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ABSTRACT: This research guide has been compiled by the USAID Knowledge Services Center staff for review by the US Agency for International Development. The guide is a focused selection of resources on Europe and Eurasia.

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Internet Resources on Europe and Eurasia

Black Sea Economic Cooperation

<http://www.bsec-organization.org/>

The BSEC formed in 1999 and encompasses the territories of the Black Sea region, the Balkans and the Caucasus and is located on two continents. The site has links to economic and finance data particularly related to minerals, metals, oil and energy.

Central and Eastern Europe Online Library

<http://www.ceeol.com/>

CEEOL provides an alphabetical list of scholars who have published relevant research relating to the post-communist regions of the world. The library covers most peer-reviewed journals published in the former Warsaw Pact as well as books addressing politics, history and economics.

Council of Europe

<http://www.coe.int>

The Council of Europe was founded in 1949 and attempts to instill democratic principles throughout Europe based on the European Convention on Human Rights and other reference texts on the protection of individuals. The COE site is also an information portal for political, foreign policy and economic information and statistics.

Eurasia Foundation

<http://www.eurasia.org/>

The Eurasia Foundation is a privately managed non-profit organization funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and other public and private donors. The Foundation site has links to information addressing markets, investments, grants and operating programs in Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

Europa

http://www.europa.eu/index_en.htm

The official website of the European Union, Europa, is a source for information on EU affairs and integration. The Europa site provides access to all legislation under enforcement and under discussion in the European Union.

European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

<http://www.ebrd.com/index.htm>

This site is a valuable source for information on project financing for banks, industries and businesses, both new ventures and investments in existing

companies. The EBRD is the largest single investor in the region and brings in foreign investment outside its own resources. It also works very closely with governments to promote a business environment

European Observer

<http://www.euobs.com>

This site provides news concerning the 27 members of the European Union as well as information regarding non-EU states in the region. The site breaks down information topically into sections including: comment, agenda, political affairs, foreign affairs, economic affairs, social affairs, justice and home affairs, defense, enlargement, institutional affairs and adds brief commentaries.

EurActiv

<http://www.euractiv.com>

The EurActiv website specializes in information relating to the European Union's 27 member states but is wholly independent of the EU itself. It has portals to the national press and the EU institutions.

International Centre for Black Sea Studies

<http://www.icbss.org>

This site provides economic and financial data focusing on the wider Black Sea region.

Interstate Statistical Committee of the CIS

www.cisstat.com

This site provides economic and finance information relating to states in the former Soviet Union

OSCE (Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe)

<http://www.osce.org>

The OSCE site includes information on scientific and environmental collaboration, enhancement on security, as well as facilitating the transition from command to market economies, lessening economic disparities between participating States and combating economic and environmental threats to security. It also provides portals to other links related to European security issues.

Transparency International

http://www.transparency.org/regional_pages/europe_central_asia

TI is a global civil society organization founded in 1993 that focuses on the impact that political and economic corruption has on democracy across the world. The TI site utilizes several helpful measures and scales on corruption and its impact on economic development in Eastern Europe and Eurasia and also portals to other sites addressing civil society.

World Bank – European and Eurasian regions

<http://go.worldbank.org/9SWI2VVFG0>

The World Bank's European and Eurasian regions page provide information on Bank activities and reports, as well as statistics for man indicators for countries in the region.

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