



New Strategy Center  
and  
*Center for Army, Conversion and Disarmament Studies*  
are organizing the debate

***Security Challenges in the Black Sea Region: Current Situation and Possible Evolution***

The event will be held on **Wednesday, September 11st, starting with 09:30**, at **The National Military Club, Alba Iulia Hall, 3rd floor, Constantin Mille Street Entrance.**

**Event Agenda:**

**9:30-9:45 – Introductory remarks** by Ambassador Sergiu Celac, Honorary Chairman of New Strategy Center and Mr. Mykhailo Samus, Deputy Director for International Affairs, CACDS

**9:45-11:30 Panel I – An assessment of the security challenges in the Black Sea region**

*Chair:* Ambassador Sergiu Celac, Honorary Chairman of New Strategy Center, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania

- Lt. Gen. (Ret.) Viktor Hvozdz, former Chief of the Main Intelligence Directorate of the MoD and former Chairman of the Foreign Intelligence Service, Ukraine
- Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Brian Keller, former Director of Military Support at the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, former EUCOM Director of Intelligence, USA
- Bg. Gen. (Ret.) Mircea Mîndrescu, Senior Associate Expert of New Strategy Center
- Mr. Mykhailo Samus, Deputy Director for International Affairs, CACDS, Ukraine

**10:50-11:30 Open Discussion**

**11:30-11:50 Coffee break**

**11:50 – 13:30 Panel II - Hybrid activities in the Black Sea region. The Impact of such activities from an economic perspective.**

*Chair:* Ambassador Lazăr Comănescu, Member of the Scientific Council of New Strategy Center, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania

- Vice Admiral (Ret.) Serhiy Hayduk, former Commander of the Ukrainian Navy
- Bg. Gen. (Ret.) Daniel Ioniță, Senior Associate Expert of New Strategy Center
- Mr. Pavlo Lakiychuk, Head of the Security Programs of Centre for Global Studies “Strategy XXI”
- Ms. Oksana Ishchuk, Head of Programs on International Information and Strategic Communications, “Strategy XXI” Ukraine

**12:50-13:30 Open Discussion**