

# **NATO at 70: politics, capabilities and partnerships**

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## DRAFT AGENDA

17 January 2019 – IAI, Via Angelo Brunetti, 9

**14:30**      **Participants' arrival and registration**

**14:45**      **Welcome remarks**

**THIERRY TARDY**, Director of Research Division, NATO Defense College

**VINCENZO CAMPORINI**, Vice-President, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

**15:00**      **Key Note Speech: ANTONIO MISSIROLI**, Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Emerging Security Challenges, NATO

**15:15**      **Session I: The politico-strategic landscape: internal and external challenges to Euro-Atlantic stability**

*While the Atlantic Alliance is celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Euro-Atlantic stability is challenged by multiple and multifaceted challenges. On the political level, NATO's cohesion seems to be challenged by the complicated EU-US relationship as well as Brexit and growing nationalist sentiments within Europe. From a politico-military point of view, to the East Russia continues to have an assertive stance challenging the Alliance's defence posture and the liberal international order, while to the South instability continues to fuel local conflicts, to encourage large-scale migration flows, and to inspire terrorist attacks. In addition, rapid technological advancements may pose additional threats to the Euro-Atlantic security and stability, as they affect, for instance, cyber security and the spread of weapons of mass destruction. Participants will discuss the current Euro-Atlantic security situation and explore the possible implications for the future of the Atlantic Alliance.*

**Moderator**

**ALESSANDRO MARRONE**, Head of Defence Programme, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

**Speakers**

**RUBEN-ERIK DIAZ-PLAJA**, Senior Policy Advisor, Policy Planning Unit, Office of the Secretary General, NATO

**JOHN LOUTH**, Senior Research Fellow and Director for Defence, Industries and Society, Royal United Services Institute (RUSI)

**KATHLEEN MCINNIS**, International Security Analyst, Congressional Research Service (CRS)

**16:45**      **Coffee break**

**17:00**      **Session II: The maritime domain: threats and responses**

*Phenomena such as globalization, information revolution and eased cross-border movements have affected the concept of maritime security and increased its complexity. For instance, these developments have contributed to turn world's seas and oceans into*

increasingly accessible environments for criminal or threatening activities, i.e. human trafficking, traffic of narcotics, weapons smuggling, proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD), as well as piracy and terrorism. At the same time, tensions between Russia and the West have had maritime implications in the Baltic Sea, Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and Atlantic Ocean. Such a complex scenario requires an integrated approach of greater civil-military and inter-agency cooperation as well as enhanced situational awareness, at both NATO, EU, and national levels. The Participants will focus on the maritime environment by highlighting what are the major challenges to Euro-Atlantic security and explore possible responses in terms of strategies, operations and technologies.

#### **Moderator**

**ANDREA GILLI**, Senior Researcher, NATO Defense College

#### **Speakers**

**GIANFRANCO ANNUNZIATA**, Head of Military Policy Office, Cabinet of the Italian Minister of Defence

**OLIVIER BODHUIN**, Deputy Commander, Operation EUNAVFORMED Sophia

**JOANA MIZARELA**, Security Policy Officer, European Union External Action Service (EEAS)

**ELENI PATOUNI**, Strategic & Business Development Research Manager, Center for Maritime Research and Experimentation (CMRE), NATO

**18.30**      **Free time**

**20:30**      **Dinner**

*18 January 2019 – IAI, Via Angelo Brunetti, 9*

**9:00**      **Participants' arrival and registration**

**9.15**      **Session III: European Allies' capability development: Cash, Capabilities and Contribution**

*Burden sharing is a long-standing debate within the Alliance. Notwithstanding the Allies' commitments to increase their defence spending made at the 2014 Wales Summit and reiterated in Warsaw in 2016, at the 2018 Brussels Summit Trump's strong criticisms have brought this issue back on the top of the agenda in a confrontational way. Participants will address the paradigm of cash, capabilities and contribution by considering different perspectives and variables, including EU renewed activism in the field of defence and how it can impact NATO's debate and posture.*

**Moderator**

**THIERRY TARDY**, Director of Research Division, NATO Defense College

**Speakers**

**BASTIAN GIEGERICH**, Director of Defence and Military Analysis, International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS)

**CLAUDIA MAJOR**, Senior Associate, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP)

**PAOLA SARTORI**, Researcher, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

10:45

**Coffee break**

11:15

**Session IV: Partnerships and partners' capacity building: NATO and EU efforts in the European neighbourhood**

*Since the 2016 Warsaw Summit NATO has embraced the agenda of Projecting Stability, most notably in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. In parallel, the EU has developed a long-standing and wide-ranging commitment in the stabilization of these regions, through military and civilian missions, economic assistance, and a number of other tools. In the context of the 2016 and 2018 EU-NATO Joint Declarations, there is much room of improvement of cooperation and synergies between the two organisations towards by and large the same group of partner nations. Participants will address the respective efforts of NATO and EU in projecting Stability or crisis management, review the current process of NATO-EU cooperation, and explore avenues for increased synergies.*

**Moderator**

**RUBEN-ERIK DIAZ-PLAJA**, Senior Policy Advisor, Policy Planning Unit, Office of the Secretary General, NATO

**Speakers**

**OLIVIER DE FRANCE**, Senior Research Fellow, French Institute for International and Strategic Affairs (IRIS)

**NICOLE KOENIG**, Deputy Director, Jacques Delors Institute

**ANDREW LEBOVICH**, Visiting Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR)

12.45

**Closing remarks**

**THIERRY TARDY**, Director of Research Division, NATO Defense College

**ALESSANDRO MARRONE**, Head of Defence Programme, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

13:00

**End of the workshop**