



International Conference

The Russian Economic Footprint in Central and Eastern Europe: Addressing Strategic Vulnerabilities in Hybrid Warfare

28 November 2016
Sofia Hotel Balkan, Serdika Hall

Agenda

- 9:00** *Opening*
Ognian Shentov, Chairman, Center for the Study of Democracy
- 9:10** *The Kremlin Playbook: Understanding Russian Influence in Central and Eastern Europe and Strengthening NATO's and EU's Resilience*
Ruslan Stefanov, Director of Economic Program, Center for the Study of Democracy
Robert Pszczel, Director, NATO Information Office, Moscow
Dr. Iryna Klymenko, Chief Economic Adviser and Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Strategic Studies "New Ukraine", Kyiv
Martin Jirusek, Lecturer, Energy Security Studies Program at the Department of International Relations and European Studies, Faculty of Social Studies, Masaryk University, Brno
- Chair: Ilian Vassilev*, Former Ambassador of the Republic of Bulgaria to Russia
- Discussion*
- 10:30** *Coffee break*
- 11:00** *Addressing Governance Vulnerabilities in New and Candidate EU and NATO Countries*
Jesús Pérez Triana, Security and Defense Analyst, Letras Libres Review, Madrid
Munir Podumljak, Executive Director, Partnership for Social Development, Zagreb
Dragan Koprivica, Executive Director, Center for Democratic Transition, Podgorica
Misha Popovikj, Researcher, Institute for Democracy 'Societas Civilis', Skopje
Oksana Nezhyvenko, Department of Finance, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy
- Chair: Traicho Traikov*, Minister of Economy, Energy and Tourism (2009 – 2012)
- Discussion*
- 13:00** *Lunch*



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14:30

*Strategies for Countering Russian Influence through Strengthening the CEE
Governance and Rule of Law*

Breakout session focusing on designing specific measures to tackle the negative influence of the Russian economic footprint focused on:

- *Anticorruption and reduction of opportunities for state capture*
- *Reducing Europe's energy dependence*
- *Strengthening ownership transparency in particular in media*

17:45

Closing

20:00

Dinner