



DARKNESS OR DAWN: IS LIGHT AHEAD?

23-24 April 2026



We gather at a decisive moment. As you open this program, Ukraine continues its heroic resistance against Russia's aggression in the fifth year of the full-scale invasion and the thirteenth year of the war that began in 2014. For more than a decade, Ukraine has stood on the frontline of a struggle that reaches far beyond its borders - a struggle for sovereignty, freedom, and the rules-based international order.

Our central question remains: Is there light ahead? Is the world capable of stopping this war and securing a just peace for Ukraine, or are we entering a darker era of expanding conflicts and renewed imperial ambitions? Ukraine seeks peace and works tirelessly toward this goal. Yet peace cannot be built on illusions. It requires strength, common defence, and unwavering solidarity among free nations.

The Kyiv Security Forum brings together international leaders, Nobel Peace Prize laureates, senior military commanders, diplomats, innovators, and public intellectuals to reflect on these challenges and explore the choices facing the world.

This year also marks the 40th anniversary of the Chernobyl catastrophe. Today, Russia's attacks on Ukraine's nuclear infrastructure and its occupation of the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant remind us that nuclear danger has once again become a matter of global urgency.

The Kyiv Security Forum is dedicated to the Ukrainian heroes whose courage defends life and freedom.

We honor the Ukrainian soldiers on the frontlines. We honor the energy workers, rescuers, medics, and emergency responders who save lives under Russian attacks. We honor the heroes who forty years ago confronted the Chernobyl disaster and protected the world from an even greater catastrophe.

Thursday, 23 April

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Kyiv EEST

9:00 **Registration**

9:00 – 21:00 **Defence Technology Exhibition** (*underground shelter*)

10:50 Guests are kindly invited to take their seats

11:00 – 11:10 **Opening Ceremony**

Venue: Atrium Hall¹

National Anthem of Ukraine

Shchedryk Children's Choir

Artistic Director — Marianna SABLINA

Welcoming Remarks

Arseniy YATSENYUK

Chairman of the Kyiv Security Forum,
Prime Minister of Ukraine (2014–2016)

11:10 – 11:30 **Special Guest Conversation**

Lieutenant General Kyrylo BUDANOV

Head of the Office of the President of Ukraine

Moderators

Natalia SOKOLENKO

Journalist

Mark LOBEL

Journalist & TV Presenter, BBC

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11:30 – 11:40 **Special Address**

Admiral Giuseppe Cavo DRAGONE

Chair, NATO Military Committee

11:40 – 11:50 **Honorary Guest**

Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex

Founder, Invictus Games Foundation

11:50 – 12:00 **Family Photo on the stage**

12:00 – 12:50 **Tribute to Ukrainian Heroes**

Recovery, Reintegration, Resilience

Ukraine is becoming a nation of veterans. Over 1.2 million Ukrainians already hold veteran status, and together with their families, they may soon account for up to 20% of the population. With profound respect for their service and sacrifice, veterans represent both a vital part of society and an important pillar of national resilience. This reality calls for effective approaches to recovery, rehabilitation, and reintegration.

This panel explores how these approaches can be strengthened, how they contribute to long-term resilience, and what broader lessons emerge from Ukraine's experience.

Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex

Founder, Invictus Games Foundation

Oleksandr BUDKO

Veteran,

Invictus Games: Team Ukraine 2023 Competitor

12:00 – 12:50 **Oleksandr DIDUR**

Veteran,
Ambassador, Heart of Azovstal,
Trainer in Post-Traumatic Growth (PTG)

Inna KOROLENKO

Veteran,
Invictus Games: Team Ukraine 2025 Competitor

Sem LAHUN

Serviceman,
Invictus Games: Team Ukraine 2023 Competitor

Maiia MOSKVYCH

Veteran,
Invictus Games: Team Ukraine 2018 Competitor

Moderator

Alina FROLOVA

Founder, StratcomUA
and Invictus Games in Ukraine

12:50 – 13:00 **Special Address**

General Seán CLANCY

Chair, European Union Military Committee

Moderator

Mark LOBEL

Journalist & TV Presenter, BBC

One for All or Illusions of Security?

Senior military leaders from NATO and the European Union engage in a strategic dialogue on the future of European and transatlantic security. As Russia's war against Ukraine enters its thirteenth year, the panel explores battlefield lessons, the evolution of modern warfare, and the West's readiness to strengthen collective defence.

