

INVITATION

The Atlantic Council of Bulgaria, the Alliance Reserve Officers “Atlantic” and the George C. Marshall Association - Bulgaria are pleased to invite you to a conference on:

Strengthening NATO’s Deterrent Potential: The Eastern allied nations and the Alliance’s efforts to guarantee their national security and defence

Sofia, Central Military Club, 28 September 2018

We are pleased to invite you to the forum of the Atlantic community in Bulgaria. After the presentation of “*Bulgaria in NATO and the European Defence: Vision for Defence Policy to 2030*” in the spring of 2018, we are proceeding to the next major step, namely to discuss the context in which this vision should be realized.

The conference will consist of four panels, focused respectively on: Political and strategic issues after NATO’s Brussels summit; Developing the allied deterrent potential in the Eastern area of responsibility; Allies and Partners in Countering the Hybrid Threats against the Countries from the Black Sea and the Adriatic Regions; and the public support for NATO after 14 years of membership. They reflect our understanding that Bulgaria’s successful future defence policy depends on two key aspects: that our armed forces are being developed within Europe’s collective defence system and that no ambitious and realistic policy can be implemented without the necessary internal public and political support.

We present at your attention the draft program and the discussion paper “The NATO’s Brussels Summit decisions and their impact for the development of the deterrent potential of the Alliance in the Eastern Area of Responsibility. The Role and Relevance of Bulgaria.”

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