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NATO and the Security of Europe after the Brussels Summit

The Trans-Atlantic Security in light of the NATO Special Meeting of 25 May 2017

Vienna, 21 June, 2017

The NATO Heads of State and Government met in Brussels on 25 May. Taking place in the new NATO Headquarters, with the new US president Donald Trump at the table, the event marked a symbolic milestone. But more than that: At a time when the European security is being challenged in a very complex and intense manner, reaffirming the vitality of the transatlantic bond, including the full commitment to the collective defence is of crucial importance to European Allies and European continent as a whole. The Allies took important decisions to do more in the fight against terrorism and to ensure fairer burden sharing across NATO.

On 21 June, the NATO Contact Point Embassy in Vienna and the Austrian Defence Academy organize a debate on the outcome of the summit and its implications for the security of Europe, with a particular focus on Austria.

Programme (as of 7. 6.):

13:30 - 14:00 Registration

14:00 - 14:10 Key Note

- Ivo Šrámek, Deputy Foreign Minister (tbc)
- LtGen Mag. Erich Csitkovits, Commandant of Austrian Defence Academy

14:10 - 15:20 Session I: Outcomes of the Special Meeting of 25 May

- Basic Outcomes of the May Leaders' Meeting and the way forward, Petr Chaloupecký, Head of NATO and Multilateral Affairs Section, NATO HQ
- The Follow-up to the Special Summit: Work for All, Pavel Vacek, Security Policy Director, Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Comments on the US Role under President Trump - Amb. Petr Kolář, Formal Czech Ambassador to the US and Russia
- Military Political Aspects of Austria's Participation in the PfP - BG Reinhard Trischak, Director of the Military Policy Division, Austrian Ministry of Defence

15:20 – 15:45 Coffee Break

15:45 - 17:00 Session II: Current Challenges to NATO and Austria

- Security Policy Priorities for Austria as a NATO Partner - Amb. Gerhard Jandl, Security Policy Director, Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Challenges from the East - Mr. Petr Luňák, Deputy Head of the Engagement Section, NATO HQ
- The New Coalition against ISIL - the problem of strange bedfellows - Dr. Walter Posch, the Austrian National Defence Academy
- Hybrid Tools - The New Complex Threat Scenario - Col. Mag. Anton Dengg - research fellow at the Institute of Peace Support and Conflict Management (IFK) of the Austrian National Defence Academy

17:00 - 17:30 Glass of Wine

Venue: Czech Embassy in Vienna, Penzinger Str. 11-13, 1140 Wien

Working language: English

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