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## Hybrid Threats and Resilience of Society, Critical Infrastructure and the State

7-8 October 2022, Hotel Sheraton, Zagreb, Croatia

### PROGRAM



### Day 0: Thursday, October 6, 2022

20:00 – Dinner for Speakers, Panel Chairs, and Guests of Honour (Invitation only)

### Friday, October 7, 2022

08:30 – 09:00 Arrivals and Registration

09:00- 09:20 Opening Ceremony

- Assist.Prof. Gordan Akrap, Hybrid Warfare Research Institute, Zagreb
- Prof.Dr. Shlomo Shpiro, Bar Ilan University, Ramat Gan
- Lt. general Slaven Zdilar

09:20- 11:00 Keynote Speakers – Transatlantic Cooperation and new Security Architecture

- Prof.Dr. Ulrich Schlie, University Bonn, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung
- mr. David van Weel, ASG for Emerging Security Challenges, NATO (tbc)
- Dr Bryan Wells, NATO Chief Scientist (tbc)
- Mrs. Dubravka Šuica, Vice-President (2019-2024) of European Commission for Democracy and Demography (tbc)
- Mr. Andrej Plenković, President of the Government of the Republic of Croatia (tbc)

11:00-11:15 Coffee Break





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**11:15-13:00 Panel I: Hybrid Threats, NATO, and national case studies**

**Chair: General (ret., OF-9) Mirko Šundov, PhD**

**Dr. Dorthe Bach Nyemann, Institute for Strategy, Royal Danish Defence College, Denmark:** National Case Study I-1 – Kosovo

**Giles Reader, Strategic Environment Team, UK:** National Case Study I-2 – UK

**Linda Jarl, Swedish Defence Research Agency:** National Case Study I-3 – Sweden

**Dr. Janis Berzins, Center for Security and Strategic Research (CSSR) at the National Defense Academy of Latvia:** National Case Study I-4 – Latvia

**13:00-14:00 Lunch (one non-alcoholic beverage included)**

**14:00-15:45 Panel II: Hybrid Warfare in East Europe – joint Lithuanian-Ukrainian panel**

**Chair: Assist.Prof. Gordan Akrap, Neil Chuka**

**Colonel Vasyl Shviliuchynskyi, Phd, Head of the Army Department, National Defence University of Ukraine:** The Ukrainian Army's experience in countering russian aggression

**Dr. Mantas Bileišis, Military academy of Lithuania:** Total defence/whole of the government approach: the analysis or initial steps: Lithuania 2021

**Captain (Navy) Stepan Yakymiak, PhD, Head of the Naval Forces Department, National Defence University of Ukraine:** Hybrid and war actions of the Russian Federation at sea: lessons learned, cooperative countering and prospects

**Assoc. Prof. dr. Gintaras Labutis, Military academy of Lithuania:** Societal resilience as the important factor in whole of the government/total defence framework: Lithuania 2021.

**15:45-16:00 Coffee Break**





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**16:00-17:40 Panel III: Hybrid Threats, NATO, and National Case Studies**

**Chair: Prof.Dr. Iztok Podbregar, University of Maribor, Slovenia**

**Dr. Jan Bren, University of Defence, Czech Republic:** National Case Study III-1 - Czech Republic

**Colonel Viacheslav Semenko, PhD, the Deputy Head of the Center for Military Strategic Studies, National Defence University of Ukraine:** National Case Study III-2 – Ukraine: Military Aspects of Countering Hybrid Aggression: Ukrainian Experience

**Prof., dr. Giedrius Česnakas, Military Academy of Lithuania:** National Case Study III-3 – Lithuania

**Dr. Barak Bouks, Bar Ilan University, Israel:** National Case Study III-4 – Israel

**17:40-18:00 Coffee Break**

**18:00-19:20 Panel IV: Hybrid Threats in a Regional Context**

**Chair: Prof.Dr. Shlomo Shpiro, Bar Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel**

**Naval Lieutenant Teun van de Ven, M.A. & Prof.Dr. Sebastiaan Rietjens, Netherlands Defence Academy:** Warning for hybrid threats: the role of sensemaking (online)

**Dr. Vira Ratsiborynska, Adjunct professor on NATO and transatlantic approaches to security, Free University of Brussels (VUB):** Disinformation, Misinformation, and use of propaganda (Case study on Russia)

**Ljubomir Filipović, Analyst, Montenegro:** Russian and Serbian Influence Operations in, and against, Montenegro

**20:15 - Networking dinner for all Forum participants (two non-alcoholic beverages included)**





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## Day 2: Saturday, October 8, 2022

### Introduction to Second Zagreb Security Forum Day

**10:00-Mr. Holger Haibach**, Head of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Office in Zagreb

### **10:10-11:30 Panel V: Young Researchers and Hybrid Threats Resiliency**

**Chair: ir. Yvan de Mesmaeker, ECSA, Belgium**

**Eleni Kapsokoli, University of Piraeus:** Electoral interference in the EU: Regulating technology to protect democracy

**Amelia Tomalska, University of Warsaw:** Critical infrastructure in the twilight zone

**Mislav Novaković, University of Zagreb:** Regional security: Bosnia and Herzegovina

### **11:30-13:00 Panel VI: Smart Critical Infrastructure Protection and Hybrid Threats**

**Chair: Hrvoje Sagrak, INFODOM, Croatia**

**David Vaandrager & Prof.Dr. Gilliam de Valk, University of Leiden:** System analysis, a horizon scan of factors – related to globalisation, interstate competition, climate, and economy – posing a threat to the critical infrastructure

**Prof.Dr. Artur Gruszczak, Chair of National Security, Jagiellonian University, Krakow:** “Resilience Dividend” and the Mitigation of Hybrid Threats: Lessons Learnt and Recommendations

**Prof.Dr. Slavko Vidović, Smart Industry:** Strategic Competencies Development and Operations Team Verification for CIP

**Dr. Vytis Kopustinskis,** scientific officer at European Commission, Joint Research Center: Research activities on resilience of critical energy infrastructure at the JRC





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### **13:00-13:10 Forum Conclusions - Future Challenges, Joint Responses**

*Co-chairs: Assist.Prof. Gordan Akrap, Prof. Dr. Shlomo Shpiro,*

*The aim of this session is to integrate the lessons learned from the individual presentations of the previous two days, both in terms of threat analysis and of networked responses. Furthermore, this session will facilitate a wider discussion on the needs for joint capacity building, intensive interoperability, and mutual multi-level crisis assistance.*

### **13:10-14:15 Lunch (one non-alcoholic beverage included)**

**CLOSED SESSION – INVITATION ONLY – NATO SECURITY CLEARANCE  
REQUIRED**

### **14:15-16:15 Panel VII: Hybrid Threats, NATO, and national case studies**

**Chair: Neil Chuka, Ministry of Defence, Canada**

**National Case Study VII-1 – Serbia**

**National Case Study VII-2 - Montenegro**

**Lt.Col Janne Makitalo, PhD, National Defence University: National Case Study VII-3 - Finland**

**Assist.Prof. Gordan Akrap, University North, Croatia: National Case Study VII-4 – Croatia**

### **Important information:**

1. Forum is organised according to pandemic situation in a hybrid way – “in situ” and online
2. Forum has the highest possible epidemiological standards. Entrance to the Forum area will be allowed only for persons with valid EU Digital COVID 19 certificates, with our ID accreditations and after temperature checking.
3. Every activity (conference halls, restaurants, coffee breaks, rooms) are going to be organised in a Hotel due to the disease prevention.
4. Forum organisers are reserving the right to change the Program according to the necessities.

