

III- Assessing the CSP in Light of the SPSEE Experience

3.1 The SPSEE

Created in the wake of the 1999 Kosovo crisis, the Stability Pact SEE is a Brussels-based organization of over forty states, international organizations and financial agencies for promoting Balkan reconstruction. It is intended to restore stability to SEE and foster development, prosperity and regional cooperation there.

The pact is a new initiative in a series of attempts at regional stabilization and development. These initiatives fall into two categories: the ones intended for European countries in transition to the market economy and the ones specifically intended for SEE. The first category includes the Central European Initiative (CEI)²¹, the Central Europe Free Trade Agreement (CEFTA)²² and Black Sea Economic Cooperation (BSEC)²³. The second category, which includes the SPSEE, appears after the Dayton Accords that ended civil war in Bosnia and Herzegovina in 1995 and encompasses the South-East European Cooperative Process (SEECp)²⁴, the Royaumont Process (RP)²⁵, the EU Regional Approach (EURA) and the South-East Europe Cooperation Initiative (SECI).²⁶

Table 2: Participation by SEE Countries in Multilateral Regional Cooperation Initiatives²⁷

Country	CEI (1989)	CEFTA (1992)	BSEC (1992)	SEECp (1996)	RP (1995)	EURA (1996)	SECI (1996)	SPSEE (1999)	TOTAL
Albania	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	7
Bosnia	+	-	-	Ob	+	+	+	+	5+1 Ob
Bulgaria	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	7
Croatia	+	-	-	Ob	+	+	Ob	+	4+2 Ob
FYROM	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	6
Romania	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	7
Yugoslavia	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+ *	4
TOTAL	6	2	3	5+2 Ob	7	5	5 + 1 Ob	7	

Legend: +: participants

-: non-participants

Ob: observers

*: only after November 2000

²¹ See <<http://www.ceinet.org/>>.

²² See <<http://www.cefta.org/>>.

²³ See <http://www.bsec.gov.tr/index_tablef.htm>.

²⁴ The SEECp does not have its own Web site. See the sites developed by FYROM and Romania.

²⁵ See <<http://www.royaumont.org/>>.

²⁶ See <<http://www.unece.org/seci/>>.

²⁷ From Milica Uvalic, *op. cit.*, p. 62, adapted for the purposes of this paper.