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# Conference on Security Challenges for Europe

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**09 – 11 December 2019**

Arrival Day	<b>Monday, 09 December 2019</b>	
TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
	Individual Arrivals and Registration - Hotel "Rakitje"	Hotel "Rakitje"
18:00 – 20:00	Dinner	Restaurant "Pleter" Rakitje

Day One	<b>Tuesday, 10 December 2019</b>	
TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
07:45 – 08:40	Bus transportation from Hotel "Rakitje" to the Conference venue in "Sheraton Zagreb" Hotel	Hotel "Rakitje"
08:40 – 09:00	<b>Conference Registrations</b>	Sheraton Zagreb Hotel
<b>09:00 – 09:30</b>	<b>Conference Opening</b>	
	<p><b>Welcome Addresses</b></p> <p><b>Major General (ret.) Jeronim Bazo</b>            Director of RACVIAC - Centre for Security Cooperation</p> <p><b>Mr. Holger H. Haibach</b>            Head of the KAS Office in the Republic of Croatia</p> <p><b>Dr. Matthew Rhodes</b>            Area Studies Chair, George C. Marshall Center</p> <p><b>Introductory Messages</b></p> <p><b>H.E. Robert Kohorst</b>            Ambassador of the United States of America to the Republic of Croatia</p> <p><b>H.E. Dr. Robert R. Klinke</b>            Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Republic of Croatia</p>	Sheraton Zagreb Hotel

09:30 – 10:30	<b>Panel One: “Dynamics in Euroatlantic Integration: Roles and Implications for SEE”</b>	
	<p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Dr. Monika Begovic</b>, Atlantic Council of Croatia</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Croatia’s EU Presidency</b> <b>Mr. Mato Škrabalo</b>, Director for Multilateral and Global Affairs, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Croatia</p> <p><b>New EU Parliament and Commission: Outlook for Enlargement</b> <b>Dr. Sebastian von Münchow</b>, George C. Marshall Center</p> <p><b>Three Seas Initiative</b> <b>Amb. Stanislav Raščan</b>, Head of Department for Strategic Studies and Analysis, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Slovenia</p>	Sheraton Zagreb Hotel
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Special Session</b>	
	<p><b>Conference Keynote Speaker</b> <b>Ms Zdravka Bušić</b> State Secretary for Political Affairs, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia</p>	
11:00 – 11:30	<b>Coffee Break and Press Opportunity</b>	
11:30 – 12:00	<b>Panel One (continued): “Dynamics in Euroatlantic Integration: Roles and Implications for SEE”</b>	
	<p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Dr. Monika Begovic</b>, Atlantic Council of Croatia</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b> <b>NATO-EU Defense Relations</b> <b>Col. Günther Rozenits</b>, George C. Marshall Center</p>	
12:00 – 13:15	<b>Lunch Break</b>	Sheraton Zagreb Hotel
13:15 – 14:45	<b>Panel Two: “21<sup>st</sup> Century Geopolitics”</b>	
	<p><b>Moderator:</b> <b>Mr. Nikola Brzica</b>, Strategic Risks, Croatia</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> <b>Russia and China in Southeast Europe</b> <b>Amb. Iztok Mirošič</b>, Special Envoy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Slovenia</p>	Sheraton Zagreb Hotel

	<p><b><i>Security Dynamics in the Middle East</i></b></p> <p><b>Mr. Korhan Küngerü</b>, Head of Department, Directorate General for Foreign Policy, Analysis and Coordination, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Turkey</p> <p><b><i>EU as a Security Actor</i></b></p> <p><b>Major General Reinhard Trischak</b>, Commander EUFOR</p>	
14:45 – 15:15	<b>Coffee Break</b>	Sheraton Zagreb Hotel
15:15 – 16:30	<b>Panel Three</b> <b>“21<sup>st</sup> Century ‘Soft’ Challenges and Changes”</b>	
15:15 – 16:30	<p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Matthew Rhodes</b>, George C. Marshall Center</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <p><b><i>Demography</i></b></p> <p><b>Mr. Ivica Bošnjak</b>, State Secretary of the Ministry of Demographics, Family, Youth and Social Policy, Croatia</p> <p><b><i>Climate</i></b></p> <p><b>Mr. Stevan Vujasinović</b>, Southeast Europe Communications Manager, Climate Action Network Europe</p> <p><b><i>Emerging Technologies</i></b></p> <p><b>Dr. Todor Tagarev</b>, Institute of Information and Communication Technologies, Bulgaria</p>	Sheraton Zagreb Hotel
16:30 – 18:30	Free time in Zagreb	
18:30 – 20:30	<p><b>Conference Dinner</b></p> <p><i>Note: Participants can walk from the Sheraton Hotel to the Restaurant or use bus transportation provided by RACVIAC. The bus will depart in front of the hotel at 18:10.</i></p>	Restaurant “Museum”, Square of Republic of Croatia 10, Zagreb
20:30	Return transportation to Rakitje for participants accommodated in Hotel "Rakitje"	

Day Two	<b>Wednesday, 11 December 2019</b>	
TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
08:15	Bus transportation from Hotel "Rakitje" to the Conference venue in Sheraton Zagreb Hotel	Hotel "Rakitje"
09:30 – 11:30	<b>Panel Four</b> <b>“Perspectives on Future Challenges and Regional Cooperation”</b>	
09:30 – 11:30	<p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Sebastian von Münchow</b>, George C. Marshall Center</p>	Sheraton Zagreb Hotel

	<p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <p><b>Mr. Josip Brkić</b>, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Bosnia and Herzegovina</p> <p><b>Mr. Ilir Melo</b>, Director for Regional Issues, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, Albania</p> <p><b>H.E. Stavros Tsiepas</b>, Ambassador of the Hellenic Republic to the Republic of Croatia</p> <p><b>Dr. Dragan Lozančić</b>, Senior Advisor to the Minister of Interior, Croatia</p>	
11:30 – 12:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>	Sheraton Zagreb Hotel
12:00 – 12:30	<b>Panel Five “Future Challenges and Resilience”</b>	
12:00 – 12:30	<p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <p><b>Col. Günther Rozenits</b>, George C. Marshall Center</p> <p><b>Speaker:</b></p> <p><i><b>Building Resilience for an Uncertain Future</b></i></p> <p><b>Dr. Robert Mikac</b>, University of Zagreb</p>	Sheraton Zagreb Hotel
12:30 – 13:15	<b>Conference Closing Session</b>	
	<p><b>Closing Address</b></p> <p><i><b>NATO’s London Leaders Meeting</b></i></p> <p><b>Ms. Kirsty Hogan</b>, Deputy Head for Euroatlantic Security Policy, Ministry of Defense, United Kingdom</p> <p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p> <p><b>Dr. Matthew Rhodes</b> George C. Marshall Center</p> <p><b>Mr. Holger H. Haibach</b> Head of the KAS Office in the Republic of Croatia</p> <p><b>Major General (ret.) Jeronim Bazo</b> Director of RACVIAC - Centre for Security Cooperation</p>	Sheraton Zagreb Hotel
13:15 – 14:00	<b>Lunch</b>	Restaurant, Sheraton Zagreb Hotel
14:30	Return transportation to Rakitje for participants accommodated in Hotel "Rakitje"	
	Individual Departures	

<b>Departure Day</b>	<b>Thursday, 12 December 2019</b>	
<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
	Individual Departures from Hotel "Rakitje"	Hotel "Rakitje"