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# SECURING THE FUTURE: BUILDING RESILIENCE THROUGH COLLABORATION

8<sup>TH</sup> REGIONAL (JUMBO) SECURITY COORDINATION CONFERENCE

# AGENDA

14-15 November 2023, Rome

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**Master of Ceremony: Capt. Igor Malchiodi**, Ministry of the interior, Public Security Department, Office for Coordination and Planning of Police Forces, International Relation Service

### DAY 1 (Tuesday, November 14th)

**08:30 - 09:00**

**Registration**

**09:00 - 09:30**

**Opening Session**

- Welcome remarks by the (co)-host organization (3/4 speakers, 5-10 min. each)
  - **Mr. Raffaele Grassi**, Deputy Chief of the Police, Ministry of Interior of Italy
  - **Mr. Andrea Cascone**, Director of the Adriatic and Balkans Unit - General Directorate for the European Union – Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy
  - **Ms. Majlinda Bregu**, Secretary General of the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC)

**09:30 - 10:00**

**Family Photo/ Coffee break**

**10:00 - 11:00**

**Thematic Panel 1 - Setting the Stage: Outlining Key Security Challenges and Trends in the Western Balkans**

- SecuriMeter 2023 presentation: Key findings – (10min.) – **Mr. Aner Zuković**, RCC

Moderated discussion with panellists (1 Moderator + 5 speakers, 10 min. each)

- **Moderator: Ms. Sheelagh Brady**, International expert in the areas of terrorism, countering violent extremism, organized crime, and rule of law
- **Panellists:**
  - **Mr. Mersel Bilalli**, University Professor on International Law, Analyst and Publicist; former MP in the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly; former advisor to the Prime Minister of the North Macedonia





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11:10 - 11:30

## Interactive Session Panel 1 - Q&A

- o **Dr. Giuseppe Giliberti**, Central Directorate for Criminal Police-Countering Organized Crime in Balkans
- o **Ms. Věra Stojarová**, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Masaryk University
- o **Ms. Mirela Arqimandriti**, Executive Director, Gender Alliance for Development Center (GADC)
- o **Mr. Lulzim Peci**, Executive Director, Institute for Policy Research and Development

11:30 - 12:00

## Coffee Break

12:00 - 13:00

## Thematic Panel 2 - Irregular Migration & Organized Crime

Moderated discussion with panellists (1 Moderator + 5 speakers, 10 min. each)

- **Moderator: Mr. Mirsad Buzar**, Deputy Director of the Service for Foreigners' Affairs (SFA), Bosnia and Herzegovina
- **Panellists:**
  - o **Dr. Marco Martino**, Central Anti-Crime Directorate
  - o **Lt. Col. Stilian Cortese**, Guardia di Finanza Headquarter - Organised Crime Section
  - o **Mr. Samir Rizvo**, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina
  - o **Mr. Trpe Stojanovski**, Senior Advisor, Global Initiative Against Transnational Organized Crime
  - o **Mr. Oliver Janser**, Project Manager EU Fight against Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Human Beings in the Western Balkans and Countering Serious Crime in the Western Balkan IPA 2019, GIZ
  - o **Mr. Miguel Nicolau**, Senior Liaison Officer to Italy and Malta, FRONTEX

13:00 - 13:30

## Interactive Session Panel 2 - Q&A

13:30 - 14:30

## Lunch Break

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## Thematic Panel 3 - Extremism and Terrorism

Moderated discussion with panellists (1 Moderator + 5 speakers, 10 min. each)

- **Moderator:** **Mr. Adrian Shtuni**, CEO / Principal Consultant, Shtuni Consulting, LLC
- **Panelists:**
  - **Dr. Arturo Varriale**, Police of Prevention Central Directorate
  - **Mr. Slobodan Kovačević**, State Secretary, Ministry of the Interior, Montenegro
  - **Mr. Željko Marković**, Head of Department for fight against terrorism, Ministry of Internal Affairs, Serbia
  - **Ms. Ivana Veselcic**, Assistant Minister, Sector for the fight against terrorism, organized crime, corruption, war crimes and drug abuse, Ministry of Security, Bosnia and Herzegovina
  - **Mr. Giovanni Cioffi**, European Commission, Team Leader – DG HOME D.2 Counter Terrorism Unit
  - **Mr. Agron Sojati**, Head of the Secretariat for Integrative Internal Security Governance (IISG)
  - **Mr. Albert Rakipi**, Executive Director, Albanian Institute for International Studies

15:30 - 16:00

## Interactive Session Panel 3 - Q&A

16:00 - 16:30

## Coffee break

16:30 - 16:50

**Working Group Summary:** A progression of the day's panels, summarizing discussions, specific insights and forecasting potential actions/initiatives. (The rapporteur will summarize and consolidate the key points, conclusions, and recommendations generated from the day's discussions. The rapporteur will present these findings to the conference group (10 min. slot). This will ensure that valuable insights are shared effectively and contribute to the broader understanding and discussion of the security challenges and threats).