At stake is a fundamental question: is the democratic world prepared to uphold the principle of solidarity - one for all and all for one? The discussion also considers how Ukraine's battlefield-tested experience can strengthen Western capabilities, accelerate adaptation, and reinforce collective resilience across the Euro-Atlantic community.

Admiral Giuseppe Cavo DRAGONE

Chair, NATO Military Committee

General Seán CLANCY

Chair, European Union Military Committee

General Jennie CARIGNAN, CMM, MSC, MSM, CD

Chief of the Defence Staff, Canada

Major General Kaspars PUDANS

Chief of Defence, Latvia

Lieutenant General Krzysztof KRÓL

Assistant to the Chief of General Staff of the Polish Armed Forces for transformation

13:00 – 14:00 **Major General Constantin-Adrian CIOLPONEA**
SACT Representative in Europe

Brigadier General Joachim KASCHKE
Head, Special Staff on Ukraine,
Federal Ministry of Defence, Germany

Moderator

Mark LOBEL
Journalist & TV Presenter, BBC

14:00 – 15:00 *Lunch Break*

14:00 – 15:00 **BOOK SIGNING**

Venue: Lobby

**Our War. Crime and Oblivion:
Towards Strategic Thinking**

**Notre Guerre. Le Crime Et L'Oubli:
Pour Une Pensée Stratégique**

Nicolas TENZER
Chairman, Centre for Studies and Research
on Political Decision, France

14:00 - 15:00 **FEATURED SESSION**

Venue: Gold Lounge Room, 11th Floor

Why an Unmanned Systems Command Is Critical for Every EU State

In Cooperation with New Age Defence

By Invitation Only

Enemy drones are penetrating EU airspace, disrupting operations and exposing new risks. This is no longer hypothetical or limited to Ukraine - it is a shared European challenge. The discussion examines why every EU state needs a dedicated Unmanned Systems Command and how Ukraine's battlefield experience can accelerate this effort.

14:50 - 15:00 **KSF Sociological Survey Presentation**

In Cooperation with Razumkov Centre

Yurii YAKYMENKO

President, Razumkov Centre
(The Ukrainian Centre for Economic and Political Studies named after Oleksandr Razumkov)

15:00 - 15:20 **Conversation**

Hanno PEVKUR

Minister of Defence, Estonia

Moderator

Mark LOBEL

Journalist & TV Presenter, BBC

15:20 – 15:50 **ALLIANCE PANEL**

**NATO Support to Ukraine:
Balancing the Immediate with the Long-Term**

Session in Partnership with NATO

As Russia's war against Ukraine continues, NATO remains central to coordinating and strengthening international assistance to Ukraine. The Alliance is working simultaneously on two strategic tracks: delivering urgent support to help Ukraine defend itself today and building sustainable mechanisms for long-term defence cooperation and capability development.

This discussion explores how NATO and its partners are balancing immediate battlefield needs, including training, logistics coordination, and security assistance, with the development of long-term defence planning and institutional frameworks.

Patrick TURNER

Senior Representative in Ukraine, NATO

Brigadier General Jason GUINEY

Forward Liaison Officer Element Chief,
NATO Security Assistance and Training for Ukraine
(NSATU)

Lesya OHRYZKO

Head, The Reforms Support Office,
Ministry of Defence, Ukraine
Founder and Director, Sahaidachnyi Security Centre

Moderator

Tanya HARTMAN

Head, Policy East,
Political Affairs and Security Policy Division,
NATO HQ

15:50 – 16:00 **Online Intervention**

Ruben GALLEGO

U.S. Senator (Arizona)

Moderator

Mark LOBEL

Journalist & TV Presenter, BBC

16:00 – 16:45 **ANTI-CORRUPTION INTEGRITY PANEL**

**A Decade After Maidan:
Integrity as a Pillar of Ukraine’s Security**

In Ukraine, the fight against corruption is a matter of national security. For years, Russia exploited corruption to weaken state institutions and undermine resilience. One of the first strategic responses after the Revolution of Dignity was the creation of a new anti-corruption system - now among the country’s most important achievements of the past decade.

This discussion explores how to protect and advance these reforms under pressure, and how Ukraine’s experience can offer lessons for other countries where corruption is used as a tool of influence and destabilization.

