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# ABOUT

The Atlantic Council of Montenegro was founded in 2006 and since then, it has been the prominent institution devoted to promotion of the Euro-Atlantic values and international security. The Atlantic Council joined the Atlantic Treaty Association (ATA) at the General Assembly held in Athens in 2006. Since we are facing a turning point in our history, the Atlantic Council has become a renowned platform for navigating effective shifts in political and security-related scene. The Atlantic Council promotes constructive leadership and engagement in the international affairs of significance based on the central and substantial role of the Atlantic community in meeting the international challenges of the 21st century. The Atlantic Council stimulates dialogue and discussion about critical international issues with a view to enriching public debate and promoting consensus on appropriate responses of not only the Government, the corporate and non-profit sectors, and the media in Montenegro, but also among leaders in Europe and the USA. At the same time, important contributions by the Atlantic Council include identifying and shaping responses to major issues that NATO and Trans-Atlantic community are facing. The Atlantic Council implements its activities through three of its centers: Digital Forensic Center, Center for Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism and Center for International Relations.

# MISSION AND GOALS

**MISSION:** The mission of the Atlantic Council of Montenegro (ACM) is to strengthen democracy, security and stability in Montenegro and the region through the organization and coordination of scientific-research activities in the field of defence, security and diplomacy. The ACM is the leading platform in Montenegro and the region, which, through its projects and analyses of political processes, enables further dialogue and discussions on the key international questions, processes and changes in the Trans-Atlantic region and SEE.

### **GOALS:**

Contributing to the peace and security and emphasizing role and importance of NATO in the SEE region;

Improving regional cooperation;

Analyzing political processes and contributing to policy making;

Emphasizing the importance and the role of Montenegro as a NATO member in the international processes;

Implementing educational and exchange programs for the young with a view to training future generations of young leaders to develop effective policies.



### 24 JANUARY, 2019

### KENTERA AND CHERNYSH – STRENGTHENING THE COOPERATION IN TERMS OF FIGHTS AGAINST CYBER THREATS, FAKE NEWS AND DISINFORMATION



The Minister of Temporarily Occupied Territories of Ukraine, Mr. Vadym Olehovych Chernysh, together with his delegation members paid the visit to the Atlantic Council of Montenegro. On that occasion they discussed the issue of cyber security and increasing rise of disinformation, as a main tool for destabilization of political structures, that, together with the fake news trend, poor media and digital literacy lead to unfavorable social developments, with his host, Dr. Savo Kentera, the President and CEO of the Atlantic Council of Montenegro. They agreed that the largest threat to social stability and democratic processes is taking on global proportions. Therefore, as it was mentioned, it is necessary to increase the knowledge and raise awareness of the existence of these issues, with a view to decreasing negative consequences of foreign and internal influence. Mr. Kentera emphasized that the cooperation between the Government and civil sector is of crucial significance for success. It was concluded that both countries deal with almost identical issues in this regard. Bearing in mind the influence of these issues, it was concluded that strengthening cooperation and exchanging experience, expertise and know-how, as well as participating at forums and round tables are needed.

### 25 JANUARY, 2019

### MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA, IGOR CRNADAK, VISITED THE ATLANTIC COUNCIL OF MONTENEGRO



The Minister Crnadak highlighted that the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina is not excellent and that the conditions in the country are not good, even 25 years after the war. He also commended the influence of Montenegro in the region, which, according to him, serves as a great example.

Certainly, the main messages of this visit were

that Bosnia and Herzegovina is dealing with its "life issues" more than ever, that it places its foreign policy priorities (the EU and regional relations) side by side and that we are gradually working towards better life standard of all citizens not only in Bosnia and Herzegovina, but also in the whole region.

## 14–15 MAY, 2019 CONFERENCE: ICMCIS



The ICMCIS is a unique international conference with 20-year tradition in military communications and information systems.

The main goal of the Conference was to establish a tenable forum for useful contacts and exchange of ideas on development and implementation of advanced information and communications technologies into military systems. The Conference served as an excellent opportunity to discuss different points of view and share experiences. The 20<sup>th</sup> ICMCIS was organized in Budva, the center of Montenegrin coast, by the Atlantic Council of Montenegro, with the full support of the Institute for Security and Montenegrin Ministry of Defense.

