

Black Sea Maritime Security

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- Preservation of security in the Black Sea region through regional cooperation is a key to maintain the stability of this region.



Regional ownership

- Making use of the existing initiatives and mechanisms to the extent possible
 - avoiding duplication of efforts,
 - focusing on the requirements and priorities of the region,
 - promoting complementarity and synergy among the efforts of the international actors and indigenous mechanisms
 - adherence to the principle of inclusiveness and transparency

The existing mechanisms in the region

- Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization (BSEC)
- Black Sea Naval Cooperation Task Group (BLACKSEAFOR)
- Operation Black Sea Harmony (OBSH)
- Black Sea Coast and Border Guards Cooperation Forum
- Black Sea Border Coordination and Information Centre Initiative
- Confidence and Security Building Measures in the Naval Field in the Black Sea
- Black Sea Commission

OPERATION BLACK SEA HARMONY


- - Operation Black Sea Harmony, is recognized as a major security provider in the Black Sea Maritime domain. It is closely affiliated with NATO and complements NATO's Operation Active Endeavour.
- - This Operation has a multinational character. Turkey, the Russian Federation and Ukraine are parties to this operation. Romania also joined the Operation Black Sea Harmony, as of 31st March 2009.

BLACKSEAFOR (BLACK SEA NAVAL) COOPERATION TASK GROUP

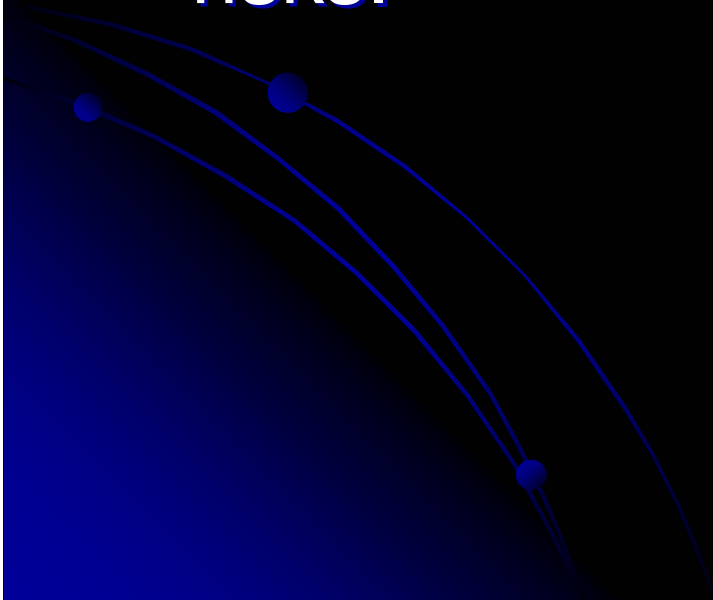
- **BLACKSEAFOR has considerable potential in terms of ensuring maritime security in the Black Sea and deepening interoperability among the littoral states.**
- **Transformation of the BLACKSEAFOR and expand the scope of its activities to better contribute to global efforts in combating terrorism and proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction and to deter possible asymmetric threats in the Black Sea maritime area is an important agenda item of the BLACKSEAFOR.**

Maritime Risk Assessment in the Black Sea

The Special Representatives of the Foreign Ministers of the Participating States assessed and approved the document on the Maritime Risk Assessment in the Black Sea on 31st March 2005 in Kyiv.




- The strategic location of the Black Sea at the crossroads of Europe, Asia and the Middle East and as an important transit route makes it vulnerable to asymmetric risks.