Semen KRYVONOS

Director, National Anti-Corruption Bureau, Ukraine

Dmytro KALMYKOV

Deputy Head of the National Agency on
Corruption the Prevention (NACP)

Vira MYKHAILENKO

Judge, High Anti-Corruption Court, Ukraine

16:00 – 16:45 Allan Pagh KRISTENSEN

Head, EU Anti-Corruption Initiative in Ukraine

Elanas JABLONSKAS

Deputy Director, Special Investigation Service, Lithuania

Moderator

Vlasta LAZUR

Journalist

16:00 – 17:00 FEATURED SESSION

Venue: Polissya Room, 3rd Floor

**Fighting with Drones, Winning with People:
Demographics in the Age of AI Warfare**

In Cooperation with The Frontier Institute

The rise of drones and AI fuels the illusion of a “war of machines.” In reality, technology does not replace people, it demands more of them. Behind every drone stands a chain of human effort: operators, engineers, logisticians, commanders.

Russia is not fighting technology. It is waging a war of attrition against Ukrainians. Human capital has become a decisive factor of national security. This discussion asks a hard question: can technological advantage offset demographic decline or will the future of war be decided by those who can sustain and mobilize people?

16:00 - 17:00

Mstyslav BANIK

Deputy Minister of Defence of Ukraine

Olha DUKHNICH

Head of the Demography and Migration Program,
Frontier Institute

Iryna TEREKH

Chief Technology Officer, FirePoint

Major Illia Gandalf SAMOILENKO

Intelligence Officer, 1st Corps "Azov"
National Guard of Ukraine

Moderator

Yevhen HLIBOVYTSKYI

Chief Executive Officer, Frontier Institute

16:45 - 17:00 *Coffee Break*

17:00 - 17:10 **Featured Address**

Florian HAHN

Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office,
Federal Republic of Germany

Moderator

Mark LOBEL

Journalist & TV Presenter, BBC

Ukrainian Cities: From Crisis Management to Investment-Ready Resilience

In Cooperation with Ukraine Facility Platform

War has turned critical infrastructure into a battlefield. Drawing on Ukraine's hard lessons, this panel explores how cities, governments, and European partners can redesign urban systems to withstand deliberate attacks. From resilience and recovery to investment and integration, it examines how security becomes a foundation for long-term development and support.

Volodymyr GROYSMAN

Prime Minister of Ukraine (2016-2019)

Taras KACHKA

Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine
for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration

Oleksandr KODOLA

Mayor of Nizhyn

Serhii KOVALENKO

Chief Executive Officer, YASNO

Amb. Katarína MATHERNOVÁ

Ambassador of the European Union to Ukraine

Daniel STANDER

Deputy Chair, Resilience Cities Network

17:10 – 18:00 *Moderator*

Amb. Lana ZERKAL

Member of the Coordination Council,
Ukraine Facility Platform

18:10 – 18:15 **FEATURED ADDRESS**

Venue: Underground Shelter

Benedikta von SEHERR-THOß

Managing Director for Peace, Security and Defence,
European External Action Service (EEAS)

18:15 – 19:00 **DEFENCE TECHNOLOGY FORUM**

Venue: Underground Shelter

Innovation Wins Wars

In Cooperation with New Age Defence

Rapid technological change is transforming modern warfare. Military innovators, defence companies, and technology leaders discuss how drones, artificial intelligence, and advanced battlefield systems are reshaping the battlefield. Ukraine's experience demonstrates how innovation, adaptability, and close cooperation between government and industry can rapidly strengthen military capabilities.

Yaroslav AZHNYUK

Founder and Chief Executive Officer, The Fourth Law

Oleksandr BEREZHNYI

Managing Director, Quantum-Systems Ukraine

18:15 - 19:00

Major General Constantin-Adrian CIOLPONEA

SACT Representative in Europe

Colonel Mykyta RAZ-DVA NADTOCHII

Deputy Commander of the 1st Corps “Azov”,
National Guard of Ukraine

Bohdan SAS

Co-Founder, Buntar Aerospace

Oleksandr YAKOVENKO

Founder, TAF Industries

Moderator

Kateryna MYKHALKO

Managing Director, New Age Defence

19:00

Reception & Networking

Venue: Marigold Restaurant, 2nd Floor

20:00 - 21:00

Night Owl Session

Venue: Underground Shelter

What If Darkness Prevails?

