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BALKAN AND BLACK SEA PERSPECTIVES 2022

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Venue: *Sala Verdi, Hotel Quirinale, Via Nazionale 7*

13,30 – 14,30 *Participants Registration*

14,30 – 15,00 *Opening Session*

- **Alessandro Minuto-Rizzo**, President, NATO Defense College Foundation, Rome *
- **Pasquale Terracciano**, Director General, Public and Cultural Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Rome *
- **Nicola de Santis**, Head, Engagements Section, Public Diplomacy Division, NATO HQ, Brussels *

15,00 – 16,10

SESSION I REGIONAL INTEGRATION PERSPECTIVES

Inclusion is an essential component of Euro-Atlantic common security not only for allies and partners, but also in any sustainable security architecture counterparts. It is also very relevant in removing root causes of instability. A considerable array of instabilities requires to be dealt in an appropriate way, also because the current conflict has given new impetus to EU's enlargement agenda. Regional inclusion may have different speeds and constraints, but it is important to stabilise countries exposed to tensions and instabilities.

Chair: **Ivan Vejvoda**, Permanent Fellow and Head of “Europe’s Futures”, Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna *

- **Alexandra de Hoop Scheffer**, Executive Vice President, Geostrategy Hub, The German Marshall Fund of the United States, Paris
- **Solomon Passy**, President, Atlantic Club of Bulgaria, Sofia *

- **Ahmet Evin**, Founding Dean, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, and Professor Emeritus, Sabancı University, Istanbul *

Q&A Session

16,10 – 16,30 *Coffee-Break*

16,30 – 17,40

SESSION II ADDRESSING GREY AREAS

As witnessed during two decades, some countries show a decreasing integrity in governmental structures, influencing in turn political reforms and regional stability. NATO, the EU, UN and OSCE, on the other hand, could play a crucial role in reinforcing their overall projection in Kosovo, Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Black Sea area in the coming years, in order to avoid dangerous lapses, degraded security or renewed aggressions.

Chair: **Harun Karčić**, Journalist and Political Analyst, Al Jazeera Balkans, Sarajevo *

- **Mădălina Mocan**, Fellow, Aspen Institute Romania, Bucharest *
- **Amer Kapetanovic**, Political Director, Regional Cooperation Council, Sarajevo *
- **Ana Đurnić**, Public Policy Researcher, Institut Alternativa, Podgorica *

Q&A Session

17,40 – 18,00 *Coffee-Break*

18,00 – 19,10

SESSION III FRAGILE DEMOCRACIES

The current international scenario shows a worrying trend of internal crises in established democracies and a retreat of democratic regimes in different regions. Good governance, rule of law, transparent budgets and regulated economies are essentially instruments to promote human security, well-being and strategic stability in this Balkan and Black Sea area. What policies should be adapted and what resources must be devoted in consolidating fragile democracies?

Chair: **Yannis-Alexis Zepos**, Former Ambassador and Secretary-General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Greece, Athens *

- **Slavica Grkovska**, Deputy Prime Minister in charge for Good Governance Policies, Skopje *
- **Alba Çela**, Executive Director, Albanian Institute for International Studies, Tirana *
- **Francesco Martino**, Analyst and Editor, Osservatorio Balcani Caucaso Transeuropa, Sofia *

Q&A Session

19,10 – 19,20 *Concluding Remarks*

- **TBD**

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