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SECURITY IN THE BLACK SEA REGION. SHARED CHALLENGES, SUSTAINABLE FUTURE PROGRAM

SHAPING THE FUTURE OF THE BLACK SEA REGION:
GAMECHANGERS AND PREDICTORS



BUCHAREST, ROMANIA

INTERCONTINENTAL HOTEL

MAY 28-31, 2018



The 2018 edition of the

“Security in the Black Sea Region. Shared challenges, sustainable future” Program

Date:	May 28 th - May 31 st 2018
Duration:	4 days
Location:	Bucharest (Romania)
Topic:	Shaping the future of the Black Sea Region: Gamechangers and Predictors
Description:	<p>“Security in the Black Sea Region. Shared challenges, sustainable future” Program (SBSR) is a training program aiming at bringing together policy makers, academia, security experts and foreign affairs officials from the Black Sea Region and their strategic partners. Its interactive and collaborative format includes lectures, debates, alternative scenarios and a strategic foresight exercise.</p> <p>SBSR is organized under the high patronage of the Romanian Presidential Administration, by the Romanian Intelligence Service’s “Mihai Viteazul” National Intelligence Academy, in partnership with Harvard University and the National Intelligence University, US.</p> <p>The 2018 edition of the Program - <i>Shaping the future of the Black Sea Region. Gamechangers and Predictors</i> - will be focused on identifying best ways to address threats experienced by countries in the region and capitalize on opportunities through partnerships. The main goal of the 2018 edition is to foster and enhance strategic thinking, foresight and policy planning in order to identify means and tools to turn the Black Sea from an area of confrontation to one of cooperation. The social, economic, security, cultural and identity issues at stake for resilient sustainable partnerships in the region are also brought into focus.</p> <p>The novelty that this year’s edition brings is a highly interactive and practical oriented alternative scenario making exercise based on the creative technique of storylines. Each topic is approached through a kick off briefing, followed by a Q&A session, a practical, interactive and dynamic exercise and last but not least, the creation of scenarios, in which each participant will have a chance to promote his/her perspective.</p> <p>The dynamic format provides academics, policymakers and practitioners with the right framework in which to create authentic communication and vision. The challenging set of strategic foresight and scenario-making tools encourages communication skills, collaborative work, strategy-making and the creation of an integrated, multi-level vision and knowledge on the topics discussed.</p>

Format	<p>The program is traditionally opened by the Presidency of Romania in a special ceremony and it includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an open access academic roundtable dedicated to: “Hybridity and its discontents. Hybrid threats, hybrid resilience”; • lectures and debates focused on the (1) political & economic, (2) social & cultural, (3) national & regional security dimensions of the Black Sea Region; • multiple problem solving exercise sessions on the topic: “The multiple futures of the Black Sea Regions. Building strategic foresight capacity through multiple scenarios”.
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Venue: Intercontinental Hotel

Day 1 (Monday, May 28th): Opening ceremony & academic roundtable	
8:30-10:00	Registration – Intercontinental Hotel, Ronda Room, 1 st floor
10:00-10:10	<p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Adrian-Liviu Ivan, Rector, “Mihai Viteazul” National Intelligence Academy
10:10 - 11:00	<p>Welcome Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romanian Intelligence Service representative • Romanian Presidential Administration representative • Ministry of Defense representative • Ministry of Foreign Affairs representative • Dr. Sergei Konoplyov, Director, Eurasia Security Program, Harvard University
11:00-12:30	<p>Roundtable, 1st part: <i>Building resilience to hybrid threats – fake news and disinformation. Lessons learned</i></p> <p>Moderator: prof. Irena Chiru, Acting Head of Research, “Mihai Viteazul” National Intelligence Academy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James Carafano, Vice-President, Kathryn and Shelby Cullom Davis Institute for National Security and Foreign Policy, Heritage Foundation • Rebeccah L. Heinrichs, Senior Fellow, Hudson Institute • Ulrik Trolle Smed, Policy Analyst at the European Political Strategy Centre, European Commission • Robert J. Smith, Associate Vice President for Research, National Intelligence University