The members of the **Working group Summaries** are as follows:

- **Ms. Sheelagh Brady** is an international expert in the areas of terrorism, countering violent extremism, organized crime, and the rule of law.
- **Dr. Mirsad Buzar**, Deputy Director of the Service for Foreigners' Affairs (SFA), Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- **Ms. Claudia Di Persio**, Ministry of the interior, Public Security Department, Office for Coordination and Planning of Police Forces, International Relation Service-Bilateral Cooperation Division.



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End of a Working DAY1

17:30 - 19:30

Networking Cocktail

(Venue: *Circolo Funzionari della Polizia di Stato, Lungotevere Flaminio 79*)

DAY 2 (Wednesday, November 15th)

09:00 - 10:00

Thematic Panel 4 – Human Security

Moderated discussion with panellists (1 Moderator + 5 speakers, 10 min. each)

- **Moderator: Mr. Amer Kapetanovic**, RCC
- **Panelists:**
  - o **Ms. Josefin Pasanen**, Research and Partnerships Specialist, UNDP Human Development Report Team
  - o **Mr. Ababayehu Assefa**, WHO Health Emergency Coordinator, Balkan Hub Europe at World Health Organization regional coordinator in the emergency hub in Belgrade
  - o **Mr. Nicholas Ramos**, Programme Management Officer, United Nations Office Disaster Risk Reduction
  - o **Lt. Col. Federico Ninni**, Arma dei Carabinieri
  - o **Mr. Burak Rende**, Deputy Director General for Energy and Multilateral Transportation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Türkiye

10:00 - 10:30

Interactive Session Panel 4 - Q&A

10:30 - 11:00

Coffee Break

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11:00 - 12:00

## Thematic Panel 5 - Cybersecurity and Critical Infrastructure Protection

Moderated discussion with panellists (1 Moderator + 5 speakers, 10 min. each)

- **Moderator: Mr. Metodi Hadji-Janev**, PhD –Associate professor of Law, Military Academy "General Mihailo Apostolski" Skopje
- **Panelists:**
  - **Dr. Riccardo Croce** – Communication and postal Police Service
  - **Mr. Radovan Bogojević**, Acting Director General for Multilateral Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro
  - **Mr. Jurica Čular**, Information Security Professional
  - **Ms. Irina Rizmal**, Manager, PwC Serbia
  - **Mr. Bardhyl Jashari**, Executive Director, Metamorphosis Foundation

12:00 - 12:30

## Interactive Session Panel 5 - Q&A

12:30 - 13:30

## Lunch

12:30 - 13:30

## Thematic Panel 6 - Use of the AI and Innovative Technology in Policing

Moderated discussion with panellists (1 Moderator + 5 speakers, 10 min. each)

- **Moderator: Mr. Ljubisa Bojic**, PhD, Senior Research Fellow, University of Belgrade
- **Panelists**
  - **Brigadier General Patrick Perrot**, Headquarters of French Gendarmerie in Cyberspace
  - **Mr. Dylan Alldridge**, Head of Innovation, Office of the Police Chief Scientific Adviser, UK
  - **Dr. Mirabelli Santo** - Communication and postal Police Service

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Interactive Session Panel 6 - Q&A

- o **Ms. Onela Pilipovic**, Senior Client Executive, Authority Partners
- o **Mr. Danilo Krivokapic**, Director, SHARE Foundation

15:00 - 16:00

Thematic Panel 7 - Regional exchange on negotiating chapters 23 and 24

Moderated discussion with panellists moderator + 5 speakers, 10 min. each)

- **Moderator: Mr. Besfort Lamallari**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Interior of Albania;
- **Panelists:**
  - o **Albania - Ms. Najada Shundi**, Head of Unit of EU Integration, Director of EU Integration and Negotiations, Ministry of Justice;
  - o **Bosnia and Herzegovina - Ms. Irina Neuman**, Expert advisor for European integration in the Department for European Integration - Sector for International Cooperation and European Integration, Ministry of Security; **Ms. Nejra Hiroš**, Advisor, Directorate for European Integration
  - o **Kosovo\*** - **Mr. Artan Collaku**, Director, Office of Coordination of the Stabilisation and Association Process, Office of the Prime Minister
  - o **Montenegro - Mr. Bojan Božović**, State Secretary, Ministry of Justice; **Mr. Miloš Radonjić**, Head of the Negotiating working group for chapter 24 – Justice, freedom and security, Ministry of European Affairs
  - o **North Macedonia - Ms. Magdalena Nestorovska**, State Secretary, Ministry of Interior; **Ms. Bojana Bosilkova**, Head of Unit for negotiation and integration, Department for the EU, Ministry of Justice;
  - o **Serbia – Mr. Branislav Stojanovic**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Justice

16:00 - 16:30

Interactive Session Panel 7 - Q&A

\* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence

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Coffee Break

17:00 - 17:20

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17:20 -

Conference Closing Session

- Closing remarks by the (co)-host organization
  - o **Ms. Eufemia Esposito**, Director of the International Relation Service - Office for Coordination and Planning of Police Forces- Department of Public Security, Ministry of the Interior of Italy
  - o **Mr. Andrea Cascone**, Director of the Adriatic and Balkans Unit - General Directorate for the European Union – Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy
  - o **Mr. Amer Kapetanović**, Head of Political Department of the RCC

17:30 -

Post-Event Survey/Evaluation (hard copy or online - Google forms option)