The Evolution of the Croatian Armed Forces in the Face of 21st Century Security Challenges

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AGENDA

STRATEGIC SECURITY SITUATION

• Republic of Croatia
• Challenges, threats and risks

ROLE OF THE CROATIAN ARMED FORCES

• Missions and Tasks
• Level of Ambition
• Response to new challenges and threats
STRATEGIC SECURITY SITUATION

Geographical and political position of Croatia
• Long border line (land and sea)
• Membership in NATO and EU

Challenges, threats and risks
• Direct attack on Croatia, NATO and EU territory
• Non-military threats and terrorism
• Failed states
• Not completed transition in the region
• Spreading of extremism and radicalism
• International organized crime and proliferation
• Natural and technical catastrophes
• Climate change
• Cyber security

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ROLE OF THE CROATIAN ARMED FORCES

Quality of leadership, well trained and modern.

Mission and tasks:
- Defence of territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence as well as defence of allies
  - protection of Croatian integrity,
  - contribution to collective defence,
  - maintaining sovereignty in the air and at sea.

- Contribution to international security
  - contribution to Peace Support Operations,
  - defence diplomacy
  - arms control, disarmament, non-proliferation.

- Support to civilian institutions
  - support to Police and other State agencies,
  - support to national protection and rescue system
  - support to civilian community

„FROM SECURITY CONSUMER TO SECURITY PROVIDER“

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Maintaining current level of Defence Budget in next three years
Country defence with all available potentials and relying on collective defence
Equipment and training for participation in operations
NATO Capability Targets as a tool
Participation in NRF and EUBGs

**Land Force** (50% deployable, 10% sustainable)

**Air Force** (40% deployable, 8% sustainable)

**Maritime Force** (protection of national interests at sea, possible participation in EU and NATO operations in Adriatic sea)
RESPONSE TO NEW CHALLENGES AND THREATS

• Need for the development of new military capabilities (Smart Defense, Pooling and Sharing, regional initiatives)

• Proactive approach and continuous transformation of the Armed Forces
  • Organizational
  • Personnel

• Readiness
  • Education and training
  • Exercises
  • Interoperability
  • Equipment and weaponry (kompatibility, dual-use)
  • Deployability
POTENTIAL PROBLEM AREAS

Air policing
• Regional solution?

Defence Budget
• Further decline and its influence on modernization projects

Expansion of non-traditional military tasks and dual-use
• Availability of EU funds?

Protection of sea
• Inter-agency approach
Republic of Croatia – safe and secure country for its citizens in this world full of uncertainty