### 30 MAY – 1 JUNE, 2019

# **2BS FORUM 2019**



The 2BS (To Be Secure) FORUM is an annual high-level politico-security forum, which is the leading International Forum in SEE. The 2BS Forum deals with issues of global, Euro-Atlantic security and security in SEE. The main characteristic of this Forum is the participation of numerous prominent academics and experts in the field of security policy, as well as senior officials from SEE and the transatlantic area.

The event is a discussing forum of relevance, and high impact, helping not only to promote new thinking, but also helping to promote tactical thinking in reform efforts in SEE, build closer ties between key stakeholders and partners and thus make this region a safer and more prosperous place, able to contribute to global challenges in the future.

The main organizer of the Forum is the Atlantic Council of Montenegro. The Forum is organized under the auspices of the Government of Montenegro and in partnership with: NATO, U.S. Embassy in Podgorica and the Balkan Trust for Democracy.

The target group of the Forum is a number of decision-makers, members of national parliaments, representatives of governments, academia representatives and other key foreign policy and security policy stakeholders. A very important target group is the corporate sector, chiefs and owners of influential enterprises and companies, who have the possibility of interacting with government representatives on the solution of current security challenges.

Entitled Legacy of Today's Transformative Frameworks, the 9<sup>th</sup> 2BS Forum was primarily focused on the Western Balkans, that has once again become the sphere of interest to the key stakeholders of International community. We also used the opportunity to discuss the current regional and global security by examining NATO's role and importance in the past 70 years of its existence, and its relevance for the decades to come, changing global power dynamics, rising nationalism and populism that present a peril for building blocks of democracy, methods of facing and countering disinformation campaigns, as well as other current and essential topics shaping and developing international relations and thereby the future of both, Europe and the rest of the world.

### 27 JUNE, 2019

# **CONFERENECE:** GEOPOLITICS IN THE WESTERN BALKANS: REGIONAL OUTLOOKS



Conference under the title "Geopolitics in the Western Balkans: Regional Outlooks", realized by the Atlantic Council of Montenegro, Embassy of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation was held on June 27 in hotel Ramada in Podgorica.

New rifts, confrontation lines, hot and frozen hotbeds appear, while the international institutional and legal framework is eroding. War is back again in Europe – not simply as a fact, but as a way of thinking: as a legal tool for tackling international conflicts. New, non-state actors appear on the international scene, making the play even more complex: refugee and migration wave, international terrorism, radical Islam.

Within this thematic framework, the Conference was aimed at analyzing the geopolitical developments and their implications for the Balkans – recognizing regional positions and interests.

### 11 SEPTEMBER 2019

# **KENTERA AND BALOGH:** GOOD COOPERATION BETWEEN NATO MEMBER STATES IS THE KEY



Dr. István Balogh, Deputy State Secretary for Security Policy and Political Director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary, together with his delegation members, met with the President of the Atlantic Council of Montenegro, Dr. Savo Kentera and his team. On that occasion, they discussed the mission and projects of the Atlantic Council of Montenegro, activities that it implements through its three centers and future challenges.

Delegation also visited the Digital Forensic Center whose mission is a fight against disinfor-

mation and strengthening of the society's resilience to this increasingly common phenomenon. They stated that the elections which will take place next year in Montenegro and the region will be the ideal target for malign foreign influence and that the DFC is facing a year full of hard and devoted work to suppress it, i.e. to reveal it. When it comes to this phenomenon, they pointed out that a good cooperation between NATO member states is of a key significance.

### 17 SEPTEMBER 2019

# TRAINING: HOW TO ASSESS AND COUNTER MALIGN INFLUENCE IN THE WESTERN BALKANS



Two days long training on "How to assess and counter malign influence in the Western Balkans" was held in the Atlantic Council of Montenegro on September 17-18.

The training was implemented with the support of the International Visegrad Fund and it was the occasion for analyzing how to assess and counter foreign malign influence in Western Balkans with a particular emphasis on the national plan. In this context, there were discussions about shared experience from beyond Western Balkans, particularly from Czech Republic.

The participants from the Central Europe and Western Balkans region also addressed the security issue on the social media, how to protect data on a personal computer or mobile phone, as well as the other protection measures.

