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• **Friday, 3 September**

08:00 – 09:30 – Registration

09:30 – 09:45 Official opening

(Plenary - open session – press access)

[University of Agronomic Sciences – "Bucharest" Venue]

09:30 – 09:45 Welcome remarks: Mr. Ionel Nițu, President, New Strategy Center and Mr. Răzvan Teodorescu, Acting Rector of the University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Sciences;

- Mrs. Ligia Deca, Presidential Advisor for Education (Message from H.E. Klaus Iohannis, The President of Romania, on the occasion of the 5th edition of the Black Sea and Balkans Security Forum)

09:45 – 10:55 Panel I. Pandemics, Infodemics and Education. Supporting Digital Literacy Projects and Countering Fake News Campaigns and Disinformation

(Open session, press access)

[University of Agronomic Sciences – "Bucharest" Venue]

Chair: Prof. Alina Bârgăoanu, Senior Associate Expert, New Strategy Center; Dean, Faculty of Communication and Public Relations, National School of Political Science and Public Administration (SNSPA), Romania

- Mrs. Ligia Deca, Presidential Advisor for Education, Romania
- H.E. Sorin Cîmpeanu, Minister of Education, Romania
- Mr. Angel Țîlvăr, Chairperson, Committee on Democracy and Security, NATO Parliamentary Assembly, Romania
- Mr. Mihnea Rădulescu, Director Enterprise Business Unit, Vodafone Romania

10:25-10:55 Open Discussion

10:55- 11:15 Break

11:15 – 12:35 Panel IIa. Opportunities in the Black Sea Region for the Energy Sector. Development, Cooperation, Supplier Diversification

(Plenary - open session, press access)

[University of Agronomic Sciences – "Bucharest" Venue]

Chair: Mr. Marilen Pirtea, Rector of the West University of Timișoara, Romania

- H.E. Virgil Popescu, Minister of Energy, Romania
 - Mr. Ion Sterian, CEO Transgaz, Romania
 - Mr. Alexandru Maximescu, Vice-President Regulatory & Corporate Public Affairs, OMV Petrom, Romania
 - Mr. Cosmin Ghiță, General Manager, Nuclearelectrica, Romania
 - Mr. Ștefan Popescu, Deputy Director of Regulatory and Public Affairs, ENGIE Romania
- 12:15 – 12:35 Open Discussions

11:15 – 12:35 Panel IIb. Unmanned Systems in the Black Sea Region. Smart Approach, Fast Development

(Open session, press access)

[University of Agronomic Sciences – “Danube” Venue]

Chair: Rear Admiral (Ret.) Sorin Learschi, Senior Associate Expert, New Strategy Center, Romania

- Rear Admiral Mihai Panait, Chief of the Naval Forces, Romania
 - CAPT (Navy) Iuri Covaleov, Deputy Chief Military Intelligence for ISR, Ministry of Defence, Romania
 - General (Ret) Frank Gorenc, Consultant for General Atomics, Aeronautical Systems Inc., USA
 - Rear Admiral UH (Ret.) Noam Feig, Senior Naval Consultant, Elbit Systems, Israel
 - Mr. Geraint Lloyd, Business Development and Strategy Director of U-Tacs, UK
 - CAPT. (Ret.) Tzahi Appelman, Consultant for Maritime & Advanced Programs in IAI\MALAT Division, Israel
- 12:05 – 12:35 Open Discussions

12:35-12:50 Break

12:50 - 14:00 Panel IIIa. Old Frozen Conflicts and New Wars. Lessons for the Future

(Open session, press access)

[University of Agronomic Sciences – “Bucharest” Venue]

Chair: Professor Dan Dungaciu, member of the Scientific Council, New Strategy Center, Romania

- Mr. Igor Munteanu, former ambassador of Republic of Moldova to the US, Republic of Moldova
 - Ambassador Pavlo Klimkin, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ukraine (via VTC)
 - Ambassador Kurt Volker, former U.S. Special Representative for Ukraine, USA (via VTC)
 - Ambassador Pierre Andrieu, former Ambassador of France to the Republic of Moldova and Tajikistan; former co-chair of the Minsk Group on Nagorno-Karabakh conflict
 - Mr. Alexander Iskandaryan, Director, Caucasus Institute, Armenia
 - Ambassador Farid Shafiyev, Chairman, Center of Analysis of International Relations, Azerbaidjan
- 13:30 – 14:00 Open Discussions

