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# ROMANIAN MILITARY NEWSLETTER

## NATO's Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe in Romania

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Distinguished Visitors' Day of exercise "Wind Spring 15"

General Sir Adrian Bradshaw, NATO's Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe (DSACEUR) made an official visit in our country over April 21 and 22, when he met with the Minister of National Defence, Mircea Dușa and the chief of General Staff, Lieutenant General, Nicolae Ciucă.

The talks included the developments of the security situation in the extended Black Sea region, the assurance measures of the Alliance and the participation of Romanian military in "Resolute Support", the NATO missions in Afghanistan.

There were extended talks on the two Allied command and control commands that will operate in Bucharest, the Multinational Division-Southeast Command (MND-SE) and NATO Force Integration Units (NFIU).

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Minister Duşa and General Bradshaw participated in the Distinguished Visitors' Day of exercise "Wind Spring 15", in Smârdan firing range, Galaţi County, on Tuesday, April 21. At the end of the activity, the two officials gave a joint press statement.

### **Romanian-Croatian Dialogue at the Ministry of National Defence**

On Thursday, April 16, the Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, met at the defence minister, with Brigadier General Zdravko Klanac, director of the Military Security Intelligence Agency of the Republic of Croatia.

During the meeting, minister Duşa expressed his satisfaction for the cooperation relations between our military, both at bilateral and allied level: "We will continue to endorse our joint projects that brought us together due to our NATO and EU membership".

The two officials talked, among other topics, of the last developments in the security situation of the extended Black Sea region, the implementation of the Wales Summit decisions, joint participation in NATO exercises and identifying ways of enlarging military cooperation.

### **Romanian-German Talks at the Ministry of National Defence**

The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, met with the German Chief of Staff, General Volker Wieker, at the defence ministry on Thursday, April 16. The German military leader came in Romania at the invitation of the Chief of General Staff, Lieutenant General Nicolae Ciucă.

Minister Duşa and General Wieker discussed the developments in the security situation in the extended Black Sea region and the implementation of the assurance measures in bilateral but also allied context.



Welcome ceremony for General Volker Wieker)

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As to the two NATO command structures that will operate on Romanian territory, the defence minister said: “We created the legal framework necessary to establish the integration of the NATO Force Integration Units (NFIU) and the Multinational Division-Southeast Command (MND-SE) in Bucharest, in the spaces of some existing commands, which meet the conditions required by NATO”.

The agenda included talks on the development of NATO capabilities and preparations for the Foreign Affairs Council meeting of the European Union in defence ministers format, scheduled in May, and the meeting of the European Council on security and defence, to take place in June.

“The process of implementing the Framework Nations Concept, launched by your country, registers significant progress. The great number of participants from among the allies proves the viability of this initiative,” Minister Dusa said.

Lieutenant General Nicolae Ciuca presented his German counterpart the priorities of the Romanian Armed Forces for the coming period, the commitment of the Romanian troops to “Resolute Support” mission in Afghanistan, the stage of implementing the tasks resulting from the Action Plan of the Alliance in terms of increasing the operational capability according to the schedule.

The two military leaders also discussed intensifying bilateral collaboration as well as identifying new fields of cooperation.

### **Alert Exercise in Buzău, Focșani, Galați and Brăila Garrisons**

On Tuesday, April 14, a combat readiness exercise started at the level of the 2nd “Getica” Infantry Division in Buzău and the subordinated structures in Focșani, Galați and Brăila garrisons. The exercise aims at assessing the combat readiness and command and control for the deployment of forces from the garrisons deployable at peacetime to Smârdan firing range, Galați County, and the training of these structures in the frame of exercise “Wind Spring 15”



The personnel and equipment on alert at Smârdan firing range

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The alert exercise was initiated at the order of the Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, whereas the assessment of the activity will be made with the chief of General Staff, Lieutenant General Nicolae Ciucă

The Multinational exercise “Wind Spring 15” is conducted in Smârdan firing range, Galaţi County and the Air Administrative Center Mihail Kogălniceanu (CAAMK), in Constanţa County over April 16 to 30. It aims at training troops from NATO and partners countries, jointly, in a unitary concept, so that they maintain the operational capability of structures and meet specific NATO and EU interoperability and standardization requirements.

The exercise involves over 2,200 armed troops and combat weapon systems from the UK, Republic of Moldova, Romania and the USA, that will carry out operational planning, combat shooting and will solve complex tactical situations.

“Wind Spring 15” is one of a series of joint training activities, conducted both at home and abroad, within “Atlantic Resolve” Operation, representing the implementation of reassurance measures adopted by the North-Atlantic Council with a view to maintaining regional stability and security, in the present security environment on the eastern flank of NATO.

### Meeting of Minister Mircea Duşa with the Chief Executive of the European Defence Agency (EDA), Mr. Jorge Domecq

The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, met with the Chief Executive of the European Defence Agency (EDA), Mr. Jorge Domecq, at the Palace of the National Military Club, on Tuesday, April 7.

The talks focused on the preparations for the next European Council Reunion in June, the role of EDA as interface among the defence ministries and the various policies of the European Union that impact this field, consolidating the European defence industry and getting the Romanian defence ministry involved in the projects conducted under the aegis of the Agency.



The Minister of National Defence and the Chief Executive of the European Defence Agency (EDA)

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The two officials also discussed ways of facilitating the access of Small and Middle-Sized Enterprises in the defence industry to the respective markets, to the financial mechanisms of the European Union and involving them in programs of technological research.

Minister Duşa pointed out Romania's involvement in the projects initiated by the Agency, focusing mainly on the development of the military capabilities that cannot be produced in the country. The importance of the multinational cooperation projects under the Pooling and Sharing initiative was stressed out, as a constant concern of the national structures involved in defence planning.

Chief Executive Jorge Domecq appreciated the active involvement of the Romanian defence ministry in EDA projects and emphasized the importance of a high level of competitiveness in the European defence industry which should directly impact the development of the economies and security of member countries.