Young Atlanticist Summit

In the framework of the Bucharest NATO Summit, the Atlantic Council of the United States of America and the Euro-Atlantic Council of Romania - NATO House will organise the “Young Atlanticist Summit”, with the support of the Romanian Intelligence Service, during 1-5 of April 2008.

The reunion is important in itself as an event addressed first of all to the civil society, as well as a training forum for future specialists in the field of international security. In the framework of the Young Atlanticist Summit, approximately 120 future leaders, including journalists and students coming from the Alliance member states, as well as from the Partnership for Peace countries will gather to debate the issues on the NATO Summit agenda, as well as other hot issues on the international security agenda.

The participants will be involved in an intensive meeting program with the leaders invited at the NATO Summit, and will exchange experience with a larger audience through video conferences, blogs and webcasts. The extended audience attending the Summit working sessions will be provided via a dedicated website, as well as through local and regional media coverage.

The “The Young Atlanticist Forum” will be launched during the Summit, an online forum giving the young leaders the chance to continue the discussions on the challenges faced by the Euro-Atlantic Community, even after the NATO Summit.

The involvement of the National Academy of Intelligence (Academia Nationala de Informatii - ANI) in the organization of the event came naturally. Part of the Young Atlanticist Summit will be organised in the specific academic environment provided by the ANI, while some other activities, involving top figures attending the NATO Summit, will be hosted by the Romanian Intelligence Service.

The journalists wishing to attend the event are kindly invited to require the necessary accreditation on the e-mail address: presa@sri.ro.

The journalists are kindly invited at the Opening Ceremony of the Young Atlanticist Summit, which will take place on Tuesday, 1st of April, at 18.50, at the SRI headquarter 14D Libertatii Boulevard (the back entrance).

The opening will also be attended by: the Romanian prime minister, Mr. Călin
Popescu Tăriceanu, the former Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, General Joseph Ralston (USAF, ret.), Director of the Romanian Intelligence Service, Ambassador George-Cristian Maior, President and CEO - Atlantic Council of the United States, Mr. Frederick Kempe, Executive President of the Euro-Atlantic Council/Casa NATO Romania, Mr. Alexandru Serban, President of the Atlantic Treaty Association, Ambassador Robert Hunter, former permanent representative of the US to NATO.

_The schedule of the Young Atlanticist Summit for the 3rd and 4th of April will be available in due time._