12:50 - 14:00 Panel IIIb. Food Security and Resilience in the Black Sea Region and the Balkans in the context of COVID-19 and Other Shocks

(Plenary - open session, press access)

[University of Agronomic Sciences – “Black Sea” Venue]

Chair: Mrs. Nastasia Belc, President/General Manager, National Research and Development Institute for Food Bioresources (IBA), Romania

- Mr. László Borbély, State Advisor, Coordinator of the National Strategy for Sustainable Development, Romania
- Mrs. Heather McKhann, Coordinator Executive Secretariat, Joint Programming Initiative on Agriculture, Food Security and Climate Change (FACCE-JPI)
- Mrs. Claudia Zoani, Researcher, Biotechnologies and Agroindustry Division (BIOAG), Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Sustainable Economic Development (ENEA), Italy
- Mrs. Gina Fîntîneru, Vice Rector, University of Agronomic Sciences and Veterinary Medicine, Romania

13:30 – 14:00 Open Discussions

12:50 - 14:00 Panel IIIc. The Pandemic and the Future of the Economy. Development Trends in the Region

(Open session, press access)

[University of Agronomic Sciences – “Danube” Venue]

Chair: Mrs. Alexandra Gătej, Member of the Scientific Council, New Strategy Center, Romania

- Mr. István-Loránt Antal, Chairman, Committee on Energy, Energy Infrastructure and Mineral Resources, Senate, Romanian Parliament
- Mrs. Andreja Marusic, Senior Private Sector Specialist, World Bank (via VTC)
- Mr. Radu Crăciun, President, Association for Private Pensions in Romania; General Manager, Romanian Commercial Bank (BCR) Pensions, Romania
- Mr. Alexandru Reff, Country Managing Partner, Deloitte, Romania

13:30-14:00 Open Discussions

14:00 - 15:30 Break

15:30 – 17:00 Panel IV. Deterrence and Defence in the Euro-Atlantic Area. A Unitary and Comprehensive Response for the Safety of the Black Sea Region and the Balkans

(Chatham House rules, no press access)

[University of Agronomic Sciences – “Bucharest” Venue]

Chair: Major General (Ret.) Leonardo Dinu, member of the Scientific Council, New Strategy Center; former Deputy Chief of Military Intelligence Directorate, Romania

- Admiral Rob Bauer, Chairman of the NATO Military Committee, Netherlands
- Rear Admiral Alfonso Delgado Moreno, Assistant Chief of Staff J5, Allied Joint Force Command Naples, NATO, Spain
- Lieutenant General Daniel Petrescu, Chief of Defence, Romania

16:30 – 17:00 Open Discussions

17:00 -17:30 Break

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17:30 – 18:45 Panel V. Classic and Hybrid Challenges on NATO’s Eastern Flank. Building a Better Common Threats Understanding

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[University of Agronomic Sciences – “Bucharest” Venue]

Chair: Ambassador Cristian Diaconescu, member of the Scientific Council, New Strategy Center; former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Romania

- H.E. Nicolae Ciucă, Minister of National Defence, Romania

- General (Ret.) Curtis Scaparrotti, former Supreme Allied Commander Europe, USA (via VTC)
 - General (Ret.) Sir James Everard, former Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe (DSACEUR), UK
- 18:15 - 18:45 Open Discussions

- **Saturday, 4 September**

08:00 – 09:30 – Registration

08.15 - 09.25 Panel VI. Morning Special Session. What Does the Fall of Afganistan Mean for the USA, NATO and EU?

