

Challenges posed by the war in Ukraine discussed at the Salzburg Forum Ministerial Conference



The consequences and challenges of the war in Ukraine on Eastern European countries were discussed at the Salzburg Forum Ministerial Conference.

Deputy Secretary General of the Ministry Vladislav Cojuhari attended online the meeting.

The hybrid threats, the vulnerability of refugees, the risks to which they are exposed, and the thematic reports were analysed on the Forum platform.

The experts assessed the main challenges of the security ecosystem and the possibility to implement common actions to prevent and counter the above-mentioned dangers.

Likewise, participants discussed the importance of strengthening the resilience of the European countries through collaboration and continuous exchange of best practices on the Support Hub platform.

In this regard, the **Deputy Secretary General of the Ministry of Internal Affairs** stressed that:

‘The most effective way to increase security in the region is to share knowledge, experience, and skills. The Ministry of Internal Affairs holds unique knowledge, skills, and perspectives that, when combined, create a powerful force against potential threats and vulnerabilities. Only together can we build community in the region and a more resilient and secure environment.’

In this context, the participants analysed security strategies in the context of the hybrid warfare affecting the entire European continent, the phenomenon of illegal migration on the Western Balkans route and the strengthening of border management.

The Salzburg Forum was established in 2000 on the initiative of Austria and works as a partnership for security and cooperation in Central Europe, bringing together the Ministries of Interior of the 9 member states: Austria, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech

Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

The countries of the Group of Friends (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia) and the Republic of Moldova have been invited to participate in the activities since 2007.

