

## The Budapest Security Conference: What do we expect in Warsaw?

### Tasks and Challenges of the NATO

#### Program of the event

**Date: Budapest, 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

**Venue: Gerbeaud Budapest, Vörösmarty tér 7-8, 1051**

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The last NATO Summit proved that the security architecture of Europe has seldom faced so many challenges as in the last two years. Although cooperation in Europe, including the V4 has developed substantially in the field of security and defense, the environment is changing so rapidly that further fields of cooperation should be established, while others have to be revised. The conference, organised one year after the Wales Summit and half a year before the summit in Poland, would like to support and keep the discussion on a more intensified level. In the Budapest Security Conference, we intend to focus on topics in which the region has special interest or a larger influence, and promote further discussions where there is no united position yet, or cooperation is still insufficient.

#### 8.30 Registration

#### 9.00 Opening Speech

*Dániel Bartha*, Director, Centre for Euro-Atlantic Integration and Democracy

#### 9.15 Welcome Speech

*Frank Spengler*, Resident Representative of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung in Hungary

#### 9.30-10.45 PANEL I: European Security Outlook before the NATO Summit

Half a year before the Warsaw Summit the situation needs to be re-evaluated. Europe's security status changed dramatically in 2015, the Alliance has to face several crises and challenges. New perspectives should be delivered for the Summit in Poland.

Moderated by: *István Gyarmati*, Member of the Board, Centre for Euro-Atlantic Integration and Democracy

Speakers: *Péter Szijjártó*, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary

*Miroslav Lajčák*, Deputy-Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic

*Nikola Poposki*, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Macedonia

*Ted Whiteside*, Assistant Secretary General for Public Diplomacy, NATO

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## 10.45 Coffee Break

## 11:00 Keynote speech: The future of the NATO Partnerships with key partners on NATO's Eastern Frontier

*Mr. Iurie Leanca, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova*

## 11.15 PANEL II: Migration as a Long-term Challenge

Central and South-Eastern Europe experienced an unprecedented influx of refugees/migrants in 2015. The massive inflow continues in 2016, posing a political, a humanitarian and also a security challenge for Europe. The effective protection of outside borders, the control and the proper registration of immigrants are tasks all European states need to fulfill, but approaches are still different. Can we make a convergence and find a common European security strategy?

Moderated by: *Edit Inotai, Senior Fellow, Centre for Euro-Atlantic Integration and Democracy*

Speakers: *Michael Spindelegger, Director General, International Centre for Migration Policy Development (to be confirmed)*

*Zsolt Németh, Chairperson of Foreign Affairs Committee, Hungary*

*Álvaro Renedo Zalba, Senior Adviser for European Affairs and G20. Office of the Prime Minister of Spain*

*Georg Georgiev, Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Bulgaria*

## 12.45 Lunch

## 13:45 Keynote speech: Towards the Warsaw Summit

*Tomasz Chłoń, Ambassador, Plenipotentiary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland for Preparing the NATO Summit (to be confirmed)*

## 14.00 PANEL III: NATO-Russia Relationship: the End of a “Beautiful Friendship”

The crisis in Ukraine created a dead-lock in NATO-Russian relations. We have to deal with the shadow of the conflict for years, but there is a clear need for some kind of cooperation. Among other fields, discussion is necessary in questions like nuclear disarmament, Islamic radicalism or the future of Syria.

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Moderated by: *Martin Michelot*, Director of the Global Europe program and Head of Research at the Europeum Institute for European Policy

Speakers: *General Rainer Meyer zum Felde*, Brigadier General, Defence Advisor at the Permanent Delegation of the Federal Republic of Germany to NATO

*Boris Shmelev*, Director of Institute for Political Research at Russian Academy of Sciences and Arts Moscow

*Janis Berzins*, Director of Research of Latvian National Defence Academy

*Desmond Bowen*, Former Director-General of Operational Policy in the Ministry of Defence, United Kingdom

### 15.15 Coffee Break

**15.30 Keynote Speech** (*Hungarian Ministry of Defence- to be confirmed*)

### 15.45 PANEL IV: Collective Defence

Through the ongoing changes in security and military strategies, we already experience that the crises had a long-term impact on the security perceptions in our region. These changes can modify the development of the armed forces, the active involvement of these countries in international missions and they can further enlarge the gap within the NATO. Therefore it is most likely that new fields of in-depth cooperation have to be introduced, while previous programs have to be reviewed.

Moderated by: *Wojciech Lorenz*, Senior Fellow, Polish Institute of International Affairs

Speakers: *Tomasz Szatkowski*, Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of National Defence, Poland (*to be confirmed*)

*Jiří Schneider*, Executive Director, Aspen Institute Prague

*Péter Siklósi*, Deputy State Secretary for Defence Policy and Planning

*Ulrich Schlie*, Professor, former Political Director of the Defence Ministry of Germany (*to be confirmed*)

### 17.00 Summary and closing remarks

*István Gyarmati*, Member of the Board, Centre for Euro-Atlantic Integration and Democracy

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