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## Hybrid threats: overcoming ambiguity, building resilience

**Expert level workshop, September 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

Conference Hall, Vokieciu str. 10, Vilnius, Lithuania  
Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University

### Draft programme

#### 10<sup>th</sup> of September

11:30 - 12:00 Registration. Coffee and snacks

12:00 - 12:30 Welcome and opening remarks

**Linus Linkevičius**, Minister of Foreign Affairs

**Lt Gen Jonas Vytautas Žukas**, Chief of Defence of the Republic of Lithuania (TBC)

**Col Gintaras Bagdonas**, Director of NATO ENSEC COE

**Ramūnas Vilpišauskas**, Director of IIRPS, VU

**Keynote speaker:**

**NATO – Edvardas Mažeikis, Director of the NATO Standardization Office**

12:30 - 14:00 **Panel I. Information security threats: sowing the seeds of doubt and discontent.**

*The panel will focus on (dis)information activities that make the ground fertile for hostile objectives and instruments to counter it.*

**Moderator: Neringa Vaisbrodė**, Adviser to the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Lithuania

**Panelists:**

**Dr. Nerijus MALIUKEVIČIUS**, Lecturer and Scientific researcher at Vilnius University, Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Lithuania.

**Mr. Ruslan Deynychenko**, Founder of Stopfake.org

**Aivar JAESKI**, Deputy Director of the NATO StratCom COE

**Michal Baranowski**, GMF, director of Warsaw Office

*Discussion*

14:00 – 14:20 Coffee and snacks

14:20 – 16:00 **Panel II. Overcoming ambiguity**

*How to cope with the challenge of attribution and ambiguity, how to effectively align civil-military dimensions and avoid limitations at the decision making level?*

**Kick-off remarks: LTC Artūras Jasinskas**, Lithuanian National Volunteer Forces

**Moderator: Vaidotas URBELIS**, Ministry of National Defence, Republic of Lithuania

**Panelists:**

**Mike WINNERSTIG**, Deputy Director of Research at Swedish Defence Research Agency (FOI)

**Heidi MEYER**, Political Advisor, NATO Land Component Command

**Tadas VALIONIS**, Deputy Director, Transatlantic Cooperation and Security Policy Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Lithuania

*Discussion*

16:00 – 16:20 Coffee and snacks

16:20 – 18:00 **Panel III. Threats to Energy Security and Critical Energy Infrastructure. (Organised by NATO ENSEC COE)**

*What are the challenges and threats to a State's energy security, and foremost, to its Critical Energy Infrastructure during unconventional conflicts.*

**Moderator and keynote speaker: Aušra SEMAŠKIENĖ**, Ambassador at Large, Economic Security Policy Departments, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lithuanian and Co-chairman of NATO IRCSSG

**Panelists:**

**Christophe-Alexandre PAILLARD**, Deputy Director of the Strategic affairs directorate (DAS) of the French Ministry of Defence

**Vaclav BARTUŠKA**, Ambassador-At-Large for Energy Security, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

**Giedrius Radvila**, M.Sc. (Power Eng.), Director of Power System Operations Department, LITGRID

**Andrii CHUBYK**, Centre for Global Studies 'Strategy XXI'

*Discussion*

18:00 – 18:20 Closing of the first day panels, remarks.

## 11th of September

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 10:40 **Panel IV. Best Practices and Lessons Learnt in Critical Energy Infrastructure Protection (Organised by NATO ENSEC COE)**

*The panel will focus on the examples of critical energy infrastructure protection initiatives in the Region and lessons learnt from incidents and previous initiatives.*

**Moderator:** Dalius LABANAUSKAS, Head of National Security and Crisis Management Unit, Office of the Government of the Republic of Lithuania

**Panelists:**

Maciej PYZNAR, Critical Infrastructure Protection Unit, Government Centre for Security, Poland

Lukáš Lehotský, Masaryk University, Czech Republic

Oleksandr SUKHODOLIJA - National Institute for Strategic Studies (NISS) of Ukraine

Nicolas HENRY, Deputy Director, NATO ENSEC COE

*Discussion*

10:40 – 11:00 Coffee and snacks

11:00 – 12:40 **Panel V. Social Resilience: Best Practices and Examples**

*The panel will focus on building social resilience to provocations, raising social awareness to hybrid threats.*

**Moderator:** Tomas JERMALAVIČIUS, ICDS Research Fellow

**Panelists:**

Fredrik KONNANDER, Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB)

Dmitri TEPERIK, International Centre for Defence and Security

Kristijonas VIZBARAS, Lithuanian Riflemen's Union

*Discussion*

12:40 – 13:00 Closing of the workshop, final remarks, sum up