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"Reform of security institutions in the Caucasus and Black Sea region: Five year perspectives from now"

**Venue of the conference: Park Inn by Radisson Istanbul Asia Kavacik
Kavacik Mah. Ekinciler Cad. Erturk Sok. No:3 Kavacik Beykoz/ Istanbul**

November18-21, 2018

AGENDA

November18-19, 2018

Arrival of Participants

19 November

19.00. Reception-Dinner for the participants.

Keynote Speaker Mr. Raphael Perl –Director, Partnership for Peace Consortium
"From NATO's 2004 Istanbul Summit decisions on SSR to today's Conference:
Achievements and further perspectives".

First Day: November 20, 2018

- 08.45-09.00** Registration
- 09.00- 09.15** Opening:
Welcoming address:
Elkhan Mehdiyev –Project director
- Mrs. Mehriban Rahimli**, The Black Sea Trust for Regional Cooperation
- 09.15- 09.45** **Keynote Address:** "How can SSR contribute to the enhancement of cooperation between NATO and partner countries". **Dr. F. Lucioli**, **President of ATA.**
- 09.45-10.45** **Session I: "Civil-Military Relations and Security Sector Reform in Ukraine: Reform practice and further perspectives. Country report by Ukrainian team. Presenters:** 1.Defence Reforms, **Prof V. Korendovych**, National Defense University. 2.Reform and development of the Security Service of Ukraine, **Mr. Andrii Bodrunov**, Security Service of Ukraine. 3.The system of the democratic oversight over the special services in Ukraine after 2014, **Mr. Oleksii Komarov**,Expert, Co-Founder of European Expert Association. 4.Security and Defense Sector Governance, **Mr. Maksym Bugriy**, Foreign and Security Policy Program Director. 5.Reforms in Cyber Security, **Ms. Maria Avdeeva**, Y. Mudriy Law University.Kharkiv.
- Q&A and Comments**
- 10.45-11.00** **Coffee break**
- 11.00 –12.00** **Session2. Azerbaijani Reform process and the existing realities. Presenters:** 1. Military reform practice in Azerbaijan, **Mr. Uzeyir Jafarov**, Military expert.2. Changes and reforms in special services of independent Azerbaijan, **Mr.Ilham Ismayil**,Security expert. 3.Military justice system in Azerbaijan and their role, structures and tasks, **Dr.Azer Gasimov**,Expert on military justice system. 4.Main aspects of civilian oversight over security sector, **Mr. Fazil Mustafa**, MP, Parliamentary Committee on Human Rights.
- Q&A and Comments**

12.00 – 12.55 **Session3. Country Presentation of Moldovan experts. Presenters: Ms. Sanda Sandu**, NATO Information Center. **Ms. Elena Marzac**, Executive Director of the Information and Documentation Centre on NATO in Moldova. **Mr. Serghei Diaconu**, Former deputy minister of interior of Moldova.

Q&A and Comments

13.00 – 14.15 **Lunch**

14.15 – 15.15 **Session 4. Georgia’s Security Sector Reform Report: Presenters:**
1.Parliamentary oversight over the defense and security sector in Georgia: legal aspects and existing practice, **Mrs. Shorena Lordkipanidze**, Civil Council on Defence and Security.**2.** Implemented Reforms in the Defense and Security Sector of Georgia and future perspectives of the further integration to Euro-Atlantic Structures, **Mr. Nika Chitadze**, Prof. Black Sea University. **3.** “Georgia’s European ambition and SSR, **Mr. Kakhaber Gogolashvili**, Director, Centre of EU Studies, GFSIS .
Military Justice System in Georgia, **Mr. Mindia Vashagmadze**, Max Plank Foundation for International Peace and Rule of Law.

Q&A and Comments

15.15-15.30 **Coffee and Tea**

15.30-16.00 **Session 5. “The Role and Prospects of Defence Institution Building in Harnessing Stability in the South Caucasus. Case Study: Armenia”**,
Presenter: Mr George Vlad Niculescu, Head of Research, European Geopolitical Forum, Brussels.

Q&A and Comments

16.00-16.45 **Session 6. Educational activities and learning the best practices as a factor for solid SSR reforms in transition societies.**
Panelists: Mrs. Nazlı Yıldırım Schierkolk, “International Standards in the Governance and Oversight of the Security Sector”, Consultant, DCAF. Germany
Adm. Cesare Ciocca, Secretary General of Eurodefence Italy
“Education and training in the security and defense sector: a powerful investment to create a long-lasting, firm and effective cooperation”.

16.45-17.00 **Break**

17.00 – 17.45 **Session 7. Learning of practiced at NATO countries experiences. What can we additionally benefit from their experience?** Comments of experts. **Ms. Rosaria Puglisi**, NATO Liaison officer in Georgia, **Mr. Valeri Ratchev**, Center for Security and Defence Management of Bulgarian Academy of Sciences.

17.45-18.15 **Session 8. Analysis and Assessment of the work done and perspectives for the regions**

18.15-18.30 **End of conference**

19.00 **Dinner**

November 21, Departure of participants