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French - Baltic Foreign and Security Policy Seminar

15-16 January 2019

Pullman Riga Old Town
JĒKABA IEĻA 24, RĪGA, LV-1050, LATVIA

Tuesday, 15 January

- 10:30-11:00 Registration/ welcoming coffee at the conference room, *First Floor*
Dress code for all seminar: business casual
- 11:00 Welcome Address by Mr Raimonds Bergmanis, Minister of Defence of the Republic of Latvia

Proposal to conduct seminar as follows:

1. Opening by the Moderator (about 5 minutes)
2. Statements by the nominated Speaker (15 minutes maximum)
3. Question-and-answer session with the audience (led by Moderator)
4. Short summary of the discussions (Moderator)

11:10-12:45 Session 1 - Strategic trends in the Baltic region

Moderator [Mr Jānis Mažeiks](#)
[Undersecretary of State - Political Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Latvia](#)

Russian Military threats and capabilities vis-à-vis NATO
[Mr Madis Roll, Advisor, Policy Planning Department, Ministry of Defence, Estonia](#)

Strategic views on Russia and Belarus
[Mr Robertas Šapronas, Defence Policy Director, Ministry of National Defence, Lithuania](#)

Perspectives on hybrid threats (including cyber issues)
[Mr Jean-Baptiste Jeangène-Vilmer, Director of the Institute for Strategic Research \(IRSEM\), French Ministry for the Armed Forces](#)

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- 13:00-14:00 Buffet lunch served at the hotel for all participants, *Ground Floor*
- 14:15-15:45 Session 2 - European defence and security
- Moderator [Mr Jānis Karlsbergs](#)
[Undersecretary of State - Policy Director, Ministry of Defence, Latvia](#)
- Transatlantic Relationship
[Ms Tuuli Duneton, Acting Policy Director, Ministry of Defence, Estonia](#)
- EU, NATO and Strategic Autonomy
[Vice-admiral Hervé de Bonnaventure, Deputy Director General for International Relations and Strategy, French Ministry for the Armed Forces](#)
- Remastering conventional arms control in the Euro-Atlantic Area
[Mr Saulius Gasiūnas, Director, Defence Policy and Euro-Atlantic Cooperation Department, Ministry of National Defence, Lithuania](#)
- 15:45-16:15 Coffee break
- 16:15-17:45 Session 3 - Challenges on the Europe's Security
- Moderator [Dr Karolis Aleksa, Director, International Relations and Operations Department, Ministry of National Defence, Lithuania](#)
- Fighting terrorism in Sahel and Levant
[Mr Florian Escudié, Deputy Director for Strategic Affairs and Cybersecurity, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs](#)
- Russia's growing presence
[Mr Toms Rostoks, Senior Researcher, Centre for Security and Strategic Research, National Defence Academy of Latvia](#)
- China's influence in Europe
[Mr Eerik Marmeij, Director General, Policy Planning Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#)
- 18:00-18:45 Bilateral Meeting France-Lithuania (MoD), *Room Rocky Mountain, Ground Floor*
- 18:45 Walk to the Restaurant "Kaļķu Vārti", Kaļķu Str. 11b, Rīga Old Town
/Meeting place in hotel lobby/
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- 19:00-21:00 Dinner hosted by Mr Jānis Karlsbergs, Undersecretary of State - Policy Director, Ministry of Defence of Latvia
Dress code: Jacket and tie

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Wednesday, 16 January

07:30	Departure to the LNAF JHQ (Limited participation MoD) Krustabaznīcas Str. 9, Rīga /Transportation provided by MoD Latvia from hotel/
08:00-08:50	Bilateral meeting Latvia-France (MoD)
08:30	Departure to the LNAF JHQ (Limited participation MoD, MfA representatives) /Transportation provided by MoD Latvia from hotel/
09:50	Departure to Saeima, Jēkaba Str. 11/accompanying MoD Protocol Meetings in Saeima (Parliament) for other participants
10:00-11:30	Mr Rihards Kols, Chairman, Foreign Affairs Committee Mr Juris Jurašs, Chairman, Defence, Internal Affairs and Corruption Prevention Committee

Restricted session: NATO SECRET

09:00-09:05	Welcome Address by Major General Ivo Mogilnijs, Chief of Staff of the National Armed Forces Joint Headquarters
09:10-10:10	Session 1 - Deterrence and defence solutions in North East Europe Leading nation: Latvia. Each country is given an opportunity to express opinion. Discussions
10:10-10:25	Coffee break
10:25-11:30	Session 2 - NATO: the transatlantic pillar 70 years after (NATO's Political - Military ambitions for upcoming years Leading nation: France. Each country is given an opportunity to express opinion. Discussions.

12:00-13:30	Seminar Conclusion Lunch at the French Residence (Raiņa bulv. 9, Rīga) for all participants
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