

SPACE FOR DEFENCE AND SECURITY: BALKAN & BLACK SEA PERSPECTIVES - II

Regional Workshop on

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24-th of March 2023

LOGISTICAL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

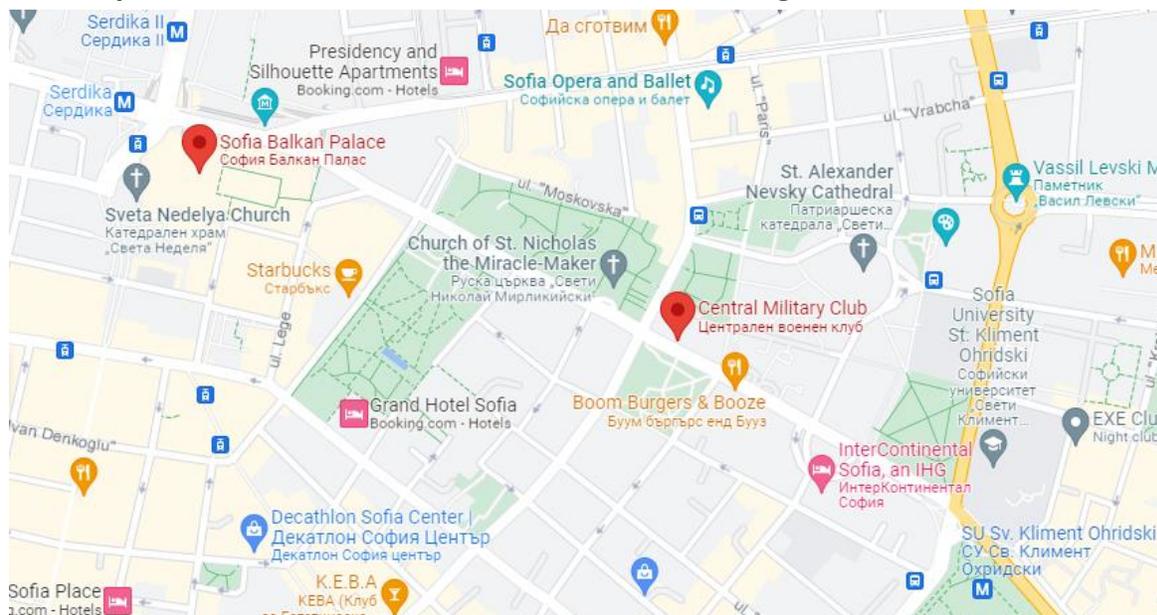
Please register through the website www.cnsdr.bas.bg

Participation will be free of charge. The working language will be English.

VENUE

The workshop will take place at two locations:

- Morning sessions (Opening, Plenary session 1 and Session 2) at **Hotel Sofia Balkan Palace, (Sheraton), 5 “Sveta Nedelya” Square, Sofia, 1000, Bulgaria**
- Afternoon sessions (Session 3, Session 4, Opening of the CASSINI Hackathon) at **Central Military Club, 7 “Tsar Osvoboditel” Blvd., Sofia, 1000, Bulgaria.**



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TRANSPORTATION FROM SOFIA AIRPORT

The main point of arrival for international visitors to Sofia is [Sofia Airport](#). There are many transportation options from there: taxi, buses, subway.

- Shuttle bus (Terminal 1 and 2)

There is a free shuttle bus from Terminal 1 to Terminal 2 (and vice versa) every 30 minutes in front of the airport. The shuttle operates every day, 7:00 – 18:30 h, every 30 minutes. At T2 there is a subway station.

- Taxi

Upon exit from the airport, to your right, you will see the taxi lines of OK SUPERTRANS 02 973 2121 taxi company. The price to the city centre depends on traffic and day/night tariff. In case you arrive after 23:45, this is your only transport option. Credit cards are accepted.

- Subway

Upon exit from the luggage pick-up area in the Arrivals zone, turn left and go to the Departures zone. Follow the “M” line that is marked on the floor. The Metro station is found at the exit from the Departures zone to your left.

Tickets: by debit/credit card at the entrance or by cash from the ticket machines.