(Open session, press access)

[University of Agronomic Sciences – "Bucharest" Venue]

Chair: Ms. Antonia Colibășanu, Analyst, Geopolitical Futures, Romania

- Mr. Harlan Ullman, Senior Advisor, Atlantic Council, USA
- General (ret.) Sir James Everard, former Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe, UK
- Ambassador Pierre Andrieu, former Ambassador of France to Tajikistan, France
- Mr. Charles Powell, Director of the Elcano Royal Institute, Spain
- Mr. Murat Yeşiltaş, Director of security studies, Foundation for Political, Economic and Social Research (SETA), Turkey

09.25 – 09.45 Break

09:45 – 10:45 Panel VII. Challenges and Opportunities in the Post-Pandemic World

(Open session, press access)

[University of Agronomic Sciences – "Bucharest" Venue]

Chair: Ambassador Sorin Ducaru, Honorary Chairman of the Scientific Council, New Strategy Center; Director, European Union Satellite Centre, Romania

- H.E. Bogdan Aurescu, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Romania
- H.E. Gordan Grlić Radman, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Croatia (via VTC)

10:45 -11:05 Break

11:05 – 12:20 Panel VIIIa. Security and Prosperity. Future Infrastructure for a Safer Region

(Open session, press access)

[University of Agronomic Sciences – "Bucharest" Venue]

Chair: Ms. Antonia Colibășanu, Analyst, Geopolitical Futures, Romania

- Mr. Ionel Scioșteanu, State Secretary, Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructures, Romania
- Mr. Gordon Skip Davis, former Deputy Assistant Secretary General, Defense Investment Division, NATO, USA (via VTC)
- Ambassador Mihnea Motoc, Deputy Head, European Political Strategy Center (EPSC), European Commission; former Minister of National Defence, Romania (via VTC)

- Lieutenant General (Ret.) Ben Hodges, Pershing Chair in Strategic Studies, Center for European Policy Analysis (CEPA); former commander United States Army Europe, USA (via VTC)
 - Gen (Ret.) Gheorgehe Savu, Director, Damen Naval Romania, Romania
 - Mr. Cătălin Podaru, General Manager, Leviatan, Romania
- 12:00– 12:20 Open Discussions

11:05 – 12:20 Panel VIIIb. European Research and Development for Defence. Opportunities for the Future

(Open session, press access)

[University of Agronomic Sciences – "Danube" Venue]

Chair: Liviu Coșereanu, member of the Scientific Council, New Strategy Center, Romania

- Major General Teodor Incicaș, Chief of the General Directorate for Armaments, Ministry of National Defence, Romania
- Mr. Gustaf Winroth, Policy Officer, European Defence Fund – Research (DEFIS A3), Directorate-General Defence Industry and Space, European Commission (via VTC)
- Mr. Cyrille Bret, Development Director, Naval Group, France
- Mr. Cristian Sfichi, Manager for Defence, Thales Romania, Romania
- Mr. Cătălin Nae, General Director, National Institute of Aerospace Research "ELIE CARAFOLI" – INCAS, Romania

11:50– 12:20 Open Discussions

12:20– 12:45 Break

12:45-14:00 Panel IXa. One Year and a Half of Coping with the Pandemic. Has Health Care Become a Strategic Component of the National and International Security Environment?

(Open session, press access)

[University of Agronomic Sciences – "Bucharest" Venue]

Chair: Mr. Dan Iliescu, Rector of the Ovidius University of Constanta, Romania

- Mr. Cristian Bușoi, Chairman, Committee on Industry, Research and Energy, EU Parliament, Romania
- Mr. Raed Arafat, State Secretary, Head of the Emergency Department, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Romania
- Mr. Andrei Baci, State Secretary, Ministry of Health, Romania
- Mr. Daniel Ioniță, Cyber Security Manager, Cymed/Infoworld, Romania

13:30-14:00 Open Discussions

12:45-14:00 Panel IXb. The US Defense Industry, East-Central Europe and Industrial Cooperation. A Partnership for a More Resilient Economy in the Region

(Open session, press access)

[University of Agronomic Sciences – "Danube" Venue]

Chair: Lieutenant General (Ret.) Cătălin Moraru, former Deputy Chief of the Armaments Department, Ministry of Defence, Romania

- Mrs. Daniela Nicolescu, State Secretary, Ministry of Economy, Romania
- Mr. Daniel Bedoya, Regional Business Development Manager, Central and Eastern Europe, Lockheed Martin Rotary and Mission Systems, USA
- Mr. Silviu Grecu, General Manager, Romaero, Romania

