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FOR THE ADRIATIC AND IONIAN REGION
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Stakeholder Conference on the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region

Athens, 6- 7 February 2014

DRAFT MEDIA PROGRAMME

6 February 2014, Thursday

12:00 - 14:00 **Registration** (*a light lunch will be provided*)

13:00 - 13:30 **Information Briefing for Journalists on the macro-regional approach and the hopes and expectations for the EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region, Room Olympia**

Colin Wolfe, Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission

14:00 – 14:40 **Welcoming Address**

Master of ceremony: Ilias Siakantaris, journalist-broadcaster

Antonis Samaras, Prime Minister, Greece (tbc)

Johannes Hahn, Member of the European Commission responsible for Regional Policy

Maria Damanaki, Member of the European Commission responsible for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

Kostis Hatzidakis, Minister of Development and Competitiveness, Greece

14:40 – 15:45 **Plenary Session I**
The EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region – A vehicle for growth and jobs

Ditmir Bushati, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Albania

Zlatko Lgumdzija, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Hrvoje Marušić, Assistant Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Croatia

Evangelos Venizelos, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Greece

Marta Dassù, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Italy

Igor Lukšić*, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Montenegro

Ivan Mrkic, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Serbia

Karl Erjavec, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Slovenia

15:45 – 16:30 **Press Conference, Athens View**

Dimitris Kourkoulas, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Greece

Ditmir Bushati, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Albania

Johannes Hahn, Member of the European Commission responsible for Regional Policy

Maria Damanaki, Member of the European Commission responsible for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

19:00 – 22:00 **Evening reception**



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7 February 2014, Friday

09:00 – 12:00

Project Visit for Journalists

- 08:45 Pick-up Divani Caravel Hotel
- 09:00 Pick-up Golden Age Hotel
- 10:00-11:30 Visit to [the Hellenic Centre for Marine Research](#), Anavyssos
- 12:15 Back at Divani Caravel Hotel

12:00- 13:30

Buffet Lunch

13:30- 15:00

Closing session: The way forward

Conclusions of the Workshops:

Colin Wolfe, Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission

Beate Gminder, Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission

Closing statements:

Charlina Vitcheva, Director, Directorate-General for Regional and Urban Policy, European Commission

N.N., Representative of the Hellenic Presidency of the Council of the European Union

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