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Hybrid threats: overcoming ambiguity, building resilience

Expert level workshop, September 10th - 11th, 2015

Conference Hall, Vokieciu str. 10, Vilnius, Lithuania
Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University

Programme

10th of September

11:30 – 12:00 Registration. Coffee and snacks

12:00 – 12:30 Welcome and opening remarks

Linus Linkevičius, Minister of Foreign Affairs

Col Gintaras Bagdonas, Director of NATO ENSEC COE

Ramūnas Vilpišauskas, Director of IIRPS, VU

Keynote speaker:

Edvardas Mažeikis, Director of the NATO Standardization Office

12:30 – 14:00 **Panel I. Information security threats: sowing the seeds of doubt and discontent.**

The panel will focus on (dis)information activities that make the ground fertile for hostile objectives and instruments to counter it.

Moderator: Neringa Vaisbrodė, Adviser to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Lithuania

Panelists:

Dr. Nerijus Maliukevičius, Lecturer and Scientific researcher at Vilnius University, Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Lithuania.

Mr. Ruslan Deynychenko, Founder of Stopfake.org

Aivar Jaeski, Deputy Director of the NATO StratCom COE

Michal Baranowski, GMF, director of Warsaw Office

Discussion

14:00 – 14:20 Coffee and snacks

14:20 – 16:00 **Panel II. Overcoming ambiguity**

How to cope with the challenge of attribution and ambiguity, how to effectively align civil-military dimensions and avoid limitations at the decision making level?

Kick-off remarks: LTC Artūras Jasinskis, Lithuanian National Volunteer Forces

Moderator: Vaidotas Urbelis, Ministry of National Defence, Republic of Lithuania

Panelists:

Mike Winnerstig, Deputy Director of Research at Swedish Defence Research Agency (FOI)

Heidi Meyer, Political Advisor, NATO Land Component Command

Tadas Valionis, Deputy Director, Transatlantic Cooperation and Security Policy Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Lithuania

Discussion

16:00 – 16:20 Coffee and snacks

16:20 – 18:00 **Panel III. Threats to Energy Security and Critical Energy Infrastructure. (Organised by NATO ENSEC COE)**

What are the challenges and threats to a State's energy security, and foremost, to its Critical Energy Infrastructure during unconventional conflicts.

Moderator and keynote speaker: Aušra Semaškienė, Ambassador at Large, Economic Security Policy Departments, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lithuanian and Co-chairman of NATO IRCSSG

Panelists:

Christophe-Alexandre Paillard, Research Director of the French Ecole Militaire Strategic Research Institute (IRSEM), French MOD

Vaclav Bartuška, Ambassador-At-Large for Energy Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

Giedrius Radvila, M.Sc. (Power Eng.), Director of Power System Operations Department, LITGRID

Andrii Chubyk, Centre for Global Studies 'Strategy XXI'

Discussion

18:00 – 18:20 Closing of the first day panels, remarks

11th of September

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 10:40 **Panel IV. Best Practices and Lessons Learnt in Critical Energy Infrastructure Protection (Organised by NATO ENSEC COE)**

The panel will focus on the examples of critical energy infrastructure protection initiatives in the Region and lessons learnt from incidents and previous initiatives.

Moderator: Dalius Labanauskas, Head of National Security and Crisis Management Unit, Office of the Government of the republic of Lithuania

Panelists:

Maciej Pyznar, Critical Infrastructure Protection Unit, Government Centre for Security, Poland

Lukáš Lehotský, Masaryk university, Czech Republic

Oleksandr Sukhodolija - National Institute for Strategic studies (NISS) of Ukraine

Nicolas Henry, Deputy Director, NATO ENSEC COE

Discussion

10:40 – 11:00 Coffee and snacks

11:00 – 12:40 **Panel V. Social resilience: best practices and examples**

The panel will focus on building social resilience to provocations, raising social awareness to hybrid threats.

Moderator: Tomas Jermalavičius, ICDS Research Fellow

Panelists:

Fredrik Konnander, Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB)

Dmitri Teperik, International Centre for Defence and Security

Kristijonas Vizbaras, Lithuanian Riflemen's Union

Discussion

12:40 – 13:00 Closing of the workshop, final remarks, sum up

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