What if authoritarian forces prevail? This discussion confronts the darkest scenarios facing the world. If aggression is rewarded and impunity prevails, the foundations of international law and the rules-based order would be profoundly undermined.

20:00 - 21:00

Would this mark a historic rupture - a return to an era where might makes right? Would it signal a resurgence of authoritarianism and a victory of darkness not seen since the Second World War? This session asks a stark question: what kind of world are we prepared to face if darkness prevails?

Special Online Intervention

Garry KASPAROV

Chairman, Renew Democracy Initiative

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David BEHAR

Deputy Director, Centre for Analysis, Planning and Strategy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France

Iulian CHIFU

President, the Bucharest Centre for Conflict Prevention and Early Warning

Morgan MCSWEENEY

Chief of Staff to the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom (2024-2026)

Ia MEURMISHVILI

Editor-in-Chief, Independence Avenue Media

James SHERR

Honorary Fellow,
International Centre for Defence and Security, Estonia

Brian WHITMORE

Non-Resident Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council

Moderator

Mark LOBEL

Journalist & TV Presenter, BBC

Friday, 24 April

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Kyiv EEST

9:00 – 18:30 **Defence Technology Exhibition** (*underground shelter*)

9:00 – 9:45 **Early Morning Session**

Venue: Underground Shelter

Disinformation in the Age of AI - Next-Level Threats

In Partnership with Deutsche Welle

Artificial intelligence is rapidly transforming the information battlefield. Throughout the year of war against Ukraine, disinformation has evolved from traditional media ecosystems in 2014 to AI-driven, scalable manipulation across global social platforms. This panel examines how these shifts affect societies, including the spread of disinformation within democratic political and media environments. It also explores how Ukraine's experience in countering hybrid threats can shape responses in the West.

Roman GONCHARENKO

Eastern European Editor, Deutsche Welle

Andriy KOVALENKO

Head of the Centre for Countering Disinformation,
National Security and Defence Council, Ukraine

Ihor ROZKLADAI

Deputy Director, Centre for Democracy and Rule of
Law, Ukraine

9:00 – 9:45

Adam RUTLAND

Chief Executive Officer, Centre for Information Resilience, United Kingdom

Moderator

Liubov TSYBULSKA

Founder & Director, Join Ukraine NGO

10:00 – 10:20 **Opening Remarks**

Venue: Atrium Hall²

Andrzej DUDA

President of Poland (2015–2025)

Moderator

Mark LOBEL

Journalist & TV Presenter, BBC

10:20 – 10:30 **Featured Address**

Žygimantas VAIČIŪNAS

Minister of Energy of Lithuania

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10:30 – 11:15 **Chornobyl Remembrance Panel**

Atoms for Peace, Atoms at War

Marking the 40th anniversary of the Chornobyl disaster, this panel examines the legacy of the world's worst nuclear accident and its implications for today's security environment. The catastrophe demonstrated that a nuclear accident anywhere becomes a nuclear accident everywhere, prompting international efforts to strengthen nuclear safety and preparedness.

Today, Russia's invasion of Ukraine once again places nuclear security at the center of global concern. The militarization of nuclear facilities, Russia's nuclear threats, and the violation of the Budapest Memorandum raise profound questions about the credibility of nuclear guarantees and the stability of the global nuclear security architecture.

Video Address

Rafael Mariano GROSSI

Director General,
International Atomic Energy Agency

Special Conversation

Dr. Hans BLIX

Director General,
International Atomic Energy Agency (1981-1997)

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Mariana BUDJERYN

Senior Researcher, Centre for Nuclear Security Policy,
MIT

Lars van DASSEN

Director, World Institute for Nuclear Security, Austria

Ostap SEMERAK

Minister of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine
(2016-2019)

10:30 – 11:15

Serhiy TARAKANOV

Director General, Chornobyl Nuclear Power Plant

Rumina VELSHI

Chair, Supervisory Board, Energoatom,
President and Chief Executive Officer,
Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (2018–2023)

Moderator

Mark LOBEL

Journalist & TV Presenter, BBC

11:00 – 12:00

Featured Session

Venue: Polissya Room, 3rd Floor

**Holding Back the Sky: Lessons Learned from
Ukraine’s Air Defence**

In Cooperation with Snake Island Institute

Ukraine’s air defence has become one of the most decisive elements of its resistance, protecting cities, critical infrastructure, and millions of lives under conditions of sustained aerial assault.

