

“Moldova – a factor of stability or a new challenge for regional and European security”

High-level Expert Dialogue
“Palatul Republicii”, Chisinau, 19-21 July, 2018

Working Languages: English, Romanian, and Russian

Day	Events
July 19 th	Arrival of the participants Airport transfer, hotel check-in, greeting of the international invitees
July 20 th	
9:00	Participants’ registration
9:15	Welcome speech. Introduction of the participants.
9:30 - 11:30	Panel I: Moderator – Dumitru Diacov, Valentin Beniuc “The balance of Eastern-Western interests as an element of European and regional security: challenges and risks. The experience of the neutral European states in strengthening security within the OSCE area. The neutral Republic of Moldova perspective”.
9:40 - 10:00	Topic: “The experience of the neutral states in strengthening European security: Austria, Switzerland” (up to 10 min each) Gustenau G. (Austria), <i>Deputy Head of the BMLV Security Policy Department</i> Portmann, R. (Switzerland), <i>Head of the Section International Law within the Directorate of International Law, FDFA</i>
10:00 - 10:30	Topic: “The neutral Republic of Moldova perspective in the context of ensuring the balance between the Eastern-Western interests and the European regional security” (up to 10 min each) Mizsei, K. (Hungary), <i>Special representative of the EU to the RM in 2007-2011</i>

	<p>Danilov, Dm. (Russia), <i>Institute of Europe, RAS</i> <i>Professor MGIMO</i></p> <p>Chirtoaca, N. (Moldova), <i>Ambassador of the RM to the USA in 2006-2009</i></p>
10:30 - 10:50	<p>Topic: “The prospects for international recognition of the constitutional status of the Republic of Moldova’s permanent neutrality in the context of strengthening the architecture of European security” <i>(up to 10 min each)</i></p> <p>Barnet, G. (Austria) <i>Security Policy Department, coordinator</i></p> <p>Șova, V. (Moldova), <i>Minister of Reintegration 2002-2009</i></p>
10:50-11:45	Discussions (sum-up, questions, suggestions, and recommendations)
11:45-12:15	Coffee-break
12:15-13:30	Discussions (sum-up, questions, suggestions, and recommendations), continued.
14:00-15:00	Lunch
15:00 - 17:00	<p>Panel II: Moderator – Valentin Beniuc, Dumitru Diacov “Permanent neutrality of the Republic of Moldova as a factor of maintaining and strengthening the regional security and domestic political stability”</p>
15:10 - 15:40	<p>Topic: “Republic of Moldova’s permanent neutrality. Edifying political consensus between the central and regional authorities: the influence of Moldova’s regions on the domestic and international state policies” <i>(up to 10 min each)</i></p> <p>Stefan Wolff (Germany) <i>Professor of International Security, University of Birmingham</i></p> <p>Popov, A. (Moldova), <i>Ambassador of RM to Austria in 2013-2015</i></p> <p>Tsurkan, Vl. (Moldova) <i>Member of the Parliament of Moldova, 2001-2018</i></p>

15:40 - 16:10	<p>Topic: "Regional security challenges and their impact on the Transdniestrian settlement" (up to 10 min each)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Hill, W. (USA), <i>Chief of OSCE Mission in Moldova</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Pirojkov, S. (Ukraine), <i>Ambassador of Ukraine to the RM in 2007-2014</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Devyatkov, A. (Russia), <i>Institute of Economy, RAS</i></p>
16:10-17:00	Discussions (sum-up, questions, suggestions, and recommendations)
17:00-17:30	Conclusions. General assessments. Follow up.
19:00	Dinner
July 21st	
	Bilateral meetings. Participants' departure. Airport transfer.