer by car to the hotel

19.30 Meeting in the hotel lobby with Ms. Miriam Boennecke, FES seminar assistant, Walk to the restaurant "Il Cavalino", Rue Franklin 3, 1000 Brussels, tel: ++32 2 736 38 00

20.00 Welcome Dinner

"Deepening and enlarging: current challenges of the European Union"
with **Hannes Swoboda** MEP, Vice-Chairman of the delegation for relations with the countries of South-Eastern Europe

Thursday, 19 April 2007

08.30 Meeting in the hotel lobby with Ms. Miriam Boennecke, FES seminar assistant
Walk to the Stability Pact for South-Eastern Europe, Rue Wiertz 50

09.00 Opening Address

Dr. Ernst Stetter, Director of EU-Office, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung
Laurent Guye, Director, Working table II (Trade), Stability Pact for SEE

09.15 Overview of the EU Accession Process and the Role of CEFTA

- Current Status of the EU Accession Process and Outlook
 - Overview of EU Trade Policy towards SEE
 - CEFTA 2006 – a valuable training ground for the EU's Single Market
- Speakers:* **Maurice Guyader**, Advisor, DG Enlargement, European Commission
Leopoldo Rubinacci, Head of Unit for SEE, DG Trade, European Commission,

10.15 Discussion

Moderated by Laurent Guye, Stability Pact for SEE

11.00 Coffee Break

11.30 The Economic Situation in South Eastern Europe and the Role of Trade and Investment

- Overview of economic problems and progress in SEE
- Key elements for economic development
 - Role of investment
- Speaker:* **Anthony O'Sullivan**, Head of OECD Investment Compact for SEE

12.10 Discussion

Moderated by Björn Kühne, Senior Political Advisor, Stability Pact for SEE

12.45 Walk to the European Parliament, Rue Wiertz 60,
Deputies' restaurant, "salon des membres"

13.00 Lunch Debate

with **Ms. Erika Mann MEP**, Committee for International Trade

14.45 Walk to the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe

15.00 Regional Free Trade Agreements – Costs and Benefits

- Regional FTAs as a means to stimulate trade and economic development
- Overview of experience with similar multilateral FTAs in other regions
- Key lessons for South Eastern Europe

Speakers: **Prof Patrick Messerlin**, Head of GEM, Sciences-Po, Paris

Lars Nilsson, Chief Economist Office, European Commission, DG Trade

15.45 Discussion

Moderated by Mary O'Mahony, Senior Economic Advisor, Stability Pact for SEE

16.15 Coffee Break

16.30 The Contents of CEFTA 2006 – Review of Individual Chapters

- Preamble and objectives
- General obligations
- Industrial Products
- Agricultural Products
- Technical Barriers to Trade
- General Provisions concerning Operating Rules, Competition Rules, Contingent Protection Rules

Speakers: **Professor Per Magnus Wijkman**, Senior Technical Adviser to the Stability Pact Trade Working Group

17.00 Discussion

Moderated by Mary O'Mahony, Stability Pact for SEE

17.45 Walk to the Crown Plaza Brussels Hotel, Rue de la Loi 107

18.00 Reception

Guests from SEE missions and European Commission, DG Trade and DG Enlargement

Evening free

Friday, 20 April 2007

09.00 Meeting in the hotel lobby with Ms. Miriam Boennecke, FES seminar assistant,
Walk to the EU-Office of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, 38 Rue du Taciturne 38

09.30 The Contents of CEFTA 2006 – Review of Individual Chapters

New Trade Issues

- Services
- Investment
- Government Procurement
- Protection of Intellectual Property

○ Functioning Rules

Speaker: **Professor Per Magnus Wijkman**, Senior Technical Adviser to the Stability
Pact Trade Working Group

10.10 Discussion

Moderated by Mary O'Mahony, Stability Pact for SEE

11.00 Coffee Break

11. 15 Overview of Seminar

Discussion among SEE Parliamentarians

Moderated by Stefanie Ricken, Policy Officer Enlargement, FES EU-Office

12.00 Review of Parliamentary Co-operation in SEE

Petra Bläss, Senior Adviser, Parliamentary Co-operation, Stability Pact for SEE

12.30 Lunch Debate with Media

Moderated by Stefanie Ricken, FES EU-Office

14.30 END OF SEMINAR

Free time or departure