This session draws on the report “Holding Back the Sky: Ukraine’s Air Defence Campaign 2022–2025” prepared by the Snake Island Institute. It explores how Ukraine has transformed its air defence from a fragmented set of legacy systems into a layered, adaptive architecture capable of operating under extreme pressure and limited resources.

“BOCHKA”

Chief of the Air Defense Section of
the 3rd Army Corps

11:00 – 12:00

Oleksandr YARMAK

DARKNODE Battalion Commander,
412th Brigade “Nemesis”

Maryna HRYTSENKO

Executive Director, Snake Island Institute

Catarina BUCHATSKIY

Director of Analytics, Snake Island Institute

Moderator

Vladyslav SOBOLEVSKIY

President, Snake Island Institute

11:15 – 12:00

Peace, Solidarity, and Moral Courage

Light at the End of the Tunnel?

This dialogue brings together church leaders and Nobel Peace Prize laureates to reflect on the moral foundations of peace in a time of war. The discussion links two essential questions: the search for renewed understanding and spiritual solidarity in our region, and the broader global challenge of defending human dignity, truth, and justice in the face of aggression.

At a moment of profound uncertainty, the panel explores whether moral courage and solidarity can help restore hope and open a path toward a just peace.

Sviatoslav SHEVCHUK

Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church

Yevstratyi (ZORIA)

Metropolitan,
Spokesperson for the Orthodox Church of Ukraine

11:15 – 12:00

Archbishop Visvaldas KULBOKAS

Apostolic Nuncio to Ukraine

Valerii ANTONIUK

President, All-Ukrainian Union of Churches of Evangelical Christians-Baptists,
Chairman, Council of Evangelical Protestant Churches of Ukraine

Murad SULEIMANOV

Mufti, Spiritual Administration of Muslims of Ukraine
“Umma”

Yakiv SYNIAKOV

Rabbi, Chaplain, 7th Air Assault Corps,
Armed Forces of Ukraine

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Oleksandra MATVIICHUK

Nobel Peace Prize Laureate (2022),
Chair, Centre for Civil Liberties

Tawakkol KARMAN (online address)

Nobel Peace Prize Laureate (2011),
Founder and Chair, Women Journalists Without
Chains

Jody WILLIAMS (online address)

Nobel Peace Prize Laureate (1997),
Founding Coordinator,
International Campaign to Ban Landmines,
Chair, Nobel Women’s Initiative

Moderator

Danylo LUBKIVSKY

Deputy Foreign Minister of Ukraine (2014),
Member of the Security Council, Kyiv Security Forum

12:00 – 12:45 *Lunch Break*

12:30 – 13:00 **BOOK SIGNING**

Venue: Lobby

If You Want Peace, Prepare for War

Admiral Rob BAUER

Chair, NATO Military Committee (2021-2025),
Member of the Security Council, Kyiv Security Forum

12:45 – 13:00 **KSF Presentation**

**Sanctions Against Russia:
Impact, Limits, and the Way Forward**

In Cooperation with Kyiv School of Economics

Viacheslav BUTKO

Economic Advisor, Kyiv Security Forum

Yulia PAVYTSKA

Head, Sanctions Hub of Excellence,
Kyiv School of Economics

13:00 – 13:40 Intelligence and Security Dialogue

Invisible Frontlines

Hybrid warfare increasingly operates in the shadows. Representatives of allied intelligence communities examine emerging threats ranging from cyber operations to covert influence campaigns. The discussion focuses on how intelligence cooperation, counterintelligence capabilities, and strategic early warning strengthen democratic resilience against complex security threats.

Sir Richard Peter MOORE, KCMG (online)

Chief, Secret Intelligence Service (MI6) (2020-2025)

General David PETRAEUS (online)

Commander of U.S. Central Command (2008–2010),

Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (2011–2012)

Member of the Security Council, Kyiv Security Forum

Amb. Andres VOSMAN (online)

Ambassador of the Republic Estonia to the State of Israel, Deputy Director, Foreign Intelligence Service of Estonia (2020-2025)

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Glenn CORN

Professor, Institute of World Politics,

Co-Host, Restricted Handling Podcast

John SIPHER

Former U.S. Senior Intelligence Executive,

Co-Founder, Spycraft Entertainment,

Non-Resident Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council

Moderator

Mark LOBEL

Journalist & TV Presenter, BBC

13:00 - 14:30 **Featured Session**

Venue: Gold Lounge Room, 11th Floor

**The Baltic Format:
A Fast-Track Model for Scalable European Defence**

In Cooperation with Ukraine Facility Platform

By Invitation Only

The Baltic states face a narrowing window while fragmented defence cooperation struggles to keep pace. Drawing on Ukraine's hard-won battlefield experience, this roundtable addresses a central question: how can NATO's Eastern Flank move beyond incremental adaptation toward a fundamentally new model of defence across land, air, sea, and cyber domains?

