**Debate „ The common priorities of Bulgaria and Romania 2014-2020 – new possibilities and horizons “**

**19 November 2013, Silistra**

Draft program

**Venue:** Bulgaria, Silistra city

10 “Kapitan Mamarchev” street

Drustur Hotel, hall “Drustur”

**18 November 2013**

**20h00** Welcome dinner hosted by Silistra municipality

**19 November 2013**

9:00 – 09:30 welcome coffee and registration

09:30 – 09:50 Speech by the President of the Republic – Mr. Rosen Plevleniev

Speech by Mr. Liviu Dragnea - Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Regional Development and Administration, Romania\*

09:50 – 11:30- Development of the connectivity of the region in the transport and environment sector – common projects, initiatives and possibilities

Presentations by:

Mr. Danail Papazov – Minister of transport, information technologies and telecommunications, Bulgaria\*

Mrs. Ramona-Nicole Manescu - Minister of transport, Romania

Mrs. Iskra Mihailova – Minister of environment and waters, Bulgaria\*

Mrs. Rovana Plumb – Minister of environment and climate change, Romania\*

Mrs. Karla Peijs – European Coordinator for inland waterway transport, European Commission

Mr. George Kremlis – Director, DG Environment, European Commission

Discussion: participants

Representatives of BG Presidency, the BG and RO Governments, local and regional authorities, European Commission (Mr. Cesare Bernabei – DG, MOVE; DG Regio: both BG (Mr. Renaldo Mandments – Head of Unit) and RO units); Jaspers, Ambassadors, NGOs and business representatives

11:30 -11:50 coffee break

11:50 – 13:30 Possibilities for investments in the Danube regions: setting up of growth and jobs

Presentations by:

Mr. Ulian Naidenov – Mayor of Silistra

Mr. Daniel Stefan Dragulin – Mayor of Calarasi

Mr. Gergo Gergov – Mayor of Vidin

Mr. Mircea Guta - Mayor of Calafat

Mr. Plamen Stoilov – Mayor of Ruse

Mr. Lucian Iliescu – Mayor of Giurgiu

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13:30 – 15:00 lunch

\*TBC (to be confirmed)