9.00 – 9.45  OPENING ADDRESSES

Chairs: **Stanislav Daskalov** - President of the Board, European Institute
**Prof. Dr. Stefan Froehlich** - Center for European Integration Studies, Bonn

**Nadezhda Mihailova** - Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bulgaria
**Gunther Verheugen** - Member of the European Commission (recorded address)
**Tapio Saarela** – Ambassador of Finland to Bulgaria

9.45 – 10.00  INTRODUCTION The Challenges of EU Eastern Enlargement

**Prof. Dr. Stefan Froehlich** - Center for European Integration Studies, Bonn

10.00 – 11.00 PANEL A. Bulgaria and the Copenhagen Political Criteria for EU Membership

Chair: **Nikos Yannis** - President, Evropaiki Ekfrassi, Athens

**Vladimir Kissyov** - Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bulgaria
**Jacques Wunenburger** - Head of the EC Delegation to Sofia

Discussion

11.00 – 11.30  COFFEE-BREAK

11.30 – 13.30 PANEL B. Bulgaria and the Copenhagen Economic Criteria for EU Membership

Chairs: **Atanas Paparizov, MP** - Deputy Chair of the Economic Commission, Bulgarian Parliament and **Kitty Ussher** - Chief economist, Centre for European Reform, London

**Alexander Bojkov** - Deputy Prime-Minister, Bulgaria
**Alain Morisset** - DG II, European Commission
**Dr. Franz-Lothar Altmann** – Director, Suedost-Institute, Munich
**Daniel Gros** - Deputy Director, Centre for European Policy Studies /CEPS/, Brussels

Discussion
13.30 – 15.00  LUNCH

15.00 – 17.00  PANEL C. **Bulgaria’s Ability to Assume the Obligations of Membership. Administrative Capacity to Apply the Acquis.**

Chair: **Dimitar Abadjiev, MP** – Member of the Bulgaria – EU Joint Parliamentary Committee, Bulgarian Parliament

**Ekaterina Michailova, MP** – Chair of the UDF Parliamentary Group, Bulgarian Parliament

**Bridget Czamota** - Head of TAIEX, European Commission

**Dr. Alfred E. Kellemann** - Asser Institute, The Hague

**Nelly Ognyanova** – Director, Bulgarian Institute for Legal Development

Discussion

17.00 – 17.30  COFFEE-BREAK

17.30 – 19.00  PANEL D. **Implementation of the Copenhagen Criteria – Could Bulgaria Be a Model for Other Countries in South East Europe?**

Chair: **Dr. Johanna Deimel** – Deputy Director, Suedosteuropa-Gesellschaft, Munich and **Julia Gurkovska** - Programme Director, Centre for Liberal Strategies, Sofia

**Assen Agov, MP** – Chairman of the Committee for Foreign and Integration Policy, Bulgarian Parliament

**Prof. Dr. Michael Geistlinger** – Law Faculty, University of Salzburg

**Jovan Donev** – Director, EuroBalkan, Skopje

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION:**  **The Role of the Structural Funds in the Irish Growth Experience**

**Prof. John Bradley** - Economic and Social Research Institute, Dublin

Discussion

19.00 – 19.15  CLOSING REMARKS

**Nickolay Mladenov** – Director, European Institute

19.30  RECEPTION

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