



INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

“LESSONS IDENTIFIED FROM THE CONFLICT IN UKRAINE”

May 16, 2025

The Centre for Defence and Security Strategic Studies (CDSSS) within “Carol I” National Defence University (NDU) was the host of the third edition of the International Seminar on *“Lessons identified from the conflict in Ukraine”*, which took place on 16 May 2025.

The event was conducted in a hybrid format, in accordance with the Plan of Major Activities of CSSAS for the 2024-2025 academic year and it provided a forum for the exchange of ideas, the multidimensional analysis of conflict, the identification of major threats at the national and international levels, as well as the examination of significant consequences for regional and global stability and security.

In his opening remarks, the Commandant (Rector) of the “Carol I” National Defence University, Mr. Brigadier-General Eugen Mavriş, PhD, outlined several key aspects related to the current security environment. He emphasized the highly complex situation in Southeastern Europe, driven primarily by the unprovoked invasion of Ukraine by the armed forces of the Russian Federation. The session was moderated by Colonel Florian Cîrciumaru, PhD, Director of CDSSS, and Colonel Dan-Lucian Petrescu, PhD, Head of Strategic Analysis and Evaluations Office. The organizing committee included senior personnel from the Centre, along with members of the specialized micro-structure – the Scientific Secretariat, Events and Collaborations Department.

The seminar brought together participants from the national and international academic community, including representatives of military and civilian educational institutions from Poland (Lieutenant Colonel Zbigniew Ostrowski, Doctrine and Training Center of the Polish Armed Forces), Hungary (Tamás Csiki, PhD, Senior Research Fellow at the John Lukacs Institute for Strategy and Politics, Ludovika University of Public Service), and Bulgaria (Flotilla Admiral Kalin Kalinov, PhD, Professor at the Nikola Vaptsarov Naval Academy). In addition, institutions of the Romanian Ministry of National Defence – such as the Cyber Defense Command and the Institute for Defence Policy Studies and Military History – were represented,



alongside members of the Romanian Reserve Officers Association, representatives of the National Defence, Public Order and National Security System, and researchers from CDSSS.

The event featured sixteen scientific presentations, which formed the foundation for the subsequent debates and offered a multidisciplinary examination of the conflict in Ukraine. The presentations addressed military, political, economic, social, informational, and humanitarian dimensions of the conflict. Among the titles presented were:

- “Lessons Learned from the War in Ukraine”
- “12 Military Lessons Learned from the Russia-Ukraine War”
- “Lessons Learned Regarding Military Organisation and Training”
- “Lessons Identified Regarding the Use of Artillery and Missiles in the Russo-Ukrainian War”
- “The Volatile Security Environment that Will Follow the War in Ukraine: Lessons Learned from History and How We Prepare”
- “The Impact of the War in Ukraine on European Security Unity”
- “Cyber Actors Active in the Ukraine-Russian Federation Conflict. Lessons Learned”
- “Regime and Order in the Nuclear Issue - Area”
- “Russian Military Aggression in Ukraine. Impact Upon International Security and the Rule of Law”
- “National Defence Industry Resilience – Lessons Learned from the Conflict in Ukraine”
- “The Ukrainian Lesson on Social Cohesion During the War”
- “Managing the Refugee Inflow Arising from the Conflict in Ukraine”
- “Public Communication Landmarks in the Third Year of War in Ukraine”
- “Russia-Ukraine Conflict – Lessons Identified/Learned”
- “Humanitarian and Sanitary Lessons Identified in the Conduct of the Current Conflict in Ukraine”
- “Three Years of War in Ukraine – Economic Effects”.

At the conclusion of the seminar, the main findings were synthesized, highlighting the lessons learned and contributing to the development of a comprehensive perspective on the regional and global implications of the conflict. Through the scientific quality of the discussions, the diversity of participants, and the relevance



of the thematic focus, the event represented a significant success for CDSSS, and the “Carol I” National Defence University.

Further information regarding the scientific activities organized by CSDSSS may be accessed through the website: <http://cssas.unap.ro/en/events.htm>



Event photo: *Workshop with the theme “Lessons Identified in the conduct of the conflict in Ukraine”*

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