

International conference:

## **Emerging Importance of Wider Black Sea Area Security**

(1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2018)

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**AGENDA**

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<b>31<sup>st</sup> of May 2018</b>	
During the day	Participants' arrival to Sibiu
<b>1<sup>st</sup> of June 2018</b>	
08:50 – 09:10	Participants' registration (Victoriei Blvd., no. 5-7, 1 <sup>st</sup> floor)
09:10 – 09:45	<b>OPENING REMARKS</b> (Avram Iancu Aula, LBUS) <b>Prof. Sc.D. eng. Ioan BONDREA</b> , Rector of Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu; <b>M.G. Mihai ȘOMORDOLEA</b> , State Adviser, Department for National Security – Supreme Council of National Defence Secretariat, Romanian Presidency; <b>Gen. Nicolae-Ionel CIUCĂ</b> , The Chief of the Romanian General Staff, Romanian Armed Forces; <b>H.E. George Cristian MAIOR</b> , Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Romania to the United States of America (video message); <b>Dr. Adrian TUDORACHE</b> , Diplomatic Counselor, Embassy of Romania to the United States of America; <b>Assoc. Prof. Ph.D. Silviu NATE</b> , Director of Global Studies Center, Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu.
09:45 – 10:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:00 – 11:45	<b>PLENARY SESSION</b> (Avram Iancu Aula, LBUS) <b>Moderators:</b> <b>H.E. Sergiu CELAC</b> , Honorary Chairman New Strategy Center, Bucharest, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs; <b>Prof. Ph.D. Gen. (ret) Sergiu MEDAR</b> , Monitorul Apărării și Securității, Former Head of the National Intelligence Community (RO), Former Head of the Romanian Military Intelligence. <b>Guest Speakers:</b> <b>Dr. George FRIEDMAN</b> , Founder and Chairman of Geopolitical Futures (USA) – <i>An American View of NATO and The Black Sea Region</i> ; <b>Dr. James CARAFANO</b> , Vice-President, Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Institute for National Security and Foreign Policy, Heritage Foundation (USA) – <i>Black Sea Security: The Global Context</i> ; <b>H.E. Prof. Ph.D. Cristian DIACONESCU</b> , member of United Nations Group of Eminent Persons for Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Armaments, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs – <i>Reinforce Collective Defence and Deterrence in the Wider Black Sea Area</i> .

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11:45 – 12:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
12:00 – 13:30	<p><b>SESSION A, PANEL 1</b> (Avram Iancu Aula, LBUS) <b>The transatlantic bond – increasing capabilities for managing security challenges in the Eastern Flank of NATO: <i>The Romania – United States Strategic Partnership Priorities for Boosting Alliance’s Defence</i></b></p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> <b>H.E. Prof. Ph.D. Cristian DIACONESCU</b>, member of United Nations Group of Eminent Persons for Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Armaments, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs; <b>Dr. Alexandru GEORGESCU</b>, Strategic Analyst, EURISC Foundation.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Prof. Ph.D. Ganna A. KHARLAMOVA</b>, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine – <i>Improve the Security and Stability of Central and Eastern Europe by Strengthening the National Security of Ukraine</i>; <b>Gen. (ret) Ștefan DĂNILĂ Ph.D.</b>, Monitorul Apărării și Securității, Former Chief of the Romanian General Staff, Romanian Armed Forces – <i>W.B.S.A. Security Analyze, a Milestone for the New SDRs of the W.B.S.A. States</i>; <b>Lecturer Andreea STOIAN KARADELI</b>, Faculty of Political Sciences, Sakarya University, Turkey – <i>Turkey and Russia in a Multidimensional Chess Game: The Middle East and the Black Sea Region</i>; <b>Prof. Ph.D. M.G. (ret) Adrieian PÂRLOG</b>, Former Deputy Head of Romanian Military Intelligence – <i>Black Sea – from "the World’s Most Isolated Sea" to "a Sea like a Bridgehead"</i>; <b>Dr. Adrian TUDORACHE</b>, Diplomatic Counselor, Embassy of Romania to the United States of America - <i>Reinforcing the Transatlantic Link: The Romania - US Strategic Partnership</i>.</p>
12:00 – 13:30	<p><b>SESSION A, PANEL 2</b> (Lucian Blaga Hall, LBUS) <b>The transatlantic bond – increasing capabilities for managing security challenges in Wider Black Sea Region and the Eastern Flank of NATO: <i>Pivotal subjects of the forthcoming NATO Summit</i></b></p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> <b>Prof. Ph.D. Vasile PUȘCAȘ</b>, Babeș-Bolyai University, Former Minister of EU Accession; <b>Prof. Ph.D. Adrian POP</b>, Faculty of Political Science, National University of Political Science and Public Administration/SNSPA.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Dr. Antonia COLIBĂȘANU</b>, COO and Senior Analyst at Geopolitical Futures – <i>Security by Other Means: Energy in the Black Sea Region</i>; <b>Dr. Andriy STAVYTSKYI</b>, Geopolitical forecaster, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine – <i>Geopolitical Climate of Black Sea Region</i>; <b>Assist. Prof. Mehmet Ali KARAMAN</b>, Editor, Journal of Strategic and Social Research, Mehmet Akif Ersoy University, Turkey – <i>The Security Concerns of the Black Sea Region in History: The Role of the Straits and the Freedom Interests of</i></p>

