



International Expert Conference
“Strengthening the Regional Cooperation in
Europe and Euro-Atlantic Area on Security and
Defense Industries for Maintaining and
Developing Priority - Established Defense
Capabilities. The Use of Wider Military
Cooperation Programmes to Increase Security and
Defense in Europe”
Bucharest
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Call for Conference

The current volatile and complicated Geo-economical/Geostrategic realm of Europe is subject to many and comprehensive debates among politicians and military analysts, who are keen to find available solutions to mitigate new risks and threats that jeopardize the security and defence of European and Euro-Atlantic area. The return of Russia as a Major Power in the region, the mass migration crisis in Europe, the new face of terror in the Western countries, as well as the danger of breaking down the EU are real concerns of the present and future of Europe, with big implications for Central and Eastern European countries.

Some possible measures to solve these issues heavily rely on deepening the Military Cooperation inside NATO and the EU, developing those multinational defence capabilities necessary to face new risks and treats, as well as strengthening the involvement of national defence industries in scientific research and modern technology's products.

Unfortunately, for Central and Eastern European countries, the most demanding threat remains the Russian's hybrid actions directed against some of them and Kremlin intent to control this region. The not-so-strong cooperation amongst those states amplifies the danger, as well as the weak national defence industries capable to develop strong capabilities to face Russia.

The organizers of the international academic conference “Strengthening the Regional Cooperation in Europe and Euro-Atlantic Area on Security and Defense Industries for Maintaining and Developing Priority - Established Defense Capabilities. The Use of Wider Military Cooperation Programmes to Increase Security and Defense in Europe” have decided to open for discussion the above-mentioned issues. The importance of national defence industries from Central and Eastern Europe in sharing responsibilities for the development of multinational defence capabilities along with military cooperation programmes in NATO and the EU, including special status of some partners like Russian Federation, Ukraine, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, incline to take an interdisciplinary research approach. Therefore, conference organizers would like to invite researchers, experts and analysts in the fields of international relations, diplomacy, geopolitics, law, economics, history, and securitology to exchange ideas, opinions, views and doubts related to the experiences and forecasts of military cooperation initiatives and national defence industries in Europe and Euro-Atlantic areas, with main focus on Central and Eastern Europe.

Specific topics may address, but are not limited to:

I. Adapting National Defense Industries of the Central and Eastern European States to the new Geo-economics/Geostrategic framework marked by globalization and the emergence of new risk and threat factors

- ✓ main characteristic of the new regional security environment;
- ✓ the influence of globalisation on the rise of new risk and threat factors;

- ✓ increasing the terror in Europe – the new face of international terrorism;
- ✓ mass migration in Europe and the danger of islamization of the old continent;
- ✓ the role of National Defence Industries in strengthening Euro-Atlantic and European Security and Defence;
- ✓ the importance of developing and maintaining adequate defence capabilities at the national and Alliance's levels;
- ✓ developing multinational strategic capabilities and the involvement of national industries.

II. Military Cooperation programmes and special initiatives at the Alliance's Level and within the EU's Common Security and Defense Policy

- ✓ increasing the role of Security through Cooperation task of the Alliance;
- ✓ Russian Hybrid Threats in Europe and the Special Status of cooperation with NATO;
- ✓ redefining NATO's Military Cooperation programmes with Partners – Partnership for Peace (PfP), Mediterranean Dialogue (MD), Istanbul Cooperation Initiative (ICI), Partners around the Globe (PaG);
- ✓ cooperation methods between European states to diminish new risks and threats;
- ✓ the importance of Alliance's Special Initiatives for securing Allied borders – Partnership Interoperability Initiative, Defence and Security Capacity Building Initiative, Contribution to NATO-led Operations and Missions;
- ✓ strengthening NATO-EU Partnership and its domains for common interest;
- ✓ Military Cooperation in the EU - CSDP;
- ✓ BREXIT or a divided EU.

III. Increasing the importance of scientific research and technology in Partnerships

- ✓ War of Robots and the future of armed conflicts;
- ✓ increasing role of Cyber and Information spaces in the modern battlefield;
- ✓ introducing alternative energies and their influence on the Energetic War;
- ✓ Cosmos exploitation and possible new missions for Pol – Mil Alliances;
- ✓ Nano-technology and the development of miniaturised defence capabilities;
- ✓ European cooperation for scientific research;
- ✓ Allied Strategies for reducing state and non-state actors' access to High-Tech.

IV. Strengthening the Relations between the Military Technical Education and National Defense Industry

- ✓ increasing Military Technical Education System's efficiency through a deeper connection with the National Defence Industry;
- ✓ the organization of Military Technical Education System in Central and Eastern Europe states;
- ✓ involvement of the Military Technical Education System in the modern technology inventions and innovations.

Main organizers:



Romanian Reserve Officers
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„Ferdinand I” (MTA)
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➤ The International Expert Conference will take place in the Military Technical Academy Barracks, 39th - 49th George Coşbuc Boulevard, Sector 5, BUCHAREST, Zip Code 050141.

➤ Participation fee is 70 Euro and has to be paid until 31st of May 2019. Details about the payment account will be held on the bellow mentioned Conference Web-page.

➤ Participants need to fill up the attached Application Form until 31st of May 2019.

➤ Accomodation will be arranged at the IBIS PALATUL PARLAMENTULUI CITY CENTRE (in walking distance):

- SGL Room – 55 Eur/night/pers.;
- DBL Room– 63 Eur/night/pers..

An agreement will be established with the Hotel Manager and more than sure the prices will decrease and the payment method will be provided to participants in the near future.

For more information, see: <http://www.mta.ro/international/en/secdef>