From closing critical coordination gaps to unlocking smarter and faster funding for capability development, this discussion brings together operational urgency and strategic decision-making at a decisive moment.

14:00 – 14:30 **BOOK PRESENTATION**

Venue: Lobby

**Ukrainian Translation of Alexander Stubb's
The Triangle of Power**

Ivan MALKOVYCH

Founder and Director,
A-BA-BA-HA-LA-MA-HA Publishing House

Danylo LUBKIVSKY

Deputy Foreign Minister of Ukraine (2014),
Member of the Security Council, Kyiv Security Forum

13:40 – 14:20 **KSF Focus**

How to Sustain Unity, Resolve, and Action?

Five years into full-scale war, and the dangerous risk now is fatigue. Political, military, and societal endurance is now a decisive factor. The question now is how to sustain unity, resolve, and action when war becomes routine. From the battlefield to decision-making tables in NATO and EU capitals, the discussion will focus on what it takes to stay the course – militarily, politically, and morally.

Baiba BRAŽE (online)

Minister of Foreign Affairs of Latvia

Admiral Rob BAUER

Chair, NATO Military Committee (2021-2025)
Member of the Security Council, Kyiv Security Forum

13:40 – 14:20 Irene FELLIN

NATO Secretary General's Special Representative
for Women, Peace and Security, and Human Security

Admiral Sir Tony RADAKIN, KCB, ADC

Chief of the Defence Staff, United Kingdom (2021–2025)
Member of the Security Council, Kyiv Security Forum

Taavi RÕIVAS

Prime Minister of Estonia (2014–2016),
Member of the Security Council, Kyiv Security Forum

Moderator

Mark LOBEL

Journalist & TV Presenter, BBC

14:20 – 15:10 JUSTICE AND ACCOUNTABILITY PANEL

Peace Through Pressure

In Partnership with Covington & Burling

A just peace requires justice and accountability. This panel explores how sanctions, financial enforcement, and legal mechanisms can increase pressure on Russia. It focuses on tightening restrictions, preventing evasion, and deploying new tools such as secondary sanctions and tariffs, as well as advancing reparations through frozen assets and establishing a tribunal for Russia's crime of aggression against Ukraine.

Andrzej DUDA

President of Poland (2015–2025)

Serhii MARCHENKO

Minister of Finance of Ukraine

Thórdís Kolbrún REYKJÖRD GYLFADÓTTIR (online)

Special Envoy of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe on the situation of children of Ukraine

14:20 – 15:10

David LORELLO

Partner, Covington & Burling

Yulia PAVYTSKA

Head, Sanctions Hub of Excellence,
Kyiv School of Economics

Amb. Kurt VOLKER

U.S. Special Representative
for Ukraine Negotiations (2017-2019)

Moderator

Marcin BUŻAŃSKI

Director, Centre for Diplomacy and Negotiation,
Civitas University,
Advisor to the Management Board,
Casimir Pulaski Foundation, Poland

15:00 – 16:00

Featured Session

Venue: Polissya Room, 3rd Floor

OSINT in Action: From Exposure to Protection

In Cooperation with Centre for Information Resilience

This session explores how open-source intelligence reveals critical information in modern conflict and how the same tools create risks when cyber and operational security are insufficient.

Speakers demonstrate the practical use of OSINT and highlight approaches to strengthening personal and institutional digital security.

Yulia PARKHOMENKO

Senior OSINT Investigator,
Centre for Information Resilience

15:00 – 16:00

Daryna SUDACHEK

Investigator and Data Analyst,
Centre for Information Resilience

15:10 – 15:30 *Coffee Break*

15:30 – 16:20 **EUROPEAN STRATEGY PANEL**

Europe Returns to History

Europe faces a defining test of its international role. Russia's aggression against Ukraine, the threat of further incursions, and the expansion of hybrid warfare challenge the continent's security and political cohesion. At the same time, pressure from the United States and mounting internal strains force Europe to reassess its strategic direction.

