

Public discussion

NATO in 2018: Limits and Opportunities in Responding to Existing and Emerging Challenges

15 June 2018 | “Altum” conference hall, Doma square 4, Riga

8:30-9:00 Welcome coffee and registration

Opening remarks:

Andris Sprūds, Director of the Latvian Institute of International Affairs

Keynote address:

Raimonds Vējonis, President of the Republic of Latvia

Remarks from partners:

Ewelina Brudnicka, Chargé d'affaires a.i., Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Riga

Tobias Mörschel, Director of FES Baltic States

9:20-10:40 Panel I:

NATO and Russia: effectiveness and limits of deterrence and dialogue

Panellists:

- **Jānis Kažociņš**, National Security Advisor to the President of the Republic of Latvia
- **Bogusław Winid**, Foreign Policy Advisor to the President of the Republic of Poland
- **Alexander Moens**, Professor and Chair of Political Science at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, Canada
- **Sergey Markedonov**, Associate professor of Russian State University for the Humanities; Expert of Russian International Affairs Council

Moderator: **Māris Andžāns**, Latvian Institute of International Affairs

10.40-11.00 Coffee break

11:00-12:20 Panel II:

Emerging challenges in the Baltics: limits and opportunities of NATO's response

Panellists:

- **Jānis Sārts**, Director of the NATO Strategic Communications Centre of Excellence
- **Sven Sakkov**, Director of the International Centre for Defence and Security
- **Margarita Šešelgyte**, Deputy Director of the Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University
- **Christian Mölling**, Deputy Director of the Research Institute of the German Council on Foreign Relations

Moderator: **Mārtiņš Daugulis**, Latvian Institute of International Affairs

Farewell coffee and snacks

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