



Activities of the RCC Secretary General and the RCC Secretariat
(January-June 2008)

The RCC Secretary General held a number of consultations with the representatives of the Governments of the RCC Board Member countries as well as with the EU and relevant international organizations. He has also participated in a number of international conferences and meetings.

Below is the list of the consultations, conferences and meetings attended by the RCC Secretary General and his staff:

-Consultations with the EIB (together with the Special Coordinator of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe) – Luxembourg, 15 January 2008

-Consultations with the Deputy Secretary General of NATO and participation at the EAPC Meeting at the level of Permanent Representatives (together with the Special Coordinator of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe) – Brussels, 16 January 2008

-Consultations with the Horizontal Coordination Unit of the DG Enlargement of the European Commission on IPA Multi-beneficiary Priorities 2008-2010 (together with the representatives of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe) – Brussels, 18 January 2008

-Participation at the Government Leaders' Forum (together with the Special Coordinator of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe) – Berlin, 22-23 January 2008

-Consultations with the representatives of the Austrian Government (including the meetings with the Austrian Chancellor and the Minister of Foreign Affairs) – Vienna, 24 January 2008

-Consultations with the OSCE (including the meeting with the Secretary General of the OSCE) – Vienna, 25 January 2008

-Meeting with the members of the High Level Recruitment Panel for Senior Positions in the RCC Secretariat – Brussels, 30 January 2008

-Consultations with the UNDP (together with the Special Coordinator of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe) – New York, 4 February 2008

- Consultations with the representatives of the US Department of State (together with the Special Coordinator of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe) – Washington, 5 February 2008
- Presentation “The Future of Security and Stability in Southeast Europe” in Wilson Center (together with the Special Coordinator of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe) – Washington, 6 February 2008
- Meetings with the representatives of US Senate Mr. Joseph Biden Jr. and Mr. George Voinovich (together with the Special Coordinator of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe) – Washington, 6 February 2008
- Meeting with the Chair and the Co-Chair of the Task Force Education and Youth of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe and consultations on the profile and structure on the new Task Force Building Human Capital of the RCC – Zagreb, 19 February 2008
- Coordination Meeting with the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria (as a representative of the Chairmanship-in-Office of the SEECP), the Deputy Director General for Enlargement in the European Commission and the Special Coordinator of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe – Brussels, 25 February 2008
- Participation at the Meeting of the Committee of Political Directors of the SEECP – Sofia, 26 February 2008
- Meeting with the Executive Secretary of the UNECE – Sofia, 27 February 2008
- Participation at the Meeting of the Regional Table of the Stability Pact – Sofia, 27 February 2008
- Participation at the Inaugural Meeting of the Regional Cooperation Council – Sofia, 27 February 2008
- Meeting with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Serbia – Sofia, 27 February 2008
- Meeting with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Sweden – Sofia, 27 February 2008
- Meeting with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania (together with the Special Coordinator of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe) – Sofia, 28 February 2008
- Participation at the Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the SEECP – Sofia, 28 February 2008
- Consultations with the representatives of the Turkish Government – Ankara, 29 February 2008
- Consultations with the BSEC Permanent Secretariat – Istanbul, 1 March 2008

-Participation at the Multi-Beneficiary IPA Programme Coordination Meeting – Brussels, 6-7 March 2008

-Participation at the Meeting of the Ministers of Defence of the SEECP – participation by the Chief of Staff of the RCC – Sofia, 10 March 2008

-Meeting with the OSCE Secretary General on the occasion of his visit to the RCC Secretariat – Sarajevo, 17 March 2008

-Meeting with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina – Sarajevo, 17 March 2008

-Participation at the Informal Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of EU Member States (Gymnich) – Brdo kod Kranja, 29 March 2008

-Participation at the Coordination Meeting of Regional Organizations organized by the BSEC Permanent Secretariat – Istanbul, 31 March 2008

-Participation at “The Bucharest Conference” organized by the German Marshall Fund of the United States, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania and Chatham House on the margins of the NATO Summit – Bucharest, 1-3 April 2008

-Conference “Towards SEE Regional Competitiveness (Contribution to the EU Policy of building knowledge based societies) – participation by the Spokesperson and Media Advisor in the RCC Secretariat – Sofia, 4-5 April 2008

-Participation at the XVI DPPI Regional Meeting – Sofia, 8 April 2008

-Participation at the Meeting of the Ministers Responsible for Disaster Protection from the SEECP Participating States – Sofia, 9 April 2008

-Meeting with the Head of Mission of Russian Federation to the EU – Brussels, 10 April 2008

-Participation at the Public Debate on the topic “From the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe to the RCC – Achievements, Lessons learnt and future Challenges” organized by the EU Office of Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (together with the Special Coordinator of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe) –Brussels, 10 April 2008

-Consultations with the authorities of the Republic of Moldova concerning the activities under the forthcoming Chairmanship-in-Office of the SEECP (including the meetings with the Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova and the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration) - Chisinau, 11 April 2008