Time to city centre: about 30 minutes (11-12 stops). Exit at Sofia University Station (6 min walking to the venue) or at Serdica Station (10 min walking to the venue).

ACCOMMODATION

For your convenience, we could make a reservation for you at Hotel Sofia Balkan Palace (Sheraton) where the Morning sessions will be held.

If you would like to book another hotel on your own, below you can find a non-exhaustive list of hotels close to the Central Military Club in Sofia.

Hotel	Contacts	Website	Other
Hotel Sofia Balkan Palace, (Sheraton)	+359 2 937 8092 reservation@sofiabalkan.net	https://www.sofiabalkanpalace.com/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-star hotel • 10-min walking to Central Military Club

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Sense Hotel Sofia	+359 2 446 2509 reservations@sensehotel.com	https://sensehotel.com/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-star hotel • 1 min. walking to Central Military Club
InterContinental Sofia	+359 2 933 4334 info.icsofia@ihg.com	https://sofia.intercontinental.com/en	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-star hotel • 3 min. walking to Central Military Club
Central Point Boutique Hotel	+359 2 996 3943	http://centralpointboutique.hotelssofia.net/en/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3-star hotel • 1 min. walking to Central Military Club
Boutique Hotel Crystal Palace	+359 886 399 504 reservations@crystalpalace-sofia.com	https://www.crystalpalace-sofia.com/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-star hotel • 10 min. walking to Central Military Club
Grand Hotel Sofia	+359 2 811 0800 reservations@grandhotelsofia.bg	https://www.grandhotelsofia.bg/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5-star hotel • 7 min. walking to Central Military Club
COOP Hotel Sofia	+359 895 691 791 info@coophotel.bg	https://www.coophotel.bg/en/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4-star hotel • 7 min. walking to Central Military Club

OTHER INFORMATION

The monetary unit in Bulgaria is the lev (BGN), which is equal to 100 stotinki (st.). The lev currency is pegged to the Euro at a fixed rate of 1 EUR – 1.95583 BGN. Currency can be exchanged in banks or in any of the country's many currency exchange offices.

Credit cards: Most Bulgarian hotels and stores accept VISA, MasterCard, American Express, and Diners Club credit cards.

Cash Payments: Cash payments are made in BGN only.

SOFIA - SIGHTSEEING

Sofia is the capital of Bulgaria and its largest city. It is situated in the Sofia Valley, surrounded by mountains, and has many mineral springs. Known as Serdica in Antiquity and Sredets in the Middle Ages, Sofia has been an area of human habitation since at least 7000 BC. In 809 Serdica

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was incorporated into the Bulgarian Empire by Khan Krum and became known as Sredets. In 1879 Sofia became the capital city of Bulgaria.

There are many cultural sites in Sofia such as museums, galleries, temples, monuments and other historical and archeological sites. The most significant ones include:

- St. Alexander Nevski Cathedral – one of the largest cathedrals in the Balkans;
- Ivan Vazov National Theater - the oldest and most authoritative theatre in Bulgaria;
- Sofia University – the oldest and biggest university in Bulgaria;
- The Rotunda Church of St. George - built in the 4th century, this is the oldest building in Sofia;
- Square of Tolerance - Sofia is the only city in Europe where you will find places of worship for four major religions almost within sight of each other: the Hagia Nedelya church, St. Joseph's Cathedral, Banya Bashi Mosque and the Sofia Synagogue;
- Ancient Serdica Archaeological Complex - a glimpse into the Bulgarian capital city's ancient Roman past;
- National Palace of Culture - the largest, multifunctional conference and exhibition centre in Southeastern Europe. It was opened in 1981 in celebration of Bulgaria's 1300th anniversary;
- Central Mineral Baths/ Regional History Museum – thermal baths from the Roman times. Now the building is converted into Regional History Museum presenting the history of Sofia until the 1940s.

SOFIA TOURS

There are free Sofia tours organized every day. There is no need for reservation for them. They start at 11AM, 2PM and 6PM. The meeting point is the [Palace of Justice](#). You can find more information about the free tour [HERE](#).

There are also thematic tours such as a Communist tour, Jewish tour, Pub Crawl, Food and Culture tour, Alternative tour. You can find information about them as well as more useful information about Sofia [HERE](#).

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