

## Conference Overview

# “On-line Conference on Security Challenges for Europe”

Organized by  
RACVIAC – Centre for Security Cooperation  
in partnership with  
KAS – Konrad Adenauer Stiftung in Croatia  
and the  
George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies  
(Balkans 360 Initiative)

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**Background** This event presents a continuation of an established series of activities aimed at enabling open and comprehensive discussions on emerging security challenges for Europe and South East European countries in particular. It is the eight Conference so far conducted as a result of organizational cooperation between RACVIAC - Centre for Security Cooperation and the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Office in Croatia.

This joint initiative is aimed at maintaining the regional platform for addressing transformation processes in South East European (SEE) countries in view of the EU and NATO membership responsibilities and institutional readiness, primarily considering the required security sector reform activities within the context of contemporary security challenges.

The academic partner in this event is the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies based in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Federal Republic of Germany.

**Purpose and Objectives** The purpose of this event is to continue to enable open security policy and academic experts' debates on emerging security challenges. This year the conference main objectives are to examine the impact of COVID-19 pandemic on international and Euroatlantic security, to share national considerations, experiences and responses and to highlight the role of strategic communication in the context of ongoing coronavirus crisis information and disinformation campaigns. It will also strive to suggest ideas and possible solutions for creating more efficient institutional policies and, consequently, more resilient societies.

**Participation** The Conference is aimed at bringing together representatives primarily from SEE countries - senior level national security policy makers and subject matter experts - preferably from ministries of health, ministries of the interior, ministries of foreign affairs, ministries of defence, governmental and non-governmental organizations, and members of the academic community involved in addressing the contemporary security challenges and policy development processes.

**Methodology** The event is designed as an expert forum and it will be conducted in the form of on-line conference panel discussions, via the on-line platform "Cisco WebEx".

The Conference working language is English.

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