14:00 - 15:30	<p>Roundtable, 2nd part: NATO's role in countering hybrid threats. Resilience building: outcomes and predictions.</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Sergei Konoplyov, Director, Eurasia Security Program, Harvard University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Ambassador Sorin Ducaru, Romanian diplomat, Senior Fellow, Hudson Institute • H.E. Ambassador Tacan Ildem, NATO Assistant Secretary General for Public Diplomacy • Jesse Karotkin, Head IPU, NATO Intelligence and Security Division • James Dean, Manager, International and Diplomatic Programs, Douglas and Sarah Allison Center for Foreign Policy, the Heritage Foundation
15:45 -17:15	Workshop - Peregrine Leadership - "Values-based Leadership for Black Sea Region" Leaders - Olin Oedekoven and Laurel Vicklund
19:30	Welcome reception

<p>Day 2 (Tuesday, May 29th): 1 panel dedicated to "Strategic Thinking, Foresight and Policy Planning in the Black Sea Region: Political and Economic Dimensions", 1 panel dedicated to "Strategic Thinking, Foresight and Policy Planning in the Black Sea Region: Social and Cultural Dimensions", problem solving session one</p>	
9:00 – 9:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome – Dr. Cristina Ivan, Program Director • Program philosophy, expected outcomes, exercise presentation – Nicu Bolea, Exercise Coordinator
9:30 – 11:00	<p>Keynote lectures ("Strategic Thinking, Foresight and Policy Planning in the Black Sea Region: Political and Economic Dimensions"):</p> <p>Moderator: Larry Hiponia, Chief, International Engagements Branch, Academy for Defense Intelligence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Corneliu Bjola, Associate Professor of Diplomatic Studies, University of Oxford • Dr. Valbona Zeneli, Professor of National Security Studies and the director of the Black Sea and Eurasia Program at the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies • Dr. Theresa Capelos, Senior Lecturer in Political Psychology, Deputy Director, Institute for Conflict, Cooperation and Security (ICCS), Birmingham
11:15 – 13:15	Exercise session I: "The multiple futures of the Black Sea Regions. Building strategic foresight capacity through multiple scenarios"

13:15-14:15	Lunch
14:15 - 15:45	<p>Keynote lectures (“Strategic Thinking, Foresight and Policy Planning in the Black Sea Region: Social and Cultural Dimensions”):</p> <p>Moderator: Robert J. Smith, Associate Dean, Anthony G. Oettinger School of Science and Technology, National Intelligence University</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kai Brand-Jacobsen, Director of the Department of Peace Operations (DPO), Peace Action, Training and Research Institute of Romania (PATRIR) • Dr. Dimitrios Triantaphyllou, Director of the Center for International and European Studies (CIES), and Associate Professor of International Relations, Kadir Has University, Istanbul • Dr. Cristina Ivan, Acting head of the National Institute for Intelligence Studies, MVNIA, Romania
15:45 – 16:00	Coffee break
16.00 - 18:00	<p>Exercise session II: “The multiple futures of the Black Sea Regions. Building strategic foresight capacity through multiple scenarios”</p> <p>Intercontinental Hotel, Mirrors’ Room, 1st floor</p>
18:00	Time at disposal

Day 3 (Wednesday, May 30th): 1 panel dedicated to “Strategic Thinking, Foresight and Policy Planning in the Black Sea Region: Regional and National Security”, problem solving session two	
9:00 - 10:30	<p>Keynote lectures (“Strategic Thinking, Foresight and Policy Planning in the Black Sea Region: Regional and National Security”):</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Cristina Ivan, Head of the National Institute for Intelligence Studies, MVNIA, Romania</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Vladimir Socor, Senior Fellow of the Washington-based Jamestown Foundation and its flagship publication, Eurasia Daily Monitor • John Watts, Non-resident Senior Fellow, Scowcroft Center of Strategy and Security, Atlantic Council • Iulian Fota, head of the National Intelligence College, ANIMV, Romania • Bennett McCutcheon, Regional Affairs Planning Specialist, HQ USEUCOM

10:30-12:00	Exercise session III: “The multiple futures of the Black Sea Region. Building strategic foresight capacity through multiple scenarios”
15:00 – 16:00	Closing ceremony

Day 4 (Tuesday, May 31st)	
9:00 - 15:00	Cultural Tour