

PUBLIC DEBATE

"SECURITY, DEFENCE, AND THE FUTURE OF EUROPE: PERSPECTIVES FROM ROMANIA"

Faced by a harsh international reality and the spread of hybrid warfare, the European Union (EU's peace project is shifting to a more dynamic mode, which places security and defence at the centre of policy-making. This urgency is reflected at the national level in Romania, where the strategic threat emanating from Russia is steadily increasing in intensity.

How does Romania view the challenges of a fragmented geopolitical landscape? What is the Romanian perspective on strengthening EU defence and security? These are the questions explored in the Romanian chapter of TEPSA's latest book: ["Security, Defence, and the Future of Europe: Views from the Capitals"](#), which gathers 42 European domestic perspectives on issues related to peace, security, and defence. How can recent experiences from Romania help us navigate this pan-European debate?

To discuss this question, TEPSA and the European Institute of Romania (EIR) co-organised "Security, Defence, and the Future of Europe: Perspectives from Romania", an online public debate taking place on **Wednesday, 24 June, from 10:45 to 13:00 (CEST) / 11:45 – 14:45 (EEST).**

The event features welcoming words from **Oana-Mihaela Mocanu**, Director General of the EIR. Following this, **Mihai Sebe** (Head Unit at EIR & Lecturer, University of Bucharest) will present the Romanian chapter of the book, before the event moves to an open debate between:

- **Alina Bârgăoanu**, Professor, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, member of the Advisory Board of the European Digital Media Observatory (EDMO) and of EDMO's task force on the war in Ukraine;
- **Șerban-Filip Cioculescu**, Researcher, Institute for Political Studies of Defence and Military History, Associate Professor at the University of Bucharest, Romania;
- **Kinga Torbicka**, Assistant Professor at the Department of Strategic Studies and International Security, Faculty of Political Science and International Studies, University of Warsaw, Republic of Poland;
- **Alexandru Georgescu**, Senior Expert, National Institute for Research & Development in Informatics - ICI Bucharest, Romania.

The event is moderated by **Mihaela Pădureanu**, expert, coordinator of Studies Unit, European Affairs Department, EIR.

This debate will bring together leading experts and co-authors of TEPSA's latest book on the future of Europe, edited by **Michael Kaeding, Johannes Pollak and Paul Schmidt**, and published by Springer Nature.



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