

Civil Engagement and Participation in Defence

Thursday, 6 May 2021

9.00–9.10

Keynote speech: Marian Majer, State Secretary MoD Slovakia, TBC

9.15–10.00

Briefing: **Lithuanian Riflemen Union: Between Civil Society and Armed Forces**

Speaker: Col Albertas Dapkus, Commander of Lithuanian Riflemen Union, Lithuania

10.05–10.50

Briefing: **Way Forward and Lessons Learned from POKOS**

Speaker: Stepan Danek, Ministry of Defence, the Czech Republic

10.55–11.55

Expert Panel: **Towards Comprehensive Defence: Intersections of Civil Defence and Military Defence**

Speakers: Linda Hart, Researcher at Finnish National Defence University, Finland,
Ieva Berzina, Senior Researcher at National Defense Academy of Latvia
& Assistant Professor at Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences, Latvia,
Liudas Zdanavicius, Researcher at Gen Jonas Zemaitis Military Academy, Lithuania
Moderator: Weronika Grzebalska, Assistant Professor at Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland

12.00–13.00

Lunch break

13.00–13.45

Briefing: **Jaunsardze – Youth Cadets Force Latvia**

Speaker: Lt Col Aivis Mirbahs, Director of Youth Cadets Centre, Latvia

13.50–14.35

Briefing: **The Cadet Forces and UK MoD Youth Work**

Speaker: Cdre Jonathan Fry, Head of Youth and Cadets at the Ministry of Defence, the UK

14.40–15.25

Briefing: **Kaitseliit – Estonian Defense League**

Speakers: Col Eero Rebo, Commanding Chief of Staff Estonian Defence League,
Helen Allas, Deputy Chairwoman of Womens Voluntary Defence Organization, Estonia

15.30–16.30

Expert Panel: **Youth Engagement: Integrating Civic Education and Defence Education for 21st Century**

Speakers: Juraj Lizak, Director of Slovak Scouting Headquarters, Slovakia,
Tamas Csiki Varga, Research Fellow at National University of Public Service, Hungary,
Reelika Semjonov, Educational Adviser at Ministry of Defence, Estonia

Friday 7 May 2021

9.00–9.10

Keynote speech: Lt Gen Lubomir Svoboda, Deputy Chief of General Staff of Slovak Armed Forces, Slovakia

9.15–10.00

Briefing: **National Defence Training Association of Finland**

Speaker: Dr Marcus Hayhtio, Training and Liaison Officer in NDTA, Finland

10.05–10.50

Briefing: **The New Hungarian Reserve System**

Speaker: Lt Col Laszlo Ujhazy, Associate Professor at University of Public Service, Hungary

10.55–11.55

Expert Panel: **Reserves, Active Reserves, and other Volunteers Based Armed Formations**

Speakers: Dr Marcus Hayhtio, Training and Liaison Officer in NDTA, Finland,

Remigius Zilinskas, Lithuanian Armed Forces, Lithuania,

Agata Mazurkiewicz, Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland,

Maciej Stepka, Assistant Professor at Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland

Moderator: Ieva Berzina, Senior Researcher at National Defense Academy of Latvia

& Assistant Professor at Vidzeme University of Applied Sciences, Latvia

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Briefing: **Cognitive Profile of a Home-Grown Paramilitary Group**

Speakers: Pavol Kosnac, Masaryk University, the Czech Republic

Justin Lane, ALAN Analytics & NORCE Center for Modeling Social Systems

13.50–14.35

Briefing: **New Recruiting Programs for Polish Armed Forces**

Speakers: Lt Col Pawel Burzynski

Waldemar Zubek, Deputy Director of Office for Program "Become a Soldier of the Republic", Poland

14.40–15.40

Expert Panel: **Understanding Societal Resilience**

Speakers: Tiia-Triin Truusa, Researcher at Baltic Defence College & University of Tartu, Estonia

Weronika Grzebalska, Assistant Professor at Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland

Nada Kovalcikova, Program Manager at the Alliance for Securing Democracy, Slovakia

Moderator: Jamie P. Shea, Visiting Professor at University of Exeter & member of Group of Strategic Advisors of NATO Special Operations Forces Command at SHAPE