### 30 NOVEMBER, 2019

# CONFERENCE: NATO: 1949-1999-2019



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NATO is a guarantor of stability and safe future – it was the message of the Conference entitled NATO: 1949 – 1999 – 2019 The 20 Years of Poland in the 70 Years of the Alliance, organized by the Atlantic Council of Montenegro in cooperation with the Institute for Eastern Studies, which was held on November 28, 2019 in the hotel Centreville in Podgorica. The panelists at the Conference were Savo Kentera, President of the Atlantic Council of Montenegro, Artur Dmochowski, Ambassador of Poland to Montenegro, Anna Kurowska, Programme Manager for the Balkans at the Institute for Eastern Studies in Poland, Dragan Pejanovic, State Secretary and National Coordinator for NATO of the Ministry of the Interior, Andrzej Jacuch, Professor at the Military University of Technology in Poland and Dmitri Teperik, Chief Executive of the International Centre for Defence and Security in Estonia.

# Participation >

### 15 JULY – 3 AUGUST, 2019

# THE INTERNATIONAL VISITOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (IVLP)

Azra Karastanovic, Program Manager in the Atlantic Council of Montenegro, has had the opportunity to be a part of the prestigious International Visitors Leadership Program of the U.S. Department of State and stay in USA during the period of July 15 – August 3, 2019.

The International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) is the U.S. Department of State's premier professional exchange program. Through short-term visits to the United States, current and emerging foreign leaders in a variety of fields experience this country firsthand and cultivate lasting relationships with their American counterparts. Professional meetings reflect the participants' professional interests. Each year nearly 5,000 exchange participants come to the U.S. on the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP).

This year, Azra had the opportunity to be a part of the program entitled 21<sup>st</sup> Century ChangeMak-

ers: Trend Leaders Promote Social Media Discernment among Youth. This project examined the ways in which young people interact with social media and online platforms. It examined current trends and technologies used to share information and communication strategies designed to engage young audiences. Participants learned about the ways that both reliable and inaccurate content filters down to today's youth via a range of social media platforms. Participants examined first amendment freedoms and the responsibilities of a free press and citizenry in a time of widespread disinformation. They assessed the impact of social media, citizen journalism, and alternative forms of reporting, and examined strategies to make the youth more savvy and discerning in the face of conflicting facts and widespread information. This project included a workshop on countering disinformation specifically targeted to youth.

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### 2 – 3 SEPTEMBER, 2019

# **BLED STRATEGIC FORUM 2019**

The 14th Bled Strategic Forum that took place on 2 and 3 September 2019 in the setting of Lake Bled under the title '(Re)sources of (in)stability' and was dedicated to discussing the role of (re) sources regarding peace and security, sustainable development and economic progress was attended by Azra Karastanovic, the representative of of the Atlantic Council of Montegro. After more than a decade, the Bled Strategic Forum has evolved into a leading international conference in Central and South-Eastern Europe, bringing together a diverse set of participants. The Forum focuses on engaging the participants in discussions about contemporary regional and global challenges and seeking out-of-the-box solutions for them. In addition, it provides an excellent opportunity for tailored bilateral and multilateral meetings and networking with prominent regional and global actors.

### 11–12 OCTOBER, 2019

# **THE RIGA CONFERENCE, 2019**

The Riga Conference is an annual meeting of regional and international experts in foreign policy and defence, academics, journalists, and business representatives, promoting the discussion and assessment of issues affecting the transatlantic community. Convening in the Latvian capital city since 2006, the Conference has become a recognized annual tradition in the region. At this year's Conference, amongst other things, the focus was on the EU role in rise of geoeconomics, security challenges in the information age and hybrid warfare, transatlantic relationship as a critical axis of global stability, relations between Russia and the West as well as prospects of Eastern Partnership countries. Azra Karastanovic participated at the Riga Conference on behalf of the Atlantic Council of Montenegro.

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### 3 – 4 DECEMBER, 2019

# NATO SUMMIT IN LONDON

President of the Atlantic Council of Montenegro, Dr. Savo Kentera, attended the NATO Summit in London, within the high-level Conference NATO Engages.

The Heads of States and Governments, Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Ministers of Defence and other decision makers gathered in London in order to mark 70 years of the Alliance but also, in order to discuss the future of it. The focus of the Summit was, of course, on the future of the Alliance, the analysis of the ways that the Alliance engages in the current geopolitical uncertainty, changes in nature, threats and new possibilities. Some of the key topics in London were hybrid warfare, disinformation, cyber security, development of new technologies, state on the geopolitical scene etc.





# Digital Forensic Center – DFC

Globalisation and growing use of new technologies, along with the increased accessibility of the Internet have contributed to the importance of information, as well as the speed of their spreading and the manner in which they influence and shape political and socio-economic environment.

