



Strengthening NATO's European Pillar

Expert workshop

Date: December 6, 2019 (Friday) 8.30-14.00

Venue: [New Education Building, Room 415. \(Üllői út 82, 1083 Budapest, Hungary\)](#)

08:30-08:50	Registration
08:50-09:00	Péter Tálás (NUPS EJRC ISDS): Welcome remarks
09:00-09:30	Alex Etl (NUPS EJRC ISDS): Trends of U.S. Military Presence in Europe
09:30-10:00	Discussion
10:00-10:30	Coffee break
10.30-11.00	Katalin Horváth (HUN MoD): European Defense Initiatives: Mutually Reinforcing Each Other?
11:00-11:30	Discussion
11:30-12:30	National perspectives: LTC Dan Petrescu (NDU Bucharest CDSSS): Romania Antonín Novotny (NDU Brno CSMSS): Czech Republic Tamás Csiki Varga (NUPS EJRC ISDS): Hungary Erwin Schmidl (LVAK ISS): Austria
12:30-13:15	Discussion
13:15-14:00	Buffet lunch

Transatlantic and European expert discussions touch upon the centrality of strengthening NATO's European pillar: both regarding more funding and capabilities provided as well as strengthening readiness and the capability to act on European ground and in the European neighborhood. The workshop aims at discussing some Central European perspectives on what needs to be done, what is the real potential in European capability development initiatives and whether could, should we do without the U.S. in the future, solely relying on the European pillar of NATO?