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Brigadier General (Ret.) Eduard Simion is a Senior Associate Expert at the New Strategy Center in Romania and a former high-ranking NATO official with extensive expertise in military intelligence, defense planning, and international security. A graduate of the “Nicolae Bălcescu” Land Forces Academy (1990), he began his career as a paratrooper before transitioning into intelligence and international relations.

From 2007 to 2017, he served as the founding Director of the NATO HUMINT Centre of Excellence, where he also chaired the NATO HUMINT Working Group and Technology Working Group, significantly shaping NATO’s human intelligence doctrine and capabilities. His operational deployments include missions in KFOR (Kosovo), OIF (Iraq), and ISAF (Afghanistan).

Between 2017 and 2020, he served as the Supreme Allied Commander Transformation (SACT) Representative to NATO Headquarters in Brussels, contributing to strategic decision-making within the NATO Military Committee. Before retiring, he was Deputy Secretary of State for Defense Planning and International Relations in Romania’s Ministry of Defense.

Gen. Simion holds a PhD in Geopolitics from the University of Oradea, a Master’s in European Integration and Public Administration, and a degree in Foreign Languages. He currently teaches Security Studies at the University of Oradea and lectures at NATO School Oberammergau. His accolades include the Romanian “Military Virtue” (Officer rank), U.S. Army Commendation Medal, and various NATO operational medals.