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	<p><i>Russia;</i> <b>Assoc. Prof. Ph.D. Iulian CHIFU</b>, president of Center for Conflict Prevention and Early Warning – <i>Wider Black Sea Region – Confluence or Collusion. The Backbone of a Romanian Security Strategy.</i></p>
16:00 – 17:30	<p><b>SESSION B, PANEL 1</b> (Avram Iancu Aula, LBUS) <b><i>Approaching regional cooperation for protecting and projecting stability in the Wider Black Sea Region. Building mutual “thematic framework(s)”</i></b></p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> <b>Gen. (ret) Ștefan DĂNILĂ Ph.D.</b>, Monitorul Apărării și Securității, Former Chief of the Romanian General Staff, Romanian Armed Forces; <b>Assoc. Prof. Ph.D., Iulian CHIFU</b>, president of Center for Conflict Prevention and Early Warning.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Prof. Ph.D. Gen. (ret) Sergiu MEDAR</b>, Monitorul Apărării și Securității, Former Head of the National Intelligence Community (RO), Former Head of the Romanian Military Intelligence - <i>The Opportunity of Religious Convergence and the Black Sea Area Security;</i> <b>Dr. Mykola NAZAROV</b>, Director, Research Center for Regional Security, Ukraine – <i>Strengthening National Resilience of Ukraine in Combating Hybrid Threats;</i> <b>Dr. Eugene KOGAN</b>, Expert in Defence Sector, based in Tbilisi, Georgia – <i>Russia Armed Forces and the Black Sea Security;</i> <b>Dr. Alexandru GEORGESCU</b>, Strategic Analyst, EURISC Foundation – <i>Critical Infrastructures - a Coordinate of Black Sea Security Challenges;</i> <b>Mr. Cosmin GHIȚĂ</b>, CEO NUCLEARELECTRICA - <i>Asymmetric Risks' Impact on Nuclear Safety in the NATO Black Sea Basin.</i></p>
16:00 – 17:30	<p><b>SESSION C, PANEL 1</b> (Lucian Blaga Hall, LBUS) <b><i>Energizing NATO – EU cooperation on key issues: hybrid warfare, cyber security, psychological and information operations, terrorism, maritime cooperation, etc. Protecting citizens through public awareness programs and Euro-Atlantic collective engagement</i></b></p> <p><b>Moderators:</b> <b>Prof. Ph.D. Ganna A. KHARLAMOVA</b>, Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine; <b>Prof. Ph.D. M.G. (ret) Adrieian PÂRLOG</b>, Former Deputy Head of Romanian Military Intelligence.</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Prof. Ph.D. Vasile PUȘCAȘ</b>, Babeș-Bolyai University, Former Minister of EU Accession – <i>NATO and EU – a Partnership for Interdependent Security;</i> <b>Assoc. Prof. Ph.D. Mim Sertaç TÜMTAŞ</b>, Sociology Department, Mehmet Akif Ersoy University, Turkey – <i>Immigration and Refugee Crisis - Decisive Factors in Recent Security Policies;</i></p>

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	<p><b>Prof. Ph.D. Adrian POP</b>, Faculty of Political Science, National University of Political Science and Public Administration/SNSPA – <i>Conceptualizing the Black Sea Subregionalism: A Multifaceted Approach</i>;</p> <p><b>Mr. Flavius CABA-MARIA</b>, President of Middle East Political and Economic Institute – <i>Cooperation or Confrontation in the Wider Black Sea Region? The Nexus Between Challenges and Strategic Interests</i>;</p> <p><b>Assoc. Prof. Ph.D. Vasile SIMILEANU</b>, Academy of Economic Studies, Editor-in-chief <i>GeoPolitica Magazine</i> – <i>Black Sea Under the Pressures of Hybrid War</i>.</p>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> of June 2018</b>	
09:40 – 10:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:00 – 12:30	<b>The Policy Paper Debate</b> (Avram Iancu Aula, LBUS)
12:30 – 12:45	<b>FINAL REMARKS</b> (Avram Iancu Aula, LBUS)
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> of June 2018</b>	
Departure of participants	



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#### **GUEST SPEAKERS**

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