



EASTERN EUROPE 2025

Protecting the region from blended threats

High-Level Conference

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Rome, 7th of April 2025

Venue: The Hive Hotel, via Torino 6

13,30 – 14,30 *Participants Arrival*

Note to Participants: A dedicated coffee station, with professional service, will be available just outside the conference room for the entire duration of the event.

14,30 – 14,45 *Welcome Remarks*

- **Alessandro Minuto-Rizzo**, President, NATO Defense College Foundation, Rome *
- **Oleksandr Prokhorovych**, Co-Chair of Customs & Trade Facilitation committee, AmCham, Kiev *
- **Suzanne Nielsen**, Dean, NATO Defense College, Rome *

14,45 – 15,40

SESSION I THE EU AND NATO: INCLUSION AND SECURITY SCENARIOS

The EU and NATO are at a crossroads in facing several pressing strategic (civil and military) requirements, against the backdrop of a complex global situation. What are the options for the existing inclusion processes and for reconstruction, taking into account the civil and security dimensions? How to develop an effective EU-NATO-Ukraine and regional cooperation?

Chair: **Jamie Shea**, Former Spokesperson of NATO, Antwerp *

- **Oksana Osadcha**, Advisor to the Deputy Prime Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration, Kiev **
- **Giuseppe Cossiga**, President, Aerospace and Defence Industries Association, Rome *
- **Thibault Muzergues**, Associated researcher, IAI, Rome *
- **Alina Inayeh**, Alina Inayeh, Lead Advisor, Aspen Institute Romania, Bucharest *

Q&A Session

15,40 – 15,50 *Special Intervention*

- **Teresa Czerwińska**, Vice - President, European Investment Bank (EIB), Luxembourg *

15,50 – 16,45

SESSION II THE RECONSTRUCTION CHALLENGE

We face an economic situation where growth opportunities coexist with tight budgets and volatile markets. What are the best public-private partnerships to foster recovery and growth in Ukraine? How to protect the recovery and to promote reconstruction from political and economic turbulences?

Chair: **Frediano Finucci**, Business and Foreign desk chief, La7, Rome *

- **Enrico Petrocelli**, Head of International Institutional Relations, Cassa Depositi e Prestiti, Rome *
- **Halyna Yanchenko**, Member of Parliament, Secretary of the National Investment Council of Ukraine, Kiev *
- **Tomasz Ochrymowicz**, Future of Ukraine Global leader, Deloitte Central Europe, Warsaw *

Q&A Session

16,45 – 16,55 *Special Intervention*

- **Francesco Boccia**, Member of the Senate of the Italian Republic, Rome *

16,55 – 17,05 *Special Intervention*

- **Sergio Monti**, First Secretary, Special Envoy for the Reconstruction of Ukraine, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Rome *

17,05 – 18,00

SESSION III BLENDED THREATS AND REGIONAL RESILIENCE

The whole region is characterised by a set of blended threats, including shadow economies, illegal trafficking, counterfeit, organised crime, cyberthreats, corruption and hybrid indirect subversion. How to stifle the shadow economy's flows from various directions during and after the conflict? What are the best practices that can be shared across the region in order to counter these threats and reducing malign influence? How can best interact international, national and private bodies?

Chair: **Alessandro Cassieri**, Journalist, RAI, Rome *

- **Vito Giordano**, Head, 2nd, General Command of the Guardia di Finanza, Rome *
- **Oksana Shvets**, Chief Policy Officer of AmCham, Kiev *
- **Oleksii Ustenko**, Ukrainian politician, economist, deputy of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Kiev *

Q&A Session

18,00 – 18,10 *Concluding Remarks*

- **Giulio Terzi di Sant'Agata**, President of the Senate Committee on European Union Policies, Rome *

 18,20 - 19,00 *Bespoke Aperitif*

END OF THE WORKING DAY

* *Confirmed*
** *Virtual*

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