THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER

1300-1430 Buffet lunch

1500-1515 Introduction and welcome to Wilton Park
Mark SMITH
Programme Director, Security and Defence, Wilton Park, Steyning

1515-1645 1 ROUNDTABLE: THE NEW TRANSATLANTIC CONTEXT?
What are the implications of the events of 2008 for missile defence in the Alliance? Has a Rubicon been crossed at the NATO Bucharest summit? What transatlantic consensus is emerging and on what issues? What issues are likely to be decisive in affecting the course of future developments?

Anita FRIEDT
Director, Office of Policy and Regional Affairs, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, US Department of State, Washington DC

Bernd KUBBIG
Project Director, Ballistic Missile Defense Research International, Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF), Frankfurt am Main

Paul SCHULTE
Senior Visiting Fellow, Advanced Research Assessment Group, Defence Academy of the United Kingdom, London

1645 Photograph & Tea

1730-1900 2 MISSILE DEFENCE SYSTEMS AND THE THIRD SITE

Veronika KUCHYNOVA-SMIGOLOVA
Director, Security Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Prague

Janusz SZUPRYCZYNski
Deputy Director, Missile Defence Office, Ministry of Defence, Warsaw

1900 Drinks Reception

1930 Dinner
FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER

0915-1045  3  THE TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES OF EUROPEAN BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENCES

Dean WILKENING
Director, Science Program, Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University, Stanford

1045  Coffee

1115-1245  4  EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVES ON MISSILE DEFENCE

What do European states want from a missile defence system that covers the continent? What problems remain in the architecture and command & control of a NATO/Europe missile defence?

Robert RANQUET
Deputy Director, Strategic Affairs (Policy), Ministry of Defence, Paris

Mike RANCE
Chief Executive Officer, BMD Associates Ltd, Fleet

1300  Lunch

1530-1700  5  MISSILE DEFENCE AND RUSSIA

What prospects are there for Russian acquiescence in missile defence coming to Europe? What price would Russia extract (e.g. on the INF treaty)? What is the status of, and prospects for, US-Russian cooperation on missile defence?

Pavel PODVIG
Research Associate, Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University, Stanford

1700  Tea

1730-1900  6  THE DOMESTIC POLITICS OF MISSILE DEFENCE IN THE US

Has the political landscape permanently altered after the end of the ABM Treaty? Has the divide on missile defence now converged or merely been papered over? Are the differences between Presidential candidates rhetorical or substantial?

Steve HILDRETH

1930  Dinner

SATURDAY 1 NOVEMBER

0915-1045  7  THREAT, COUNTER-PROLIFERATION AND MISSILE DEFENCE

What role can missile defence have as a counter-proliferation tool? Has the transatlantic gap in threat perceptions of missile proliferation changed, and if so how? What are the likely effects on proliferation dynamics (in delivery systems and WMD) in the Middle East and elsewhere? Will cruise missiles become a more pressing threat?

Jiří ŠEDIVÝ
Assistant Secretary General for Defence Policy and Planning Division, NATO HQ, Brussels

1045  Coffee

1115-1245  8  ARMS CONTROL AND THE GLOBAL NON-PROLIFERATION ARCHITECTURE

How can the global non-proliferation architecture fit alongside missile defences? How would missile defence impact on nuclear reductions and possible zero?
THERE WILL BE A SHORT PRESENTATION IN PLENARY FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION IN BREAKOUT GROUPS

Oliver THRÄNERT
Senior Fellow at SWP, German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin

1300
Lunch

1530-1700  
9  INDUSTRY, TECHNOLOGY AND ARCHITECTURE

Edward HANLON Jr
President, Raytheon International (Europe), Brussels

Mira RICARDEL
Vice-President, Business Development, Missile Defence Systems, The Boeing Company, Arlington

1700
Tea

1730-1900  
10  DETERRENCE, DISSUASION AND CRISIS MANAGEMENT
What role can missile defence play in crisis management? Is its presence, or temporary deployment, likely to escalate or ameliorate a crisis and under what conditions? What is the role of missile defence in extended deterrence? Does 'tailored deterrence' have a role for missile defence? How would missile defence fit into the emerging force structures and triads in the Alliance?

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Elaine BUNN
Senior Fellow and Director, Future Strategic Concepts Program, Institute for National Strategic Studies, National Defense University, Washington DC

1930
Drinks reception

2000
Dinner

SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER

0915-1045  
11  PUBLIC DIPLOMACY AND DEFENCE DIPLOMACY
How is missile defence represented in the media, and is the representation an accurate one? Does the public properly understand what missile defence is about? What factors determine public opinion? What are the significant differences in public perceptions between countries?

Robert PSZCZEL
Acting NATO Deputy Spokesman, NATO, Brussels

Anton LA GUARDIA
Defence & Security Editor, The Economist, London

1045
Coffee

1115-1245  
12  CONCLUSIONS: THE FUTURE FOR MISSILE DEFENCE?

Robert BELL
Senior Vice President and International Account Executive, Brussels Operation, Science Applications International Corporation, Brussels

1245
Lunch

1400
Participants depart