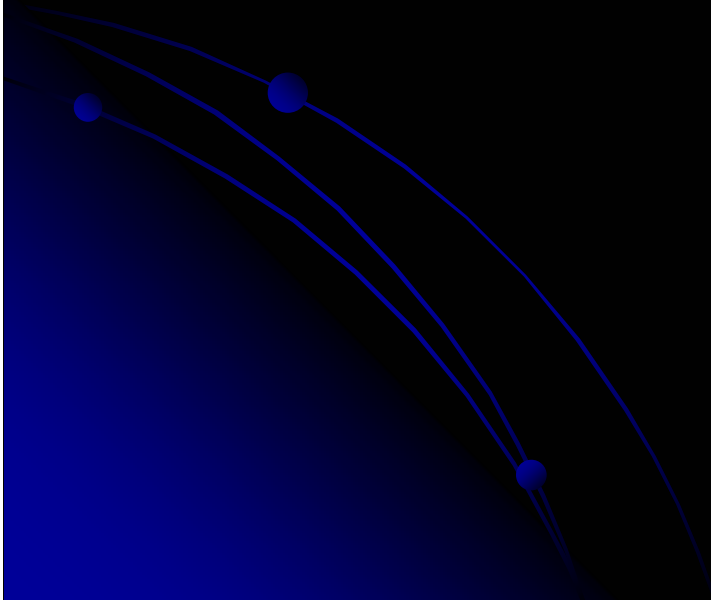
Instability in the Black Sea region would have widespread implications for the security and stability of the Euro-Atlantic area.

While there is no security void in the Black Sea maritime areas, asymmetric risks, organized crime and environmental risks are the main security challenges which might be encountered.

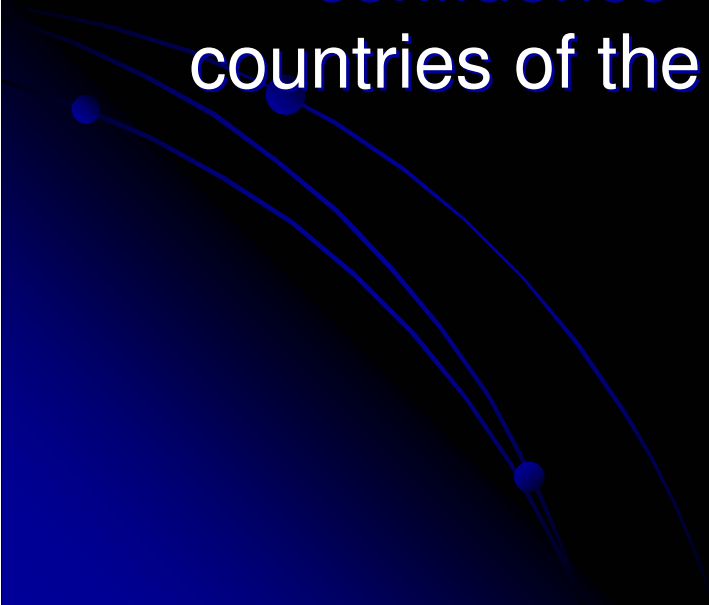


A NEW INITIATIVE:

**LAUNCHING OF A “BLACK SEA
DEFENCE MINISTERIAL PROCESS”**



Black Sea Defence Ministerial Process aims;

