

## ROUND TABLE

### “Extremism vs. Armed Forces – Implications for internal security and recommendations for policy-makers”

#### DRAFT PROGRAM

September 10, 2013 – Crown Plaza Bratislava (Hodžovo nám. 2, Bratislava)

- 9:00 – 9:15 **OPENING REMARKS**  
**Róbert Ondrejcsák**, Director, Centre for European and North Atlantic Affairs
- 9:15 – 11:15 **1. PANEL DISCUSSION**  
**“Extremism and Radicalization in Army: Situation in the Armed Forces of the Countries of Central Europe”**
- The aim of the panel discussion is to present the most recent data and experience related to dealing with radicalization and manifestations of extremism among members of military forces. Data, research outcomes and most current challenges including the danger of military-trained right wing extremists for society and internal security of the state will be presented by academic community and representatives of the Armed Forces of the Slovak Republic as well as other neighboring countries.
- Speakers:*  
**Richard Stojar**, University of Defense in Brno  
**Jozef Matis**, Academy of Armed Forces of General M.R. Štefánik  
**Batyr Chalmuradov**, National Aviation University Kiev
- Chairmanship and commentary:*  
**Róbert Ondrejcsák**, Centre for European and North Atlantic Affairs
- 11:15 – 11:45 *Coffee Break*
- 11:45 – 13:45 **2. PANEL DISCUSSION**  
**“Extremism vs. Armed Forces: Implications and recommendations for the internal security of the country”**

Second panel discussion is focused specifically on potential threats and dangers that could be caused by further failure to address the situation of radicalization and extremism tendencies among current as well as former members of Armed Forces. Again, experience and recommendation from participating countries of Central Europe towards the Slovak Republic are in the main focus. There are many threats related to the issue, e.g. violent actions undertaken by whether current or former military representatives and directed against minorities. Representatives of participating countries will present the main challenges in their countries including specific cases as examples of how they can be addressed.

Speakers:

**Miroslav Mareš**, Masaryk University in Brno

**Vojtech Jurčák**, Academy of Armed Forces of General M.R. Štefánik

**Jan Maciejewski**, University of Wrocław

Chairmanship and commentary:

**Elemír Nečej**, Centre for European and North Atlantic Affairs

13:45 – 14:45 **Lunch**

14:45 – 16:15 **3. PANEL DISCUSSION**

**“Countering extremism in armed forces in the Central Europe: Experiences and Recommendations for the Slovak Republic”**

Final panel discussion will deal specifically with measures that were adopted by representatives of armed forces of countries of Central Europe and recommendations for the Slovak Republic, with possible steps to be undertaken to address the radicalism in the Armed Forces of the Slovak Republic. The discussion will focus on methods of detection of extremist manifestations among members of armed forces as well as on fighting radicalization and tendencies towards extremist ideas among former members of security forces.

Speakers:

**Astrid Bötticher**, Witten/Herdecke University

**Miroslav Kmošena**, Academy of Armed Forces of General M.R. Štefánik

**Peter Krekó**, Political Capital Policy Research and Consulting Institute

Chairmanship and commentary:

**Radka Vicenová**, Centre for European and North Atlantic Affairs