



WORKSHOP ON *LESSONS IDENTIFIED IN THE RUSSIAN-UKRAINIAN CONFLICT*

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The last year, a year of change and challenges, marked by the geostrategic and geopolitical situation on the eastern border of the European Union and the Alliance, has caused serious consequences in all fields, ranging from military to humanitarian, economic and political, followed by a variety of concerns which will continue to affect the countries of the international community.

February 24th, 2022, represented a beginning of an extremely difficult period that has significantly influenced the development of the European and global security environment, the day Russia launched a full-scale invasion of Ukraine with global consequences unparalleled since World War II.



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The situation remains tense and requires a rational and strategic approach by all parties involved, with a need to reshape and strengthen NATO's deterrence and defence posture in the long term, especially on the Eastern Flank and the Black Sea. Resilience is not only about being able to withstand and respond to challenges, but also about being able to achieve transitions in a sustainable, equitable and democratic approach.



The workshop, organised online nationally by Centre for Defence and Security Strategic Studies (CDSSS) on March 23rd, 2023, was based on the events of the year-long Russian massive assault on Ukraine, and specialists in the field set out to identify the most important aspects of the conflict so far.

The broad theme covered the main national and international threats and the major consequences of armed conflict on national, regional and global stability and security; the direct effects of conflict on the population, such as: multiple casualties and material damage to critical infrastructure, triggering a massive refugee influx, limiting access to food resources and essential services for the remaining population in Ukraine; violations of international humanitarian law; national policies and measures to mitigate the effects of the conflict, increase resilience and increase adaptive capacity in the context of new security challenges; perspectives of the European and Euro-Atlantic political community on the armed conflict; strategic communication and media warfare.

The event topic created the scientific framework for 18 presentations, on which debates were held, as follows:

- *Possible scenarios of war in Ukraine;*
- *Nuclear deterrence and risk in the context of the Russian-Ukrainian war;*
- *Conventional and Hybrid in the First Year of the Russian-Ukrainian War;*
- *Russian-Ukrainian conflict – lessons identified;*
- *The work of the Special Telecommunications Service in the context of the conflict in Ukraine;*
- *Information operations in the Russia-Ukraine war;*
- *Analysing the concept of strategic communication – Russia’s media war in the context of the attack on Ukraine;*
- *Quantitative analysis of the selection criteria used in the production of prime-time news bulletins in Romania;*
- *The effects of Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine on food security;*
- *Support measures in response to crisis situations: Experiences and lessons identified at RBD (Romanian Border Police) level in the context of Ukraine conflict;*
- *Civil protection missions in managing the influx of refugees from Ukraine;*
- *Developments in reported air-specific threats in the context of the conflict in Ukraine;*
- *Effects of electronic warfare actions on GPS, GSM;*
- *Neutralization of mines in the area of responsibility of Romanian Naval Forces;*
- *Lessons identified from Romanian EOD Combat Divers operators’ interventions to neutralize/destroy sea mines discovered in the RNF (Romanian Naval Forces) area of responsibility in the Black Sea from the beginning of the crisis in Ukraine to date;*



- Key coordinates of the humanitarian-migration situation in Ukraine;
- Civilians in Ukraine – collateral victims or targets in a brutal, unprovoked war?;
- The importance of standardisation and resilience in NATO member countries in the context of Russian-Ukrainian war.

The event embraced the mastery in the security sphere from representatives of structures of the Ministry of National Defence (Multinational Divisional Command Southeast, National Military Command Centre (NUCLEU), Air Component Command, Fleet Command, Armament General Directorate, Diving Centre), Special Telecommunications Service, Ministry of Internal Affairs (General Inspectorate of Border Police, General Inspectorate for Emergency Situations, “Alexandru Ioan Cuza” Police Academy), organisations and associations (Romanian Reserve Officers Association, European Institute of Romania, Experts for Security and Global Affairs) and, last but not least, researchers from the CDSSS.



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The scientific event underlined the inter-institutional collaboration, achieving a nexus, a junction, both of theory and practice, as well as of the areas in which the armed conflict in Ukraine engenders effects. The workshop concluded with a brief assessment of the entire activity ensuring its success through the comprehensive analytical approaches with an overlap of results, from both academia and specialists in the field.

More information about the scientific activities organised by the CDSSS can be found at: <http://cssas.unap.ro/en/events.htm>

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