

NATURE OF THE NEW CHALLENGES TO THE INTERNATIONAL SECURITY

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Abstract: *In this article, the authors briefly present the cross-border specificities of unconventional threats to the security of States generated by the new challenges of the international security environment. In the new context of the international security environment, some cross-border threats are developing, such as illegal trafficking, transit of migrants from Asia and Africa, as well as migration from Eastern European States to Western Europe. At the heart of the development of cross-border threats we can find the economic crisis caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, the easy crossing of borders, low-cost land and water transport, corruption and the underground economy, drug trafficking routes through this region and the continued outbreaks of conflict.*

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In Eastern Europe, tourism and transport of energy resources are developing as a positive aspect, but, on the other hand, the activity of elements of cross-border organized crime, in particular illegal trafficking, is developing as well.

Among the most significant cross-border threats generated by the new challenges of the international security environment, we could mention:

- *cross-border organized crime (trafficking of any kind – drugs, people, weapons and strategic materials, etc., crime, money laundering, tax evasion) – is regarded as a major threat with an upward trend;*

- *international terrorism – it remains the main type of such a threat, having unpredictable actions and effects;*

- *cybercrime – it is an emerging threat, produced by domestic or mixed groups that carry out illicit activities in cyberspace (unauthorized*

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