

NATO's OUTLOOK TOWARDS 2030 AND BEYOND



Side Event of NATO Foreign
Ministers' Meeting in Riga

30 November 2021 Riga, Latvia

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Hybrid setting: online at www.liia.lv & in-person participation for registered participants only

Venue: Conference center "Fantadroms", Gustava Zemgala gatve 74a, Riga

9:15 - 9:45 Online sign-in and in-person registration

9:45 - 9:50 Welcoming address

Andris SPRŪDS, Director of the Latvian Institute of International Affairs, Professor at the Faculty of European Studies of the Riga Stradiņš University

9:50 - 10:00 Opening speech

Edgars RINKĒVIČS, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Latvia

10:00 - 10:30 Key-note speech and Q&A session

Jens STOLTENBERG, Secretary General, NATO

Moderator: **Margarita ŠEŠELGYTE**, Associate Professor and Director of Institute of International Relations and Political Science of Vilnius University

10:30 - 10:45 Visual break

10:45 - 12:00 The new Strategic Concept. How will the transforming security environment affect NATO's core tasks?

The international security environment is fast evolving. Emerging players compete to bring new military and non-military elements into play. The Alliance needs to rapidly adapt to meet the emerging threats. How should it do so in order to remain as history's most successful alliance in 2030 and beyond? What are the main principles and core tasks of the new Strategic Concept?

José Manuel ALBARES, Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, Spain

Olta XHACKA, Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Albania

Jüri LUIK, Ambassador to NATO, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Defence, Estonia

Moderator: **Ali ASLAN**, International TV Presenter and Journalist

12:00 - 12:30 Coffee break

Panel discussion in cooperation with Riga Security Forum 2021

12:30 - 13:45

Addressing emerging threats and challenges.
How to enhance NATO's 360-degree approach?

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The Alliance faces challenges in various dimensions and domains. These include climate security, space threats, information operations, new technology, cyber-attacks and others. How can the Alliance deal with these emerging challenges while maintaining and strengthening the three core tasks of collective defence, crisis management and cooperative security? How should NATO and EU engage and coordinate their activities in the most effective way?

James APPATHURAI, Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Emerging Security Challenges, NATO

Lauren M. SPERANZA, Director of Transatlantic Defense and Security at the Center for European Policy Analysis

Benoît d'ABOVILLE, Former Ambassador, Vice President of Fondation des Etudes Stratégiques in Paris, and Professor at Sciences Po/PSIA Paris

Julian LINDLEY-FRENCH, Chair & Founder of TAG – Geopolitics, Strategy and Innovation; Chairman of The Alphen Group

Moderator: **Imants LIEĢIS**, Former Ambassador and Minister of Defence, Latvia

13:45 - 14:30

Lunch break

14:30 - 15:45

NATO and partners. Is there a need for a revised NATO's partnership policy?

The context within which NATO's partnership policy was formulated has changed. Anticipated effects of changing global power constellations and the prospects for change in the so-called liberal world order have left an impact. New and emerging threats cut across borders. Engaging partners globally, regionally and individually requires special attention. What is the partnership policy of the Alliance for the next decade and beyond?

Lasha DARSALIA, First Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Georgia

Katarzyna PISARSKA, Founder of the European Academy of Diplomacy and Co-Chair of the Warsaw Security Forum

Linas Antanas LINKEVIČIUS, Lithuanian Diplomat and Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of National Defence of Lithuania

Dan HAMILTON, Senior Fellow at the Foreign Policy Institute of Johns Hopkins SAIS

Moderator: **Reinhard KRUMM**, Director of the FES Regional Office for the Baltic States

15:45 - 16:00

Coffee break

16:00 - 17:00 Presidents' panel: NATO - *Quo vadis?*

Collective defence and deterrence remains NATO's main core task. NATO's enhanced forward presence on the Eastern flank reassures, but strengthening the Alliance is an ongoing endeavour. What should be included into the new Strategic Concept? How could the collective defence, from conventional to nuclear and hybrid, be placed at the forefront of Euro-Atlantic security? What more can Europe do to share the international burden and strengthen Transatlantic solidarity?

Vaira VĪĶE-FREIBERGA, Former President of the Republic of Latvia

Kersti KALJULAIID, Former President of the Republic of Estonia

Moderator: **Ali ASLAN**, International TV Presenter and Journalist

17:00 Closing remarks

Andris SPRŪDS, Director of the Latvian Institute of International Affairs, Professor at the Faculty of European Studies of the Riga Stradiņš University

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