



NATO AFTER MADRID: THE UKRAINE LESSON

May 11, 2022

09:00 – 09:30 REGISTRATION

09:30 – 09:50 OPENING

Dr. Solomon Passy, President of the Atlantic Club of Bulgaria

H.E. Alejandro Polanco Mata, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Spain to Bulgaria

Tanya Mihaylova, Director of the Diplomatic Institute to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

Thorsten Geissler, Head of Konrad Adenauer Foundation in Bulgaria

09:50 – 10:40

KEYNOTES

José Manuel Albares Bueno, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Spain (video message)

Javier Solana, Secretary General of NATO (1995-1999), High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (1999 – 2009) (video message)

Representative of NATO (video participation)

Kalina Konstantinova, Deputy Prime Minister for Effective Government (tbc)

Kira Rudik, Member of Ukrainian Parliament (video participation)

10:40 – 11:30 PRESIDENTIAL CONVERSATION

Rosen Plevneliev, President of Bulgaria (2012 – 2017)

Petro Poroshenko, President of Ukraine (2014 – 2019) (video participation)

Moderated by: **Elena Poptodorova**, Vice President of the Atlantic Club of Bulgaria (ACB) and Founding Member of the ACB Board

11:30 - 13:00 NATO in Madrid: 40 Years of Spain as part of the Alliance, Cooperation between the Member States

Andrey Gurov, Chairman of the Political Party “We Continue the Change”

Jordan Bozhilov, Deputy Minister of Defense of Bulgaria

Manuel Selas, Deputy Director General for Security Issues at the Spanish MFA

Admiral Rob Bauer, Chair of the Military Committee of NATO (**video message**)

Gen. Wesley Clark, Former NATO Supreme Allied Commander

Anna Palacio, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Spain (2002-2004) (**video participation**)

Velizar Shalamanov, Minister of Defense (2014)

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13:00 - 13:15 Q&A SESSION

13:15 – 14:00 BUFFET LUNCH HOSTED BY H.E. ALEJANDRO POLANCO MATA

14:00 – 14:15 Madrid '22: NATO of the Future emerges

H.E. Miguel Fernandez-Palacios Martínez, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Spain to NATO (**video participation**)

14:15 – 15:15 NATO and the Russia Challenge: Reformulating the Security and Migration Strategy

Admiral Emil Eftimov, Chief of Defense of the Bulgarian Army

H.E. Sorin Ducaru, Director of the EU Satellite Centre (SatCen), NATO Assistant Secretary General for Emerging Security Challenges (2013 – 2017) (**video participation**)

Dr. Luis Astorga, Chairman of the NCI Agency Supervisory Board (**video participation**)

Todor Tagarev, Minister of Defence (2013)

Mariana Tosheva, Head of the Government Refugee Headquarters

Moderator: **Bisserka Benisheva**, Director for EU Affairs and Member of the Board at The Atlantic Club of Bulgaria

15:15 - 15:30 Q&A SESSION

15:30 – 16:30 PUTIN'S ATROCITIES, THE HUMANITARIAN COST OF WAR

Alexander Kashumov, Head of the legal team of the Access to Information Program (**tbc**)

Krasimir Kanev, Secretary General of the Bulgarian Helsinki Committee

Gennady Gudkov, Member of State Duma (2001 – 2012)

Bruno Beckman, Senior producer in the European Union for radio and television (**tbc**)

Moderator: **Svetoslav Ivanov**, journalist

16:30 – 16:45 Q&A SESSION

16:45 CLOSING REMARKS