Digital Forensic Center is the first digital hub of its kind in Western Balkan region devoted to countering disinformation, fake news, and propaganda campaigns that have had a goal of destabilizing democratic processes in both Montenegro and Western Balkan region. The mission of Digital Forensic Center is to supress issues of disinformation and fake news through investigating a content of headlines and articles, and providing verified information based on a thorough analysis; promoting impartial truth and critical thinking; strengthening digital and media literacy through organizing seminars, workshops and lectures aimed at raising awareness on this issue. The Digital Forensic Center operates through multisector and multidisciplinary approach encompassing various aspects and gathering society institutions as well as branches of business in order to combat such a complex security challenge.

DFC uses, as a significant resource, an already established network of associates and non-government organizations from the Western Balkans region, Europe and the USA, as well as foreign experts and long-term cooperation with the US Atlantic Council and Institute for Statecraft from London.

### Our moto is to always question!

### **METHODOLOGY ACCORDING TO DFC**

This database represents a collection of all disinformation, fake news and misinformation cases our Digital Forensic Center Team had researched, categorized and debunked. DFC focuses on key messages carried in Montenegrin and wider information space, spreading semi-truthful, distorted or completely false information with the goal of discrediting and undermining democratic countries and societies.

### DISINFORMATION

Under this term, DFC Team considers:

- a combination of true, semi-truthful and false contents/information,
- the content is intentionally spread with the purposes of influencing public opinion, causing harm, or for political, personal or financial gain

### **FAKE NEWS**

Under this term, DFC Team considers:

• an original article/media report that contains completely inaccurate and not-fact based information and content

• the content is intentionally created and spread with the purposes of influencing public opinion, causing harm, or for political, personal or financial gain

### **MISINFORMATION**

Under this term, DFC Team considers:

- unintentional spreading of false information
- this implies that media outlet was not aware of the inaccuracy of the information

Taking into consideration definitions above, two things are necessary to expose and explain either disinformation or fake news:

- Proof that the claims made are false.
- Proof that the falsehood was intentional.

Proving intentional falsehood is more difficult. However, proving intent allows us to better explain disinformation, in addition to identifying and exposing it. For that reason, once we identify factual errors, we ask a number of follow-up questions.

• Was the error corrected in a reasonable time frame?

• If not, is there any proof that the author knew it was an error?

- If not, could the mistake have been avoided by conducting basic research?
- Is this a consistent pattern of behavior by the author.

# DFC Activities

### **12 FEBRUARY 2019**

### THE ATLANTIC COUNCIL OF MONTENEGRO: PRESENTATION OF THE DIGITAL-FORENSIC CENTER



Atlantic Council of Montenegro presented its Digital Forensic Center whose foundation was supported by the Government of the United States of America.

Speaking of the DFC as one of the most important projects, the President of the Atlantic Council of Montenegro, Dr. Savo Kentera, emphasized that the focus of the DFC is on the media in Montenegro but also the media content in the rest of the countries in the Balkan region. Therefore, there is a need for equal effort in order to suppress fake news and disinformation that may affect their societies. Talking about certain dilemmas in regards to the existence of the Atlantic Council, now when Montenegro is a member of NATO, Kentera stated that this institution has new duties nowadays. In order to cope with these huge and responsible tasks, the Atlantic Council of Montenegro alongside the DFC founded the Center for Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism and the Center for International Relations.

The task of the DFC is to present unambiguous and accurate information to the public, through detailed research and open sources, since we consider that it is in the interest of each citizen of Montenegro, or, the entire public, to be in possession of this information. Through promotion of the objective truth and critical thinking, digital and media literacy are also being strengthened.

### 12 MARCH 2019

# CONFERENCE: "THE TRUTH IN THE DISINFORMATION AREA"



The Atlantic Council of Montenegro organized a conference entitled "The truth in the disinformation era; To what extent are we susceptible to this threat and how do we counter it?" Two panel discussions on the topic of experiences, lessons learned and the importance of strategic partnerships in countering disinformation, as well as media literacy as a driver of social resistance to disinformation threats were aimed at raising the level of awareness of the global phenomenon of fake news that is increasingly present both in Montenegro and around the world.

In his opening statement, the President of the Atlantic Council of Montenegro, Dr Savo Kentera, pointed out that: "The openness of democratic societies became at the same time their weakest point in the modern hybrid warfare, openly exploited by Russia which has the intention of undermining those societies from within, by introducing chaos and destabilization."

Referring to the task of the Digital Forensic Center, Kentera stated that the center will try to reveal argument-based information, obtained through their research, on those who are misleading the public, their financiers and goals.

