



**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 Inayah (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 Inayah and Dimitrios Triantaphyllou**
- 19:00** **Dinner (ELEOS Restaurant, Istiklal Caddesi 241, 2nd Floor)**