



# STABILITY PACT FOR SOUTH EASTERN EUROPE

## 10th Meeting of Working Table I Draft Agenda

**18 November 2004**  
**Aleksandar Palace, Skopje**

**14.30 – 14.40** Regional Table Special Event: Inauguration of the new Chairman of Working Table I (tbc)

### **14.40 – 14.55 Opening session**

- Welcome by a Representative of the Host Government
- Introductory statement by the Special Coordinator
- Introductory statement by Chairman or Co-Chairperson of WT I

**14.55 – 15.00 Adoption of the Agenda**

**15.00 – 16.15 Panel discussion: Reforming Education to raise development standards**

- Mrs. Viviane Reding (EU Commissioner for Education and Culture) (*tbc*):  
*European Union research and mobility programmes; lessons learnt.*
- Mrs. Madlen Serban (Director of the National Center for Technical and Vocational Education and Training, Romania):  
*The importance of education and training for the European integration process.*
- Mrs. Petra Bläss (Senior Consultant of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe):  
*Parliamentary Cooperation in support of education reform.*
- Mr. Gerhard Kowar (Task Force Education and Youth of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe):  
*The January 2005 Graz Conference on “Governance and Education for Sustainable Development and European Integration”; Prospects for the Education Reform Initiative (ERI) of SEE.*

Discussion

**16.15 – 16.45 Break and Press Conference**

**16.45 – 18.00**                    **Panel discussion: Building the Capacity for Local Democracy and Strengthening Cross-border Networks**

**a. Local Democracy**

- Mr. Philip Blair (Director of Co-operation for Local and Regional Democracy, Council of Europe):  
*The Zagreb Ministerial Conference on “Effective Democratic Governance at Local and Regional Level” (25-26 October 2004); what next?*
- Representatives of Local Authorities  
Mr. Risto Penov, Mayor of Skopje, and  
Mr. Edi Rama, Mayor of Tirana (tbc):  
*Challenges and shortcomings for local authorities*

**b. Cross-border Cooperation**

- Mr. Michel Peretti (Head of Western Balkans Unit, DG RELEX, European Commission) (tbc):  
*Cross-Border Cooperation: Countries participation and future strategies.*
- Mr. Khaldoun Sinno (Project Manager, EuropeAid, European Commission) (tbc):  
*Projects and local partnerships, successes and difficulties of implementation, recommendations for future actions.*
- Mrs. Sasha Havlicek (Senior Director, Regional and Transfrontier Cooperation Program EastWest Institute):  
*Challenges of working within the framework of Euroregions.*

Discussion

**18.00 – 18.30**                    **Open discussion and statements on Working Table I activities\***

**18.30 – 18.45**                    **Adoption of the Chairperson’s Conclusions**

*\* A special debate on Parliamentary Cooperation, which is becoming a new Stability Pact Core Objective for 2005, will be held during the Regional Table of Stability Pact, on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November 2004.*