

Policy Roundtable

Institutional Resilience against Foreign Malign Influence

25 June 2024

Royal Ballroom III, Sofia Balkan Palace Hotel

Agenda

9:30 *Welcome coffee and registration*

10:00 *Opening*

Dr. Ognian Shentov, Chairman, Center for the Study of Democracy
Kenneth Merten, Ambassador of the United States of America to Bulgaria

Keynote address

Atanas Zapryanov, Minister of Defense of Bulgaria

Security in the Black Sea region and Russia's war against Ukraine

Matthew Boyse, Senior Fellow, Center on Europe and Eurasia, Hudson Institute;
Deputy Assistant Secretary, European and Eurasian Affairs at U.S. Department of State
(2018 – 2021)

Countering the Kremlin's hybrid warfare in cyber and information space

Richard Chalk, CEO, REOC Communications

Dr. Tatyana Novosiolova, Senior Analyst, Center for the Study of Democracy

Dr. Song Tae-Eun, Professor, Korea National Diplomatic Academy, Ministry of Foreign
Affairs

Anastasiya Shapochkina, Director, Eastern Circles, France

Dr. Kim Taeyoung, Professor, National Institute of Security and Safety; Presidential
Security Service, Republic of Korea

Discussion

Moderator: **Mariyan Sabev**, Director for Communications and Senior Security Analyst,
Center for the Study of Democracy

11:30 *Closing*

