

2006 NATO - RUSSIA RALLY
P S K O V
24 May

Programme

9:00-9:30 **REGISTRATION**

9:30-13:10 **CONFERENCE AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

Title: **“Ability to operate together: NATO-Russia Council military-to-military cooperation”**
Site: Hotel “*Helio Park Old Estate*”
Co-organizers: Latvia, Estonia, Russian Federation
Working Languages: Russian, English
Targeted audience: Approximately 90 students and academics, journalists, political and military experts, non-governmental organisations, politicians, Government officials

9:30-10:20 **OPENING STATEMENTS**

- Welcoming from Maksim Kostikov, Head of the State Department for Information Policy and Public Relations, Pskov Region Administration
- Keynote speech by Mikhail Margelov, Chairman of International Relations Committee, Council of Federation of the Russian Federation
- Welcoming from H.E. Marina Kaljurand, Ambassadors of Estonia to the Russian Federation
- Welcoming from H.E. Andris Teikmanis, Ambassadors of Latvia to the Russian Federation
- Introductory remarks by Isabelle Francois, NATO Information Office Director

10:20-10:30 **BREAK**

10:30-11:55 **PUBLIC OPENING SESSION: “NATO-RUSSIA MILITARY COOPERATION”**

Chaired by: H.E. Marina Kaljurand, Ambassador of Estonia, and Mikhail Margelov, Chairman of International Relations Committee, Council of Federation of the Russian Federation

- “*Lessons learned from the Nordic-Baltic military cooperation*” by H.E. Per Carlsen, Ambassador of Denmark to the Russian Federation
- “*North Atlantic Treaty Organisation: personal perspective*” by Eitvydas Bajarunas, Consul General of Lithuania in Saint Petersburg
- “*Challenges of NATO-Russia Council military-to-military cooperation*” by Janis Karsbergs, Deputy State Secretary of the Ministry of Defence of Latvia

- *"Practical Cooperation in a Changing Security Environment: there are no losers in cooperation"* by Lieutenant Colonel Terras, Head of Analysis and Planning Department, General Staff of the Defence Forces of Estonia
- Qs and As Period chaired by H.E. Marina Kaljurand, Ambassador of Estonia

11:55-12:10 **COFFEE BREAK**

12:10-13:00 **EXPERT ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION (OPEN TO PUBLIC)**

Moderators: H.E. Andris Teikmanis, Ambassador of Latvia to the Russian Federation, and Mikhail Margelov, Chairman of International Relations Committee, Council of Federation of the Russian Federation

Format: Six interventions of 10 minutes each with moderator generating debate through Qs and As

- *"NATO-Russia Council challenges of cooperation"* by Kerem Alp, Russia and Ukraine Relations Section, NATO Political Affairs and Security Policy Division
- *"NATO-Russia Council: military-to-military cooperation"* by General Vladimir Nikishin, Deputy Head of International Treaty Department, Ministry of Defence of Russian Federation
- *"Russian Ministry of Defence and NATO Partnership in resettlement of military personnel: 4-year experience of the "NATO-Russia Centre"* by General Leonid Mayorov, Director of the NATO-Russia Centre for resettlement of military personnel
- *"Enhancing interoperability between NATO and the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation"* by General Kurt Herrmann, Head of NATO Military Liaison Mission
- *"NATO-Russia Council military-to-military cooperation: the British Experience"* by Air Commodore Andy Verdon, Defence and Air Attaché, Embassy of the United Kingdom
- *"Political contradictions within NATO-Russia military-to-military cooperation"* by Alexander Golts, Deputy Chief Editor, *"Daily Journal"* Internet Publication
- Open the floor for debate and closing remarks by moderators

13:15-13:45 **POINT DE PRESSE**

Location: Hotel "Helio Park Old Estate"
Officials: M. Margelov, AMB Teikmanis (LA), AMB Kaljurand (ES), GEN Herrmann, I. Francois
Moderator: Irina Golovina, NATO Information Office Press Officer

13:45 – 15:00

LUNCH FOR SPEAKERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS (UPON INVITATION)

15:00 -16:30

YOUTH FORUM

Format: Students' debate in Russian at Pskov Polytechnic University
Topic: "NATO-Russia Council: what binds us together?"
Participants: Russian students and a group of Latvian and Estonian counterparts
Moderators: H.E. Andris Teikmanis, Ambassadors of Latvia to the Russian Federation and Eitvydas Bajarunas, Consul General of Lithuania in Saint Petersburg, and Mikhail Margelov, Chairman of International Relations Committee, Council of Federation of the Russian Federation

ONLINE DEBATE (WEBSITE)

Format: Blog: www.natorussiarally.blogspot.com
Supervisor: Sergey Utkin, Association for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation
Contributors: Juri Luik, Estonian Ambassador in the United States (Former Minister of Foreign Affairs and Minister of Defence and Estonian Ambassador to NATO) and Janis Eichmanis, Latvian Ambassador to NATO

16:30-17:30

CULTURAL PROGRAMME

- Photo exhibition: NATO, Estonia, Latvia and Denmark

Site: Cultural centre

- Concert of brass bands from Estonia, Lithuania and Musical group from Latvia

Site: Cultural centre (in case of good weather, at open air scene in the centre of Pskov, 100 meters from the Cultural centre)

18:00-19:30

EVENING RECEPTION

Hosts: Consuls of Latvia and Estonia
Site: Cultural centre
Guests: Upon invitation