



EDITOR'S NOTE

The 87th edition of *Strategic Impact* journal, the second in 2023, comprises five articles which deal with subjects of interest in the field of security studies, followed by the *Strategic Dialogue* rubric and the *Guide for authors*.

The first rubric, *Political-Military Topicality*, brings to your attention an article written in co-authorship by our colleagues, Senior Researcher Alexandra Sarcinschi, PhD, and Senior Researcher Cristian Băhnăreanu, PhD. It explores a trend referring to a continuation of the international struggle for power as traditional Realism defines it, but with sources of power to be explored according to the current trends in the security environment, medical resources and a continuing development of military power, respectively.

In the *NATO and EU: Policies, Strategies, Actions* rubric we have included an article written by Mr. Dragoș Ilinca, which is aiming to bring into light the way in which Common Security and Defence Policy (CSPD) answers to the challenge of consolidating resilience, and, in the context of the war in Ukraine, a special note is made on how the latest EU strategic document (Strategic Compass) considered resilience as being one of the strategic objectives of CSDP.

The rubric *Security and Military Strategy* includes an article co-authored by Mr. Endre Szűcs PhD and Mr. Miklós Szakali, PhD Candidate. The article examines the possibility to ensure complex military and civilian capabilities corresponding to complex security challenges, while also considering the development and the usability of the defence planning system, generated and used by the military to provide civilian capabilities.

The rubric *Information Society* presents key elements regarding the use of virtual assets in illicit activities by sanctioned entities. The author, Mr. Bogdan Vacusta highlights the necessity to increase defence and intelligence resources for better data analysis on this type of entities.

The fifth rubric, *Intelligence Studies*, comprises an article written by Mr. Attila Mate Kovacs, which deals with the topic of ransomware attacks on the healthcare industry. The focus is on how the detection and prevention of the attacks could be counteracted by constantly improving the skills of cybersecurity experts, by collecting and analysing large volumes of data and applying soft computing techniques.

In this edition, we publish a *Strategic Dialogue* with the President of the Romanian Reserve Officers Association, Lieutenant General (r.) Virgil Bălăceanu, PhD, in the endeavour to clarify some of the most interesting topical subjects: challenges and realities of the Romanian Armed Forces' Reserve; the feasibility in implementation of the Voluntary Military Service; main issues of Romanian Defence Industry, and the War in Ukraine.



Also, this edition includes the *Guide for authors*, a mandatory reading for those who wish to disseminate the research results in our journal.

For those discovering *Strategic Impact* for the first time, the publication is an open-access peer reviewed journal, edited by the Centre for Defence and Security Strategic Studies and published with the support of “Carol I” National Defence University Publishing House, and, also, a prestigious scientific journal in the field of military sciences, information and public order, according to the National Council for Titles, Diplomas and Certificates (CNATDCU).

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In terms of international visibility – the primary objective of the publication – the recognition of the scientific quality of the journal is confirmed by its indexing in the international databases CEEOL (Central and Eastern European Online Library, Germany), EBSCO (USA), Index Copernicus (Poland), ProQuest (USA), and WorldCat and ROAD ISSN, as well as its presence in the virtual catalogues of the libraries of prestigious institutions abroad, such as NATO and military universities in Bulgaria, Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary, Estonia etc.

The journal is distributed free of charge in main institutions in the field of security and defence, in the academia and abroad – in Europe, Asia and America.

In the end, we encourage those interested in publishing in our journal to rigorously survey and assess the dynamics of the security environment and, at the same time, we invite students, master students and doctoral candidates to submit articles for publication in the monthly supplement of the journal, *Strategic Colloquium*, available on the Internet at <http://cssas.unap.ro/ro/cs.htm>, indexed in the international database CEEOL, Google scholar and ROAD ISSN.

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