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### 24 OCTOBER 2019

### DFC 365: MONTENEGRO IS MORE READY TO COUNTER HYBRID THREATS, BUT CHALLENGES REMAIN



"DFC 365" Conference, organized by the Atlantic Council of Montenegro was held on October 22, 2019 in Centreville hotel in Podgorica. The Conference served as the occasion to present a year of work of the Digital Forensic Center (DFC), a section of the Atlantic Council of Montenegro which is actively engaged in debunking of disinformation and fake news. Additionally, there was a discussion on the key problems and challenges, with a special emphasis on the forthcoming elections, both in Montenegro and in the Western Balkans.



### GOVERNMENT'S PROFESSIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM

The Atlantic Council of Montenegro took part in the Government's professional training program, by the end of which 4 persons got the permanent employment. The following year, it will continue in the same manner.

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### 24 - 26 APRIL, 2019

### CONFERENCE "POOLING THE EXPERTISE TO DEVELOP AN EARLY WARNING SYSTEM TO COUNTER HYBRID THREATS"

DFC team had the opportunity to participate at the Conference "Pooling the expertise to develop an early warning system to counter hybrid threats", held in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Vilnius, Lithuania. The Conference concerned the topic of hybrid threats in general and in particular on the territory of Eastern Europe, as the region most close to the Russian malign influence, which was presented at the Conference. The issue of hybrid threats was regarded through both theory and practice. As a result of that, many experts and academics from Eastern Europe, but also from the rest of Europe and NATO headquarters and NATO-related institutions, presented their views and work on the topic – from the academic doctrine to the malign influence through law and media – all with the view of possibly developing early warning systems and building the resilience. As for our team, they presented the work of the Digital Forensic Center to the participants. We presented some of our recent work published in the Magazine and discussed the current economic and political issues in Montenegro and its neighborhood.

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### 29 - 30 MARCH, 2019

### ATA DISINFORMATION TASK FORCE WORKSHOP

The Atlantic Treaty Association launched a Task Force on Disinformation & Malign Influence earlier this year and as a part of that initiative, they hosted a training & briefing at ATA Headquarter in Brussels. Over the course of two days, participants were briefed on current trends & evolutions related to disinformation and malign influence but they were also trained to counter & address these issues. Our team had an opportunity to hold a presentation to the participants within the ATA network and beyond on tackling disinformation in Montenegro and the wider area of Western Balkans, during which they outlined the major disinformation narratives that have been identified. They also discussed the logistics and challenges of establishing a hub such as DFC.

### 16 - 18 MAY 2019

### **POINT CONFERENCE**

Members of our team were invited to the POINT Conference (Political Accountability and New Technologies), that took place in Sarajevo May 16-18, 2019. POINT is the largest conference of this type in the region and seeks to be a platform for civil society that encourages the use of new technologies – tool for education about the use of new technologies and social networks; forum for exchange of views and experiences; incubator for the development of ideas, projects and strategies; virtual place for networking and informing socially conscious Internet users; as well as a social network for exploring and searching for partners and associates and building coalitions. POINT presented itself as a perfect platform to meet and talk on the ongoing media monitoring project with the representatives of the International Republican Institute and NATO CoE in Riga, but also to take part in the IRI's workshop about the media monitoring.



### APRIL 2019

### NAPLES

Two of our team members visited Allied Joint Force Command in Naples. It was closed type visit, used for briefing of the decision makers. The team was invited to present their work and talk about foreign malign influence in Montenegro and Western Balkans and how the work and information from DFC can be used by JFC Naples.



### **JUNE 2019**

### DFRLAB'S OS/360

Digital Forensic Center's team joined the Digital Sherlocks in London in the end of June for two days in open source research, as well as in the combat against fake news and other phenomena which today, unfortunately, shape the world we live in. At the time, recently finished European elections weren't only perfect opportunity for other countries to interfere through disinformation campaigns. Many experts and people around the world saw it coming, taking into account numerous statements of the officials. That particular belief was coming from the fact that many elections around the world (US, Brazil, India, Columbia, Sweden...) always came in pair with some sort of information campaign coming from the East, and on bigger or lesser scale influenced the final ratio of votes.

