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**Exercise HISTRIA 15**

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Soldiers of 69 Mixed Artillery Regiment  
participating in HISTRIA Exercise, in Cincu Training Area

About 7,000 personnel from the institutions in the Defence, Public Order and National Security System and 800 vehicles participate in the inter-institutional, strategic level exercise, HISTRIA 15, conducted on the national territory, over September 7 to 18.

The goal of the exercise, conducted by the Ministry of National Defence through the General Staff, is to train national command and execution structures to plan and carry out a wide range of missions. HISTRIA 15 is based on a fictitious and complex scenario, inspired by today's security environment, in agreement with the Charter of the United Nations and Articles 3 and 4 of the NATO Treaty.

According to this scenario, Romania will respond gradually to the risks and threats to its territorial security and integrity.

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Prior to the beginning of the exercise, personnel and vehicles will travel to the nine firing ranges and districts where specific practical activities will take place.

Journalists wishing to visit the locations will be notified in due time about the organization of the Distinguished Visitors' Day.

Beside personnel and structures from the Ministry of National Defence, the exercise will involve personnel and structures from the Ministry of Internal Affairs, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Transportation, the Ministry of Public Finances, the Ministry of the Economy, Commerce and Tourism, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry for Information Society, the Romanian Service of Intelligence, the Foreign Intelligence Service, the Special Communications Service and the Guard and Protection Service.

### **Activation Ceremony of NATO Force Integration Unit in Bucharest**

The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, participated in the activation ceremony of the NFIU held in Bucharest, on Thursday, September 3.

This command is one of the six established in Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Romania for the consolidation of NATO's Eastern flank.

The units are created as a measure taken by NATO in response to the security situation in the region with a view to improving the specific and decisive response of the Alliance to any hostile actions against another member state.



Flags of the nations participating in NFIU



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## **Handover/Takeover Ceremony of the Command of the 1<sup>st</sup> DACICA Infantry Division to the Multinational Division Southeast**

The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, participated in the handover/takeover ceremony of the command of the 1<sup>st</sup> DACICA Infantry Division to the Multinational Division Southeast, at the unit location in Bucharest, on Monday, August 31.

During the ceremony, the new commander of the Multinational Division Southeast was appointed, namely Brigadier General Ovidiu-Liviu Uifăleanu, former commander of the 81st "General Grigore Bălan" Mechanized Brigade.

Romania pledged itself to contribute to the consolidation of NATO force structure by creating and rendering operational a divisional command available to NATO that would offer additional options for NATO-led operations in the southern region of the allied eastern flank. The implementation calendar of this project established that the initial operational capacity will be reached by 2016, while the full one by 2018.



*Ceremony at the establishment of the Multinational Southeast Division*

## **Minister Duşa Meets the Ambassador of Belgium to Bucharest**

The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, received H.E. Philippe Beke, Ambassador of Belgium to Bucharest, whose mandate comes to an end, at the defence ministry on Tuesday, August 25.

The two officials reviewed the main common projects and pointed out that the relation between Bucharest and Brussels was characterized by an unprecedented political and military cooperation.

Mircea Duşa appreciated the efforts made by Belgium within the decision-making process of the Alliance as well as for increasing the role of EDA in the EU as an important factor in facilitating cooperation among military capabilities.

The bilateral relations between the two countries are a strong premise in shaping common positions in identifying solutions to the recent developments in the east of Ukraine.

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Minister Mircea Duