

Panel 3: NATO in the region: National and Alliance perspective

Panel 4: Regional Security Challenges - Obstacles in the WB: Old problems and New Approaches

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NATO in the region: National and Alliance perspective

■ NATO in the region

- MS in the region, regional cooperation
- Public support and real commitment to carry out the reforms and changes required, emotional vs rational thinking
- Alliance perspective - Enlargement is off the topic currently, Alliance is going through its own transformation process, it's important to keep the positive momentum of reforms, individual merits and results must be noted

■ Key areas to be covered towards the EA integration:

1. Reforms in security, defence and intelligence sector
 2. Strengthening the rule of law
 3. Strengthening public opinion
- Intensive cooperation and exchange of views with the Allies
 - Aspirant countries have already showed they are de facto an Ally, because we share values and responsibilities with the Alliance for the common security on regional and global level

PANEL 4: OLD PROBLEMS AND NEW APPROACHES

■ Regional challenges we are facing:

1. Political

- Territorial disputes among neighboring countries
- Identity issue in BiH, RM, MNE
- NATO vs EU integration complementary processes (what if this doesn't work)
- Common foreign policy, unified interest and goals
- Strengthening institutions and rule of law, fighting organized crime and corruption
- Raising public awareness
- Does all depend on the region and WB countries? (changing circumstances in the Alliance and Union, external factors, high benchmarks, frozen conflicts, different approach chapter 23 and 24)

2. Military

- Security and stability in the region
- Military cooperation in the region
- Contribution to international peace keeping missions, UN, EU, NATO (Afghanistan, XIII contingent, 2% of MNE army)
- Parliament monitoring and control over deployment of military staff
- Positive aspect of ongoing reforms in security and defense sector
- Avoid political influence in this segment

■ 3. Economic aspect

- Stability and security
- FDI improvement
- Trade and prosperity with Ally countries

4.Social identity / Changing the mindset

- Higher media involvement, provide additional information for citizens regarding EA integration and NATO itself
 - Society culture
 - Influence of diaspora, positive or negative
 - Building new identities
 - Integrating abroad or reintegrating in native country
 - Collective identity –creating social identity or national identity
- Implementing change, how can change be implemented, from the outside or inside?
 - Level of economic standard influence the mindset

✓ We may not share the same strategic foreign policy priorities, but WB countries most definitely share opinion that improving, already strong, regional cooperation is among those priorities.

■ THANK YOU !