



SUMMER SCHOOL

FOR YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

GLOBAL SECURITY CHALLENGES OF TODAY

Centre for European and North Atlantic Affairs (CENAA) together with its partner National Academy of Defence (NAD) in Slovakia, the financial support given by NATO PDD and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung is organizing the following educational event:

Summer school for young professionals 2008

Introduction into security policy

28 June 2008 – 6 July 2008

National Academy of Defence of Marshal Andrej Hadik

Liptovský Mikuláš, Slovakia & Uzhorod, Ukraine

If you are a master or doctoral level student of political science and/or international relations who is interested in the foreign and security policy issues, then we would like to invite you to join other students from Central Europe (V4), South Eastern Europe (Western Balkans) and Ukraine in an interactive weeklong forum focused on the current issues of the security policy.

You can enjoy the environment of the National Academy of Defence in Liptovský Mikuláš, located between the beautiful High and Low Tatras. On July 3rd we will move our summer school from Liptovský Mikuláš to Uzgorod in Ukraine and we will continue with our program. The structure of the teaching at the summer school is aimed to provide you with the basics of the security policy background, including main actors of the security policy in Europe, main security threats of today such as terrorism, proliferation of WMD, illegal migration and those regions of the world that are posing risks to the global security.

One of the main objectives of this international summer school is the preparation of young professionals – future leaders from mentioned regions – to act in the foreign and security policy. Interactive discussions and lectures led by top speakers from various international and Slovak organizations will therefore focus on open exchange of ideas and interaction of participants from different backgrounds. There will be many side activities besides the classroom lectures and discussions – dynamic workshops, trip to nearby High Tatras and city of Liptovský Mikuláš, sport activities, receptions and others.

The teaching language of the summer school will be English. At the end of the school, you will receive certificate of course attendance issued by the National Academy of Defence.

The Summer school for young professionals will challenge you in many ways, test your leadership skills and expose you to cross-cultural experiences. We hope the summer school will be an educational experience you will never forget!

Please visit our website for further information: www.cenaa.org/summerschool. There you can view an updated draft of the programme and an application form (if not attached to this letter).

Application process:

To apply please send a complete application package, i.e. filled-in application form, your CV and motivation letter (max 400 words), to the following email address: [ssyp08 @ cenaa.org](mailto:ssyp08@cenaa.org) (put word "application" into the mail subject). The deadline for receiving your application is May 9, 2008. You will receive the information on your acceptance within one week after this deadline. If accepted you will be provided with complete details regarding the summer school.

Participants will be selected according to the following criteria:

1. Educational background
2. Level of English as a second language
3. Motivation letter, in which the interest in the issues of the foreign and security policy will be valued the most

Motivation letter should address your interest in the issues related to the topic of the summer school and should explain how do you intend to turn the knowledge and experiences gained at the summer school for your benefit. Motivation letter should be maximum 400 words. It will be taken into consideration that English is not your mother tongue; however, a good command of English is required.

Financial support:

If you are from Ukraine or Western Balkans: Your summer school fee, travel costs, accommodation and meals will be fully covered.

If you are from V4 country: Your summer school fee, accommodation and meals will be fully covered. However there is a participation fee 50 EUR and you should pay your travel cost by yourself.

If you are from Romania or Bulgaria: Your summer school fee, travel costs, accommodation and meals will be fully covered. However there is a participation fee 50 EUR.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Sincerely,

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Centre for European and North Atlantic Affairs - CENAA

CENAA, an independent Slovak NGO, was established in 2003 in the cooperation with 21st Century Foundation with the aim to enlarge the security community in Slovakia and to support the accession process of Slovakia into NATO and EU.

The aim of CENAA was to become active within the activities and projects in the field of foreign and security policy in the last phase of pre-accession processes of Slovakia and to upkeep those questions topical also after the accession into NATO and EU.

Due to rather short historical experience of the Slovak republic in defining and subsequent upkeeping of its foreign and security policy course and a very small number of independent experts in this field, CENAA felt the need to fill this shortage.

At the moment CENAA is already a well established NGO, known in the Slovak as well as foreign security community. It is involved in rather large scale of security policy problems, its members and employees contribute to professional publications at home as well as abroad, they participate at the conferences and workshops as the lecturers or participants and they contribute to the information dissemination about security policy issues to the broader public through their presence in Slovak media.

After successful accession of Slovakia into the EU and NATO structures, CENAA follows other important aims in its activities:

- taking advantage of experiences and know-how from pre-accession processes into EU and NATO, especially in relation to the countries of Southeastern Europe
- supporting the civil-military relations and professional independent platform in the CIS countries
- taking part in the projects and activities within the EU and NATO
- supporting the discussion about security issues in Slovakia and about the need of continual enlargement of its security community
- educating the broader public in the foreign and security issues, with the focus on younger generation.

For years 2006 – 2007 CENAA has prepared three main areas of activities:

1. NATO and the strengthening of transatlantic link, which CENAA considers important in the fight against security threats of today
2. EU and its ever stronger Foreign and Security Policy, which CENAA considers an important NATO partner and not its competitor
3. Development of the relations with the member countries of the Partnership for Peace through development programmes and cooperation.