- Mr. Adam Hodges, Capture Team Leader, Europe and the Middle East, International Vertical Lift Sales & Marketing, Boeing Defense, Space & Security, USA
 - Mr. Paul Strebel, Senior Director – International Business Development for Oshkosh Defense, LLC, USA
- 13:30 – 14:00 Open Discussions

14:00 – 15:30 Break

15:30 – 16:45 Panel Xa. Building Resilience in the Balkans. Old and New Challenges for the Region

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[University of Agronomic Sciences – “Bucharest” Venue]

Chair: Ambassador (Ret.) Gheorghe Magheru, member of the Scientific Council, New Strategy Center, Romania

- Mr. Daniel Markić, Director, Security-Intelligence Agency (SOA), Croatia
- Ambassador (Ret.) Victor Jackovich, first US Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina, former U.S. Ambassador to Slovenia, US (via VTC)
- Mr. Yordan Bozhilov, Founder and President of the Sofia Security Forum, Bulgaria (via VTC)
- Major General Cristian Bizadea, Deputy Director, Romanian Intelligence Service, Romania

16:15 – 16:45 Open Discussions

15:30 – 16:45 Panel Xb. Connectivity, Cyber Security and 5G Challenges

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[University of Agronomic Sciences – “Danube” Venue]

Chair: Mr. Marcel Foca, Senior Expert, New Strategy Center, Romania

- Ambassador Sorin Ducaru, Honorary Chairman of the Scientific Council, New Strategy Center; Director, European Union Satellite Centre, Romania
- Mr. Christian-Marc Liflander, Head of the NATO Cyber Defence Section, Estonia (via VTC)
- Mr. Vlad Stoica, President, National Authority for Management and Regulation in Communications (ANCOM), Romania
- Brigadier General Anton Rog, Director, National CyberInt Center, Romanian Intelligence Service
- Mr. Rene Summer, Director Government & Industry Relations, Ericsson, Sweden (via VTC)
- Mr. Timo Koster, former ambassador-at-large for security policy and cyber, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands

16:15 – 16:45 Open Discussions

16:45 – 17:10 Break

17:10-18:25 Panel XI. Post-Pandemic World and International (In)Security.

(Open session, press access)

[University of Agronomic Sciences – “Bucharest” Venue]

Chair: Ambassador (Ret.) Doru Costea, Senior Associate Expert, New Strategy Center, Romania

- Mr. Charles Powell, Director of the Elcano Royal Institute, Spain
- Ambassador Elena Poptodorova, Vice President of the Atlantic Club of Bulgaria, former Ambassador of Bulgaria to the USA (via VTC)

- Mr. Harlan Ullman, Senior Advisor, Atlantic Council, USA
 - Mr. George Friedman, Chairman, Geopolitical Futures, USA (via VTC)
 - Ambassador Teodor Meleşcanu, member of the Scientific Council, New Strategy Center; former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Romania
 - Mr. Christopher Coker, Professor, London School of Economics, Director of IDEAS, LSE's foreign policy think tank, UK (via VTC)
- 18:00 – 18:25 Open Discussions

18:25 – 18:40 Break

18:40-19:55 Panel XII. Challenges of the New Generation Warfare. Multi-Dimensional Approaches in the Post-Pandemic Strategic Environment

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[University of Agronomic Sciences – "Bucharest" Venue]

Chair: Mr. Greg Melcher, Chief Operations Officer, Center for the Study of New Generation Warfare, USA

- Mrs. Simona Cojocaru, State Secretary, Ministry of National Defence, Romania
 - Mr. Guillaume Ollagnier, Head of Division for Europe, America & Multilateral action, Ministry of Defence, France
 - Lieutenant General Stephan Thomas, Commander, DEU Elements MN Corps/Basic Military Organisation, Land Forces, Germany
 - Major General Iulian Berdilă, Chief of Land Forces, Romania
 - Mr. Karsten Friis, Senior Research Fellow, Head of Research Group on Security and Defense, The Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI) (via VTC)
- 19:30 – 19:55 Open Discussions

19:55 – 20:00 Closing remarks: Ambassador Sorin Ducaru, Honorary Chairman of the Scientific Board, New Strategy Center; Mr. Răzvan Teodorescu, Interim Rector of the University of Agronomic Sciences

Note - Simultaneous translation into English and Romanian is available.

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