### EMPLOYEE TRAINING - BUSINESS WRITTEN COMMUNICATION SKILLS

Written communication plays a significant role in the business world, especially in today's digital age, where there are many opportunities and communication channels used to send the (un) desired message about the company's brand. If we do not know and obey its basic rules, we run the risk of being misunderstood, of not receiving a timely response, or of missing out altogether. Written communication is characterized by several specifics that may not always be its benefits to both the employee and the company (eg, once sent an email, offer or report remains a permanent "trace", which in the case of accurate information is an archive where one can detect what happened in the past. (However, the reverse is also true). This training provided the framework and specific recommendations for successful written communication that will enable participants to achieve the desired effects in communication.

# Plan of activities

The Atlantic Council of Montenegro has a long list of activities and projects that are to be implemented in 2020. The Atlantic Council of Montenegro will continue to implement projects aimed at promoting Euro-Atlantic activities in Montenegro, as well as project related to disinformation and fake news trend, alongside with the youth activities which have been very well accepted in the previous year. Bearing in mind the various activities planned for this year, we are listing here only the most important ones.

### YOUNG DIGITAL SHERLOCKS BOOT CAMP

The Atlantic Council of Montenegro's Digital Forensic Center - DFC pilots tailor-maid Booth Camp for students who are interested and eager to learn more about disinformation phenomenon, what psychological aspect lies behind organized campaigns of disinformation, how to counter it, how to use open source tools and methods of investigation and research, how to fact-check information, verify sources and much more.

### TO BE SECURE FORUM (2BS FORUM)

The 2BS Forum is a constructive element of the most important meeting of influential international and Montenegrin representatives, who discuss essential questions of international security and security in SEE. With its aim to encourage significant discussion regarding the most important dilemmas in the field of international security, in 2020 the 2BS Forum will address some of the major challenges of the decade. Besides already dominant topics of modern challenges, risks and threats, this year's 2BS Forum will also address the issue of ever-increasing disinformation and fake news trend through thorough discussions and analyses.

As being said, the main focus of the jubilee 10<sup>th</sup> 2BS Forum will be on global security, the future of the Western Balkans integration and fight against disinformation.

### DFC 365 CONFERENCE

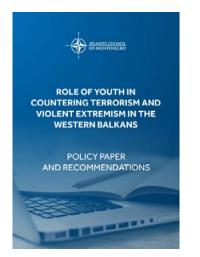
Digital Forensic Center section of the Atlantic Council of Montenegro, is going to mark its second anniversary. Therefore, this Conference is going to be a great opportunity to follow the work of the DFC, to reflect on the accomplishments but also on the future challenges. Within the Conference, the publication with the results of DFC is going to be presented as well.

### WINTER SECURITY CONFERENCE

This year, the Atlantic Council of Montenegro plans to organize the Winter Security Conference. Conference will be held in wintertime in 2020 and will address several key issues relevant to regional and international security in order to advance NA-TO's role in SEE. It was organized in 2016 for the first time and the Atlantic Council of Montenegro plans to continue to organize it annually and to establish it as a traditional event.



### POLICY PAPER AND RECOMMENDATIONS: THE ROLE OF YOUTH IN COUNTERING TERRORISM AND VIOLENT EXTREMISM IN THE WESTERN BALKANS



Atlantic Council of Montenegro carried out a research entitled "The Role of Youth in Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism in the Western Balkans", after the workshop held on that topic.

The research emphasizes the issues of understanding instigators driving the young people to join extremism organizations, incentives for leaving to the foreign battlefields, and influences, primarily of the social media, on the recruitment of the youth.

The objectives of the research are: identifying the problem, looking for a solution, training for an early identification of the radicalization symptoms and raising awareness of the young people about the threats arising from that phenomenon, with a special focus on Montenegro and the Western Balkans.

### **2BS SUMMARY 2019**



In our annual publication, we make a cross section of the 2BS Forum, panel discussions and messages conveyed at the panels. The 2BS Forum being the leading politico-security Forum in Western Balkans and the SEE, it is of a high importance to present the summary of the key messages and inform the public from all around the globe on this prominent, high-level Conference.

### **DFC MAGAZINES**



Additionally, with our monthly publication which offers a wide spectrum of information and events referring to the hybrid war and disinformation narrative in the Western Balkans, we are striving to raise awareness of these current issues. Publishing of our magazines dates from October 2018 and we have published 16 magazines so far.

### **DFC PUBLICATION**



In October 2019, our Publication DFC 365 was presented and distributed at the Conference "DFC 365". With our Publication, we aimed at presenting 12 months of dedicated work of the Digital Forensic Center of Montenegro, its accomplishments and future challenges.

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