



EDITOR'S NOTE

The second issue of 2022, number 83, comprises a collection of six articles covering a wide range of topics, beginning with the role of PESCO in developing defence capabilities, continuing with elements on the European defence industrial and technological base, the information on the representation of the Kurdish population in the Turkish legislature, as well as presenting aspects on QAnon conspiracy theories and the expansion of the phenomenon today.

Firstly, the heading *NATO and EU: policies, strategies, actions* includes two articles by Mr. Dragoş Ilinca, PhD, who presents the decisive role of the Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO) as a platform for cooperation between Member States for the development of defence capabilities. The second article, by the same author, highlights the role of the European Defence Technological and Industrial Base (EDTIB), which, through its accelerated maturation in recent years, provides consistent prospects for supporting the EU's security and defence objectives. To this end, practical projects on defence capabilities and research have been developed through EDTIB, in accordance with the Common Security and Defence Policy agenda, strengthening the financial potential associated with EDTIB to support cooperation projects and initiatives. The column also includes a study by Mrs. Ecaterina Maţoi, which shows that while the EU's approach on oil and gas adopted by the US and the Russian Federation, a still relevant UK, combined with the rise of China as economic leader, leave little room for the EU to gain control over its energy supplies, and unless the energy paradigm will shift significantly, EU's chances to become energy independent are minimal.

In the second rubric, *Geopolitics and geostrategies – trends and perspectives*, Mr. Mihai Tatomir analyses the Kurdish political movements in Turkey, focusing on the evolution of parties whose main purpose is to support the rights of this minority, with special attention to the People's Democratic Party that has become the main political force advocating for the affirmation of the Kurdish identity in Turkey. Also, Mr. András Málnássy shows that while Turkey aspires to become a global player in the future, in terms of relative power, it can be described as a major military-equipment producer and exporter in the international arena.

The series of articles in this edition continues with a piece signed by Mr. Iulian Dinulescu, PhD, who, under the heading *Terrorist threat*, aims to highlight the appropriation of QAnon conspiracy theories by members of some Christian churches or congregations, beliefs viewed with concern by the pastors of the respective religious communities, who sound the alarm about the development of religious feelings based on biblical precepts combined with QAnon conspiracy theories.



In this edition, we have included the *Scientific Event* section, which highlights the fact that *STRATEGIES XXI* International Scientific Conference was held between June 28-30, in a hybrid format, under the joint patronage of the Centre for Defence and Strategic Security Studies (CDSSS), the Faculty of Security and Defence, the Faculty of Command and Staff and the Doctoral School, within the “Carol I” National Defence University.

Also, the edition includes the *Guide for Authors*, a recommended reading for those who wish to disseminate research results in the *Strategic Impact* journal.

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