

**Mihai Fifor**, Minister of National Defense, Romania

**Mr. Mihai Fifor** was appointed the Minister of National Defense of Romania in September 2017. Between January 16<sup>th</sup> and January 29<sup>th</sup> 2018, he held the position of Interim Prime Minister of the Romanian Government, after being the Minister of Economy between July – September 2017. Mr. Fifor is a Senator of the Social Democratic Party in the Parliament of Romania since 2012 and was a senatorial group leader between 2015-2016. He also held the position of a State Secretary in the Romanian Ministry of Administration and Interior.

Mr. Fifor holds a Ph.D. in Social Anthropology, Magna cum laudae, from the University of Craiova since 2003 and is a graduate of the Master "Public Business Management" from the National School of Political and Administrative Studies Bucharest, specializing in the management of the public institutions, graduate of the National Defense College, Security and Good Governance discipline, graduate of the National College of Internal Affairs - "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" Police Academy, Department of Internal Affairs, of the training courses "Foreign Policy and Diplomacy" and "International Security. The Challenges of the 21st Century" within the Romanian Diplomatic Institute.