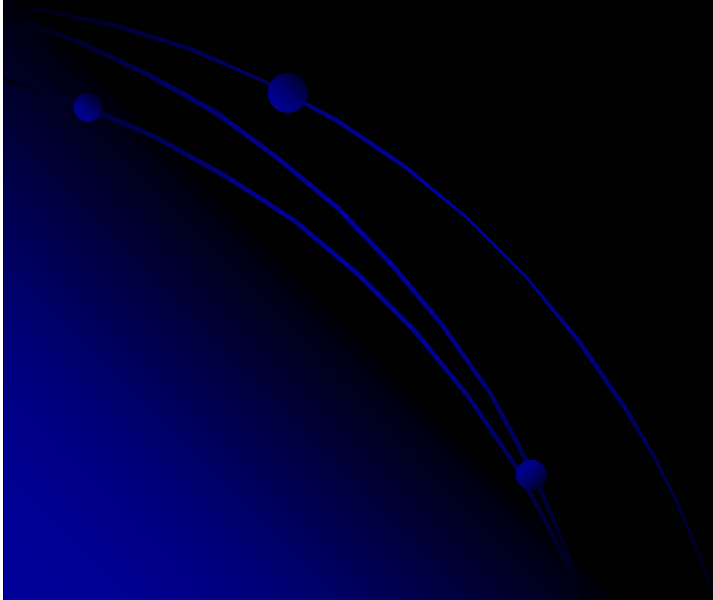
- to establish a forum for good neighbourly relations,
 - strengthening regional defence capabilities
 - confidence building interaction among the countries of the region
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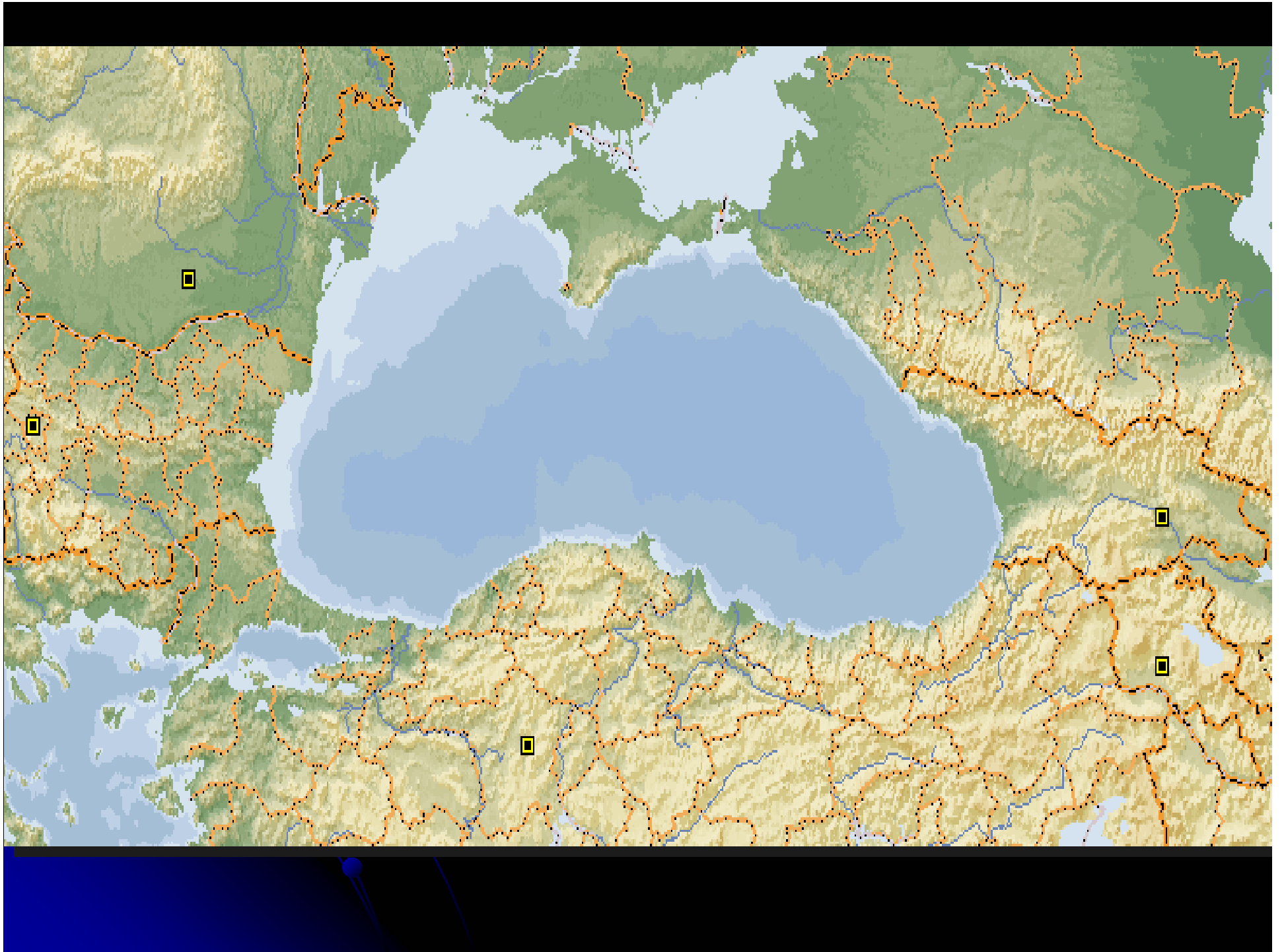
Defence Ministerial could be considered as a political umbrella over the ongoing initiatives related to the security of the Black Sea .

To this end, High Level Experts Meeting was convened on 7-8 May 2009 in Ankara to further discuss the future and content of the Black Sea Defence Ministerial.



The First Black Sea Defence
Ministerial is intended to be held
at the last quarter of 2009.





Thank You.

