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Conference programme

09:00-09:30 Registration

09:30-10:00 Welcome speeches

Mr Juozas Olekas, Speaker of the Seimas

Mr Paulius Saudargas, Member of the European Parliament (pre-recorded video)

Ms Olha Nikitchenko, Ambassador of Ukraine to Lithuania

Ms Inga Stanytė-Toločkienė, Ambassador of Lithuania to Ukraine (online)

Ms Rasa Juknevičienė, Member of the European Parliament (pre-recorded video)

Mr Petras Auštrevičius, Member of the European Parliament (pre-recorded video)

Mr Dainius Žalimas, Member of the European Parliament (pre-recorded video)

10:00-10:30 Introduction

10:00 Mr Andrius Kubilius, Member of the European Commission (pre-recorded video)
Lessons from Ukraine: The End of the Peaceful Era and the Defence Capabilities Required Today

10:15 Ms Olha Maliarchuk, Deputy Head of Kherson Regional Military Administration
From occupation to reconstruction: Lessons from Kherson on institutional flexibility

10:30-12:00 CIVIL PROTECTION

10:30 Dr Jaakko Lehtovirta, Ambassador of Finland to Lithuania
Political strategic level, why peace preparedness is important and how it is done in Finland in general

10:45 Mr Algimantas Pliučas, Chair of the Architects' Chamber of Lithuania
From basement to safe spaces: A critical look at shelter installation efforts in Lithuania

11:00 Mr Anatolii Didur, Head of Dariivka Village Military Administration
The cost of delay: Why building shelters cannot wait until tomorrow

11:30 **Q&A session**

12:00-12:45 **LUNCH BREAK**

12:45-14:15 **PREPAREDNESS OF SELF-GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS**

12:45 **Ms Vaiva Jankienė**, Coordinator of medical missions and internships in Ukraine
Preparedness That Cannot Be Delayed: Ukraine's Lessons for the Healthcare System and Local Governance.

13:00 **Mr Rimantas Klipčius**, Mayor of Švenčionys District Municipality
From plans on paper to real capabilities: Progress and gaps in self-government preparedness

13:15 **Mr Mykola Yatsenko**, Head of Tiahynka Village Military Administration
Dignity under fire: How Tiahynka is shaping the future in everyday life on the front line

13:45 **Q&A session**

14:15-14:30 **Short break**

14:30 -16:00 **MILITARY EXPERIENCE**

14:30 **Col. Linas Idzelis**, Commander of the Lithuanian Riflemen's Union
Development of preparedness: Integrating Ukraine's experience into the training of Lithuanian riflemen

14:45 **Gen. Martin Herem**, Former Commander of the Estonian Defence Forces (online)
A test to the Baltic security: Ukraine's front-line experience and challenges to our preparedness

15:00 **Senior Lt Mykola Stavytskyi**, Commander of the Unmanned Systems Battalion (34th Separate Coastal Defence Brigade)
Electronic warfare and drones: Practical lessons in survival and effectiveness from the front line

15:15 **Senior Lt Kyryl Yushchyshen**, Commander of Military Unit A5074 of the Unmanned Systems Company
The drone era: How Ukraine's unmanned systems are rewriting the rules of warfare

15:30 **Q&A session**