

'Central European Military Balance, 2008-2018'

The next event of the *Central European Perspectives* workshop series

Date: Wednesday, March 21, 2018

Venue: Multimedia Rooms (Ground floor), [Orczy Dormitory \(Nagyvárad tér\), 1 Orczy út, 1083 Budapest, Hungary](#)

08:00-08:30	Registration
08:30-08:40	Welcome remarks Dr. Péter Tálás (CSDS)
08:40-09:00	Kick-off remarks: Setting a Military Balance for Central Europe a Decade after the 2008 Economic Crisis Tamás Csiki Varga (CSDS)
09:00-09:30	The Baltic Countries Nora Vanaga (CSSR)
09:30-10:00	Poland Dr. Jacek Bartosiak (KPF)
10:00-10:30	Ukraine Igor Fedyk (CACDS)
10:30-11:00	Panel discussion: Expectations from the upcoming NATO Summit (national perspectives)
11:00-11:30	Q&A Moderator: Dr. Gergely Varga (CSDS)
11:30-12:00	Coffee break
12:00-12:30	Romania Dr. Col. Florian Cîriumaru (CDSS)
12:30-13:00	Hungary Gen. (ret.) Prof. Dr. Zoltán Szenes (NUPS)
13:00-13:30	Western Balkans Anadin Hebib (BURCH)
13:30-14:00	Panel discussion: Deterrence, readiness and resilience - Are we ready to fend off military conflict?
14:00-14:30	Q&A Moderator: Dr. Gergely Varga (CSDS)
14:30-15:00	Buffet lunch

10 years after that the 2008 financial crisis and subsequent economic recession hit Central and Eastern Europe particularly hard and running up to NATO's next summit in Brussels in July 2018, it is time to map up and draw conclusions regarding the national efforts of Central and Eastern European countries to strengthen their militaries.

The aim of the workshop is to understand what has been lost and what has been regained regarding military capabilities, readiness and interoperability? What new capabilities have been established as reactions to Russia's aggression in Ukraine? Have we witnessed fundamental security sector reform across the region?

Our meeting on March 21, 2018 offers an opportunity to gain summarized conclusions and expert opinion on these questions from Central European defense policy experts.

The workshop is not open to the media and follows Chatham House rules.

Participants are invited from the following institutions:

Center for Defence and Security Strategic Studies (CDSSS), 'Carol I.' National Defense University, Bucharest, Romania

Center for European Neighborhood Studies, Central European University (CENS), Budapest, Hungary

Centre for Security and Strategic Research (CSSR), National Defence Academy of Latvia, Latvia

Centre for Army, Conversion and Disarmament Studies (CACDS), Kiev, Ukraine

Center for Strategic and Defense Studies (CSDS), Budapest, Hungary

Defence Policy Department, MoD, Budapest, Hungary

Department of International Security Studies, National University of Public Service (NUPS), Budapest, Hungary

Department of International Relations and Diplomacy, National University of Public Service (NUPS), Budapest, Hungary

Kazimir Pulaski Foundation (KPF), Warsaw, Poland

International Burch University, Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences, Department of International Relations and European Studies, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina