

## **Bulgaria – Romania Strategic Dialogue**

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*Introductory Remarks:* Mr. George Scutaru, CEO, New Strategy Center, and Mr. Yordan Bozhilov, President of Sofia Security Forum

*Moderators of the roundtable:* Mr. Yordan Bozhilov, President of Sofia Security Forum, and Ambassador (Ret.) Gheorghe Magheru, Member of the Scientific Council, New Strategy Center

### **10:00-11:30 *Security Challenges in the Black Sea***

Prof. Alina Bârgăoanu, Senior Associate Expert, New Strategy Center , Romania

MG (ret.) Sabi Sabev, Euro-Atlantic Security Center, Bulgaria

Mr. Bogdan Berneagă, Senior Associate Expert, New Strategy Center , Romania

Mr. Yasen Georgiev, Director, Economic Policy Institute

11:30-11:45 - Break

### **11:45-13:15 *Security Challenges in the Balkans***

Mr. Ognyan Minchev, Chairman of the Institute for Regional and International Studies (IRIS)

Ambassador (Ret.) Gheorghe Magheru, Member of the Scientific Council, New Strategy Center

Assoc. Prof. Mila Serafimova, Sofia Security Forum

Ambassador (Ret.) Doru Costea, Senior Associate Expert, New Strategy Center

13:15-14:00 - Break

14:00-15:15 ***The Transatlantic Link Under the New Biden Administration***

Ambassador Elena Poptodorova, Vice President of the Atlantic Club of Bulgaria (ACB) and Founding Member of the ACB Board; Director for Euro-Atlantic Affairs and of the 3SI National Program of ACB; Member of the US-Bulgaria Chamber, Washington, D.C.; Ambassador to the US (2002-2008; 2010-2016); Member of Parliament (1990-2001)

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

Ambassador Teodor Meleşcanu, Member of the Scientific Council, New Strategy Center, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Romania

Dr. Ivo Tsekov, Sofia Security Forum

15:15-15:30 ***Conclusions***

Ambassador Sergiu Celac, Honorary Chairman, New Strategy Center, Romania

Mr. Yordan Bozhilov, President of Sofia Security Forum