1st Meeting of the Expert Task Force
on
The European Union and The Eastern Neighbourhood
Istanbul, 19 September 2014
Senate Room, Kadir Has University

09:30 – 10:00  Introducing the Task Force – purpose, objective, rationale
Does the EU need a strategy? What sort of strategy? Should it be a strategy of engagement with all its Black Sea neighbors? Or should it only focus on those willing and able to engage? Why now?
  • Alina Inayeh (German Marshall Fund) and Dimitrios Triantaphyllou (CIES)

10:00 – 11:00  Main drivers for the formulation of an EU Strategy towards the Region
  • Dimitar Bechev, London School of Economics

11:00 – 12:00  Main challenges /impediments to the formulation of an EU Strategy towards the Region
  • Richard Giragosian, Regional Studies Center, Yerevan

12:00 – 13:30  Lunch (Institute Restaurant, Kadir Has University)

13:45 – 15:45  Goals and approaches of an EU strategy towards the region
  • Daniela Schwarzer, German Marshall Fund, Berlin

16:00 – 17:00  Initial Recommendations
  • Alina Inayeh and Dimitrios Triantaphyllou

19:00  Dinner (ELEOS Restaurant, İstiklal Caddesi 241, 2nd Floor)