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European Center for Security Studies "George C. Marshall"

**"NATO and the Regional Stability of Western Balkans
Smart Power Approach"
28 August - 1 September 2013
Struga, Republic of Macedonia**

A G E N D A

Time	Activity	Location
Wednesday, 28 Aug 2013		
all day	Arrival of Participants	Hotel BISER Struga
1900-2100	Welcome Reception (dress: Casual)	
Thursday, 29 Aug 2013		
0900-0915	Administrative Briefing	Hotel Conference Hall
0915-0930	Opening	

0930-1100

Topic 1 Global security environment: new challenges for NATO and Partners

Moderator: Dr. Matthew Rhodes

Professor of National Security Studies George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies

Speakers:

1. Mr. Zsolt Rabai

Public Diplomacy Coordinator for Partners across the Globe and Contact Countries, Coordinator for NATO Contact Point Embassies, NATO HQ Public Diplomacy Division

"Global security environment: New challenges for NATO and Partners"

2. Dr. Matthew Rhodes

"U.S. - European Security Relations"

3. Ms Ljubica Pendarovska, MSc

European University - Macedonia

(dress: Business)

1100-
1130

Coffee Break

1130-1300

Topic 2 NATO contribution to peace and stability

Moderator: Dr Vilma Petkovska

Ministry of foreign affairs - Macedonia

Speakers:

1. Dr Ridvan Peshkopia

*University for Business and Technology - Kosovo
Army of the Republic of Macedonia*

2. COL Philip Osment

Defense Attaché, British Embassy in Macedonia

(dress: Business)

1330-
1430

Lunch

1430-1600	Syndicate work (coffee will be served while at work) Syndicate leaders: Group 1: Dr Vilma Petkovska Group 2: Dr Matthew Rhodes (dress: Business)	
1615	Bus leaves for Ohrid	
1700 - 1830	Sightseeing in Ohrid (dress: Casual)	
1830-2000	Free time in Ohrid	
2000 - 2130	Informal Dinner Restaurant BELVEDERE - Ohrid	
2135	Bus leaves for Hotel BISER	
Friday, 30 Aug 2013		
0900-0915	Administrative Briefing	Hotel Conference Hall
0915-1100	<p>Topic 3 <u>NATO in the region: National and Alliance perspective</u></p> <p>Moderator: Dr Stojan Slaveski <i>European University - Macedonia</i></p> <p>Speakers:</p> <p>1. HE Talat Xaferi, Minister <i>Ministry of defence - Macedonia</i></p> <p>2 COL Aleksandar Aleksandrov <i>NATO Senior Military Representative in the Republic of Macedonia</i></p> <p>3 Dr Blagoja Markovski <i>Balkan Security Forum - Macedonia</i></p> <p>(dress: Business)</p>	
1100-1130	Coffee Break	

1130- 1300

**Topic 4 Regional Security Challenges- Obstacles in the Western Balkans:
Old problems and New Approaches**

Moderator Dr.Sabine Collmer

*Professor of International Security Studies George C. Marshall European Center
for Security Studies*

Speakers:

1. Dr Valbona Zeneli

*Professor of National Security Studies George C. Marshall European Center for
Security Studies*

"Economic security in SEE& Crime and Corruption: Challenges in SEE"

2. Dr Slaveski Stojan

3. COL Jeffrey Predmore

Defense Attaché - USA Embassy in Macedonia

"Regional military cooperation"

(dress: Business)

1330-
1430

Lunch

1500-
1630

Syndicate work(coffee will be served while at work)

Syndicate leaders:

Group 1: Dr Sabine Collmer

Group 2: Dr Valbona Zeneli

(dress: Business)

1630 -
1800

Free time

1800

Bus leaves for Vevčani

1830 -
2000

Cultural tour of Vevčani

(dress: Casual)

2000 -
2200

Informal Dinner

Restaurant IZVOR - Vevčani

2200

Bus leaves for Hotel BISER

Saturday, 31 Aug 2013

0900-
0915

Administrative Briefing

Hotel Conference Hall

0930 -1100

Topic 5 Regional Cooperation Mechanisms: Strengths and Weaknesses

Moderator: Dr Valbona Zeneli

Speakers:

1. LTC Dr Metodi Hadzijanev

Military Academy - Macedonia

2. Col. Aleksandar Aleksandrov

3. COL Dr Mehmedin Tahirovic

Ministry of Defence - Montenegro

"Regional Security Cooperation Initiatives - Strengths and Weaknesses"

(dress: Business)

1100-
1130

Coffee Break

11:30-1300

Topic 6 The Way Ahead in Regional Cooperation: Reconciliation as Part of the Toolkit

Moderator: Dr. Sabine Collmer

Speakers:

1. Dr Ridvan Peshkopia

"Reconciliation versus divided societies - an overview"

2. Ms. Biljana Popovska, MSc

Military Academy - Macedonia

"Cases from the region (MK) & other countries from the region"

(dress: Business)

1330-
1430

Lunch

1500-1600

Plenary Session

Interactive debate for Policy Recommendations

Dr Vilma Petkovska, Dr Sabine Collmer, Dr Valbona Zeneli, Dr Metthew Rhodes

(syndicate work -presentations)

(dress: Business)

1630-1700	Coffee Break	
1700-1730	Closing Remarks and Outlook Feedback Questionnaire Dr Stojan Slaveski (dress: Business)	
2030	Final (Formal) dinner (dress: Formal)	Hotel BISER Restaurant
Sunday, 1 Sept 2013		
all day	DEPARTURES	