

New Strategy Center and **Center for American Seapower**, Hudson Institute, USA,
have issued the joint study

“Why does the Black Sea matter?”

We are pleased to invite you to attend the launching of the Romanian-American policy paper that highlights the main problems of the Wider Black Sea region. We thus want to submit to the American and European stakeholders this joint assessment of risks, vulnerabilities, and possible developments in the Black Sea area, being convinced that both the USA and NATO should act firmly in this region to defend the stability, security and fundamental values of the democratic world.

The event takes place on **Monday, June 27**, between **10.00 – 13.30**, at the **Palace of the National Military Circle, The Marble Hall**.

Agenda of the event:

10.00 – 10.15 Opening of the debate and introductory words: Mr. **Ionel Nițu**, the President of the New Strategy Center, and Mr. **Seth Cropsey**, Director of the Center for American Seapower, Hudson Institute, Washington DC, USA.

10.15 – 10.30 Mr. **Cosmin Ioniță**, New Strategy Center: ‘The old new problems of the region – from the problems of the past to the present frozen conflicts’

10.30 – 10.45 Mr. **Iulian Fota**, New Strategy Center: ‘The militarization of the Black Sea – Moscow does not believe in tears’

10.45 – 11.00 Mr. **Phillip Crowley**, Professor at George Washington University, Washington DC, USA: ‘Information war. What can be done? American perspective’

11.00 – 11.15 Ms. **Mihaela Nicola**, New Strategy Center: ‘Information war. What can be done? Romanian perspective’

11.15 – 11.35 Mr. **Segiu Celac**, New Strategy Center: ‘Why does the Black Sea matter. Romanian perspective’

11.35 – 12.00 Mr. **Seth Cropsey**: ‘Why does the Black Sea matter. American perspective’

12.00 – 13.30 Open debates.