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Thursday 19 October 2006

13:00 **Welcome Lunch**

14:00 **Opening SESSION**

Welcome address: **Kostas Karamanlis**, Prime Minister, Greece

Opening address: **Philippe Maystadt**, President, European Investment Bank

SESSION I: Perspectives for the region – a view from politics

Chairman: **Gerlando Genuardi**, EIB Vice-President

- **Olli Rehn**, EU Commissioner for Enlargement
- **Ali Babacan**, Minister of State for Economy; Head of EU negotiations, Turkey
- **Dimitrij Rupel**, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Slovenia
- **Yannis G. Valinakis**, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Greece

Coffee break

SESSION II: Perspectives for the region – a view of the analysts

Discussion panel: moderated by **Quentin Peel**, international affairs editor, *Financial Times*

- **Gerald Knaus**, President, European Stability Initiative
- **Loukas Tsoukalis**, President of the Hellenic Foundation for European & Foreign Policies, Special Adviser to José Manuel Barroso
- **Laza Kekic**, Director, Economist Intelligence Unit
- **Panayiotis Ioakimidis**, Professor of Political Science at the University of Law, Economics and Politics of Athens, specialist in EU issues

18:30 **End of conference day 1**

20:00 **Forum dinner at the Hilton Hotel**

Guest speaker: **Georgios Alogoskoufis**, Minister for Economy and Finance, Greece

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09:30 **SESSION III : Regional integration**

Chairman: **Torsten Gersfelt**, EIB Vice-President

- **Georgios Souflias**, Minister of Environment, Planning and Public Works, Greece
- **Miroljub Labus**, former Deputy Prime Minister, Serbia
- **Michalis Sarris**, Minister of Finance, Cyprus
- **Galina Tosheva**, Deputy Minister of Economy and Energy, Bulgaria
- **Mustafa Alper**, Secretary General, International Investors Association of Turkey, YASED
- **Anastassios Kallitsantsis**, Member of the Board of Directors, Federation of Greek Industries

Coffee break

SESSION IV: Investing in the region

Chairman: **Ivan Pilip**, EIB Vice-President

- **Sebastian Vladescu**, Minister of Finance, Romania
- **Ioannis Pehlivanidis**, Vice-Chairman and Deputy CEO, National Bank of Greece
- **Giorgio Tellini**, Chief Executive Officer, SACE Credit Insurance, Italy
- **Fernando Becker**, Corporate Resources Director, Iberdrola, Spain
- **Thomas Hackett**, Director General, Lending Operations in Europe, EIB
- **Francis Carpenter**, Chief Executive Officer, European Investment Fund

13:00 **Closing remarks:**

Georgios Alogoskoufis, Minister for Economy and Finance, Greece

13:30 **Lunch**

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