Yet new political signals offer grounds for cautious optimism. The central question remains: how can Europe become a true strategic actor in its own right? In this effort, Ukraine stands as a cornerstone - not only of Europe's security, but of its future identity and purpose.

Erlend Bollman BJØRTVEDT

Chief Executive Officer, Corisk

Aron EMILSSON

Chair of the Riksdag Committee on Foreign Affairs,
Sweden

Marketa GREGOROVA

Member of the European Parliament, Czech Republic

15:30 – 16:20

Fabrice POTHIER

Chief Executive Officer, Rasmussen Global

Nicolas TENZER

Chairman,
Centre for Studies and Research on Political Decision,
France

Klaus WELLE

Chairman of the Academic Council,
Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies

Moderator

Alexandra von NAHMEN

Director of Eastern Europe,
Deutsche Welle

16:20 – 17:10

GLOBAL STRATEGY PANEL

The World on the Edge

The U.S.–Israel campaign against Iran is reshaping dynamics in the Middle East with wider global implications. What began as an effort to curb Iran’s nuclear ambitions now affects regional stability and the broader balance of power.

The panel explores how these developments influence global alignments, including the role of China, and whether they weaken or consolidate authoritarian partnerships. It also asks whether this moment signals

16:20 - 17:10 a contained escalation or the early stage of a wider great-power confrontation.

Anne GENETET

Member, National Assembly, France

David IGNATIUS

Columnist, The Washington Post

Dr. Evelyn FARKAS

Executive Director, McCain Institute

Morgan JOHANSSON

Deputy Chair,
the Riksdag Committee on Foreign Affairs, Sweden

Meaghan MOBBS

Director, Center for American Safety and Security,
Independent Women's Forum
President, Romulus T. Weatherman Foundation

Vitaly PORTNIKOV

Journalist

Natalie TOCCI

Director, Istituto Affari Internazionale, Italy

Moderator

Mark LOBEL

Journalist & TV Presenter, BBC

17:10 – 17:15 **Online Address**

Marcos PERESTRELLO

President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly

17:15 – 18:10 **TRANSATLANTIC PANEL**

America First, America with Allies, or America Alone?

The direction of U.S. foreign policy remains a decisive factor in the global balance of power. This panel examines the strategic course of the Trump administration and the broader debate in the United States about America's role in the world. Participants discuss what allies should expect from Washington, how U.S. policy may evolve after the upcoming congressional elections, and how the transatlantic alliance can remain strong amid shifting global dynamics.

Laura COOPER

U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defence (2017-2025)

Amb. John HERBST

Senior Director, Eurasia Center, Atlantic Council
U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine (2003-2006)

Tomas GODLIAUSKAS

Deputy Minister of Defence, Lithuania

Robert PADUCHIK

Chairman of the Ohio Republican Party (2021-2023),
Co-Chairman, Republican National Committee
(2017-2019)

17:15 – 18:10

Steven PIFER

Affiliate, Center for International Security and Cooperation, Freeman Spogli Institute, Stanford University
U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine (1998–2000)

Amb. Stephen SESTANOVICH

George F. Kennan Senior Fellow
for Russian and Eurasian Studies,
Council on Foreign Relations

Amb. William TAYLOR

Distinguished Fellow, Atlantic Council,
U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine
(2006–2009 & 2019–2020)

Moderator

Nana SAJAIA

Producer and Assignment Editor, Newsmax

18:10 – 18:30 **Concluding Event**

If You Want Peace, Prepare for War

Admiral Rob BAUER

Chair, NATO Military Committee (2021–2025)
Member of the Security Council, Kyiv Security Forum

18:10 – 18:30 **Eleonora RUSSELL**

Strategic Communications Advisor,
Co-author of *If You Want Peace, Prepare for War*

Thank You Remarks by

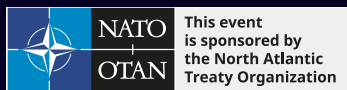
Ramina SHUT

Director, Arseniy Yatsenyuk Open Ukraine Foundation

18:30 **Reception**

Venue: Marigold Restaurant, 2nd Floor

Strategic Partner:



Organizer:



Media:



Partners:

