

European Defence Policy: Where Is It Heading?

25 November 2019 (Monday)

17.00-19.00

Venue: **Tabačka Kulturfabrik** (Kinosála)

Gorkého 2, 040 01 Košice

Programme

17:00 – 17:45 **Vision(s) of European Defence Policy**

Judging from the vantage point of the level of development of European defence policy, it is admittedly not an understatement to conclude that the European Union (EU) will not have the capacity to fully replace NATO. However, the EU and its Member States are investing more and more in shaping its common defence policy. Will the EU stick to predominantly inclusive (i.e. uniting) formats of cooperation or will it push forward exclusive structures under the auspices of the “coalition of the willing”?

- **Gen. Pavel Macko**, Defence and Security Expert, TOGETHER – Civic Democracy, Bratislava
- **Katarína Jurišová**, Advisor to the State Secretary Robert Ondrejcsak, Ministry of Defence of the Slovak Republic, Bratislava
- **Col. Jozef Zekucia (Ret.)**, Director, Stratpol, Bratislava

Chaired by: **Martin Reguli**, Research Fellow, GLOBSEC Policy Institute, Bratislava

17:45-18:00 **Coffee break**

18:00-18:45 **Is Central and Eastern Europe ready to shape Europe Defence Policy of the future?**

Closer integration in defence would bring more security for European citizens, more stability at the EU borders, and a stronger voice for the EU as global actor. A strong European defence could also strengthen NATO, leading to improving its effectiveness in the EU neighbouring countries. How countries in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) can contribute to the success of the European defence integration? What does the closer European defence integration mean for Slovakia, and for broader Central and Eastern Europe region? How CEE could benefit the most from this cooperation?

Speakers:

- **Vladimír Tarasovič**, Senior Research Fellow, Slovak Foreign Policy Association, Bratislava
- **Tomáš A. Nagy**, Advisor to the State Secretary Robert Ondrejcsak, Ministry of Defence of the Slovak Republic, Bratislava
- **Tomáš Koziak**, Rector, Academia Rerum Civilium, Kutná Hora, Faculty of Political Science, Pavol Jozef Šafárik University, Košice

Chaired by: **Martina Babikova**, Research Fellow, GLOBSEC Policy Institute, Bratislava

What was the objective?

The objective of this city talk is to foster more interest in participating in the European Union among general public, leading to active European citizenship. What is more to enhance the understanding of the processes related to differentiated integration taking place in Brussels.

The discussion was held in Slovak. This event was live streamed.

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