

THE EURO-ATLANTIC CENTER FOR RESILIENCE IN BUCHAREST. OPINIONS ON ITS ROLE IN STRENGTHENING REGIONAL SECURITY

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Abstract: *Resilience refers to the multidimensional, essential capacity of the subject or collectivity to survive and thrive in the face of various challenges. The paradigm of resilience encompasses the idea, mechanism or approach of returning the affected state of the subject, large social group, society and the state to the initial level, with surprising level increases that may be present in the future.*

The security of the nation or belonging to alliances cannot be conferred only by the military dimension. Aspects of political stability and predictability, economic well-being and equilibrium, social cohesion, financial stability, the provision of diverse resources, as well as the robustness of infrastructure must be considered. The causes of a fall in standards must be identified together with the moments and possibilities for recovery and the acceptance of recovery policies as well as strategies.

The establishment of the Euro-Atlantic Centre for Resilience in Bucharest came to support the two security organizations, NATO and the European Union, member and partner states, to anticipate, monitor, prepare and respond effectively to the diversity of crises and threats of today's world. The Center has a major role for NATO and the European Union's crisis resolution capabilities, intervening by promoting resilience, innovation and cooperation. The Center considers multidisciplinary modalities, with an emphasis on building collaboration, sharing knowledge and best practices - which are essential in preparing for and responding adequately to threats and crises.

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Formation and Inauguration

The Euro-Atlantic Center for Resilience in Bucharest, hereafter referred to as the *Center*, was inaugurated on May 31st 2021, as an administrative part of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The Center represents a structure of high level, interest and openness, with interest in the expertise and research in complex fields - such as the political, social, military, diplomatic and cooperation domains, in terms of cooperating with various institutions throughout the world.¹

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