-Participation at the Seventh Conference of the Speakers of Parliament of the SEECP Participating States – Sofia, 14 April 2008

-Lecture at the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russian Federation (together with the Special Coordinator of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe) – Moscow, 15 April 2008

-Consultations with the representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russian Federation (together with the Special Coordinator of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe) – Moscow, 15 April 2008

-Consultations with the representatives of the authorities of Norway (together with the Special Coordinator of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe) – Oslo, 21 April 2008

-Consultations with the representatives of the authorities of Sweden (together with the Special Coordinator of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe) - Stockholm, 22 April 2008

-Participation at the SEE FABA Governing Board Meeting – Stockholm, 22 April 2008

-Briefing for the Working Group on Western Balkans (COWEB) of the Council of the EU – by the RCC Chief of Staff – Brussels, 24 April 2008

-Participation at the Conference/Workshop “Regional Cooperation in South Eastern Europe- Lessons Learnt from the Stability Pact and Future Challenges for the RCC” organized by Sudost Europa Gessellschaft and the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe – participation by the RCC Secretary General and all RCC staff – Sarajevo, 28-29 April 2008

-Participation at the Meeting of the Ministers of Justice and Home Affairs of the SEECP Participating States – Sofia, 30 April 2008

-Lecture at the Vienna Diplomatic Academy organized by the Institut fur Donauraum and Mitteleuropa (together with the Special Coordinator of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe) – Vienna, 7 May 2008

-Meeting with the Chairman of the Business Advisory Council for Southeast Europe (BAC) and the Executive Secretary of the BAC – Sarajevo, 13 May 2008

-Briefing for the Working Group on Western Balkans of the Council of the EU – Capitals format (COWEB Capital) – Brussels, 14 May 2008

-Meeting with the Deputy Director General of the DG Enlargement of the European Commission – Brussels, 14 May 2008

-Meeting with the Minister for Emergency Situations of Russian Federation – Moscow, 15 May 2008

-Meeting of the Committee of Political Directors of the South-East European Cooperation Process (SEECP) – Pomorie, Bulgaria, 19 May 2008

-Presentation of the RCC Strategic Work Programme 2008-2009 to the Regional Cooperation Council Board – Pomorie, Bulgaria, 20 May 2008. The RCC Board adopted the document.

-Presentation of the RCC Strategic Work Programme 2008-2009 to the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the South-East European Cooperation Process (SEECF) – Pomorie, Bulgaria, 20 May 2008. The Ministers approved the document.

-Presentation of the RCC Strategic Work Programme 2008-2009 to the Heads of State and Government of the South-East European Cooperation Process (SEECF) – Pomorie, Bulgaria, 21 May 2008. The Heads of State and Government endorsed the document.

The RCC Strategic Work Programme 2008-2009 represents the main guideline and basis for the activities of the RCC in the coming period.

-Multi-Beneficiary IPA Coordination Meeting – Istanbul, 22-23 May 2008

-South East Europe Investment Compact Committee Meeting – Paris, 23 May 2008

-Joint Parliamentary Meeting on Western Balkans (participation of the RCC Secretary General together with the Special Coordinator of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe) – Brussels, 26 May 2008

-Joint meeting of the RCC experts with the Stability Pact experts and relevant interlocutors in the European Commission and other Brussels-based institutions relevant for the RCC activities – Brussels, 26-28 May 2008. The meeting marked the end of the transition from the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe to the RCC.

-Handover meetings between the experts of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe and the RCC on infrastructure and energy and building human capital are planned for early June 2008 in Sarajevo.

Among concrete tasks that are ahead of the RCC and its Secretariat in the forthcoming period particular attention shall be given to the completion of the process of taking over from the Stability Pact and start of independent activities of the RCC Secretariat, the completion of all administrative tasks related to the formation and setting-up of the RCC Secretariat as well as to the activation of the Liaison Office in Brussels after signing of the Headquarters Agreement with Belgium. All these tasks are expected to be carried out in the course of June 2008.

-Staff-to-staff meeting between the UN ECE and the RCC Secretariat – Sarajevo, 2 June 2008

-Business Advisory Council (BAC) Meeting – Sarajevo, 4 June 2008

-Informal Conference of European Ministers for Education – Oslo, 4-5 June 2008

-JCC Board Meeting of the SECI Center – Bucharest, 5-6 June 2008

- EBRD Western Balkans Donors Forum – Rome, 6 June 2008
- Vienna Economic Forum, Tirana Meeting – Tirana, 8 June 2008
- Consultations with the CEI Executive Secretariat – Trieste, 12 June 2008
- Inaugural Meeting of the RCC Task Force Building Human Capital – Ljubljana, 13 June 2008
- Conference “Regional Cooperation- Opportunities, Challenges and Synergy” – Chisinau, 17 June 2008
- Energy Community Ministerial Council Meeting – Brussels, 27 June 2008