International Conference on Civil Defence

An Age of Crises and Wars: Science and

Practice for Civilian Safety

28-29 October 2025 | Tallinn, Estonia (Conference Centre, Estonian Academy of Security Sciences, Kase 61)

17:00

Closing of the Day

Tuesday 10:00-10:30 Registration and Morning Coffee 10:30-10:45 Welcome speeches by Rector of the Estonian Academy of Security Sciences, Kuno Tammearu, and the Minister of the Interior, Igor Taro Conference Moderator Lauri Luht, Deputy Secretary General for Digital Development (Digital State), Ministry of Justice and Digital Affairs European Developments and Strategic Outlook 10:45-13:00 Keynotes by: Hans Das (Deputy Director-General, DG ECHO)- Europe's resilience & Niinistö Report Jana Wrange (PhD, Lund University) - Civil defence policy in Sweden & beyond Major General Indrek Sirel (Commander of the Estonian Division, Estonian Defence Forces) - Military planning and civil defence in light of the war in Ukraine Jukka Vahti (Lead Expert, SITRA) - Foresight on global security Followed by panel discussion. Moderated by Mati Raidma (Member of Parliament, Estonia) 13:00-14:00 **Lunch Break** Lessons from the War in Ukraine 14:00-15:15 Andrii Havrys (PhD, Associate Professor, Lviv State University of Life Safety) -Features of the State Emergency Service of Ukraine in wartime Prof. Vasyl Popovych (DSc, Lviv State University of Life Safety) - Science and war: the role of universities 15:15-15:45 Coffee Break 15:45-17:00 Lessons from the War in Ukraine Roman Yakovchuk (DSc, Associate Professor, Lviv State University of Life Safety)-What are the lessons of the war in Ukraine? Leenu Org (Lecturer in Strategic Management, Estonian Military Academy)-Impact of IHL on civil defense: legal roles, risks and responsibilities.

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Wednesday 09:00-09:30

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Registration and Morning Coffee

09:30-12:00



Adrian Bucałowski (Deputy Director, National Headquarters of the State Fire Service, Poland)-Large-scale evacuation operations and refugee response UNHCR Representatives in Poland-Perspectives on managing the Ukrainian refugee crisis

Nazarii Burak (Dr Nazarii Burak, PhD, Associate Professor, Lviv State University of Life Safety)-Public emergency alerting under martial law Pasi Raatikainen (Representative, Services for Preparedness and Civil Protection Management, Finland) - Organising sheltering for civilian protection

Kati Orru (PhD, Associate Professor, University of Tartu)-Disaster preparedness assessment and capacity building

12:00-13:00



Lunch Break

13:00-14:30



Al in Civil Defence-Major Priit Värno (Acting Head, Applied Research Department, Estonian Military Academy)

Psychological Influence in Crisis Situations -Colonel Uku Arold (Head of Strategic Communications, Estonian Defence Forces General Staff)

Evacuation: Behavioural Guidelines and Public Preparedness – Priit Laaniste & Ivo Hakman (EASS, Centre for Civil Protection Research and Development)

14:30-15:00



Coffee Break

15:00-15:45



A Forward-Looking Reflection on the International Landscape

Kristi Raik, Director, International Centre for Defence and Security Interviewed by **Lauri Luht**, Deputy Secretary General for Digital Development (Digital State), Ministry of Justice and Digital Affairs

15:45-16:00

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The programme and list of speakers are subject to change.

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