

MILITARY STRATEGY COORDINATES UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF A SYNERGISTIC APPROACH TO RESILIENCE IN THE SECURITY FIELD

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of a Synergistic Approach to Resilience in the Security Field**

In a period marked by the pressure of professional commitments, we have managed to meet, even in this format, within the scientific debate project organised by the enthusiastic members of the Romanian Military Thinking journal staff. I begin, therefore, by thanking every participant, especially because I believe that this project will generate valuable ideas, with applicability in the field of military science. I would like to express, on behalf of the Defence Staff, the appreciation of your willingness to share the expertise you have in your fields of activity. Our expectations of the debates are related to their multidisciplinary and useful content, which can have an impact on military planning and concepts.

The chosen title – “Military Strategy Coordinates under the Circumstances of a Synergistic Approach to Resilience in the Security Field” – proposes a topical issue: defence, approached synergistically and intelligently, increases efficiency in our noble mission, that of serving national interests. It is important for the actors involved to reach a common understanding of the concept of resilience, addressed in a double key, as it is specified in the National Defence Strategy for the period 2020-2024.

The current pandemic has shown us that in order to manage a crisis situation at the national level, and not only, it is necessary to employ systemic procedures, interconnecting, in a functional manner, various elements of states, from governments, armed forces, police, government institutions to the civil society, private sector entities and, last but not least, citizens. The pandemic has not diminished the challenges of the security environment, on the contrary, it has increased the number of security questions, for which we will have to provide answers.

I appreciate that the countries in NATO’s eastern flank are still facing the most complex security context that can be encountered in this generation. What we have achieved in recent years with the Allies is to build a partnership through which we establish and design the development of common capabilities, intended to meet the potential security challenges of the future. It is important that Romania builds a future together with NATO member states and that the Romanian Armed Forces actively participate in defining this future.

The development of a security culture requires an inter-institutional approach. It is necessary to understand the new types of threats, risks and vulnerabilities, which can have an impact at individual, group, national, regional or global level. There are dangers that the civil society must be aware of in order to be able to contribute, together with the competent institutions, to their identification, prevention and combating.

The Romanian Military Thinking Conference is a useful step in this direction. We are obliged not to remain passive, to inform the general public about the challenges we face, to cultivate critical thinking and to promote the security culture.

I conclude by wishing you all success during the presentations you are going to give! I am sure that your debates will lead to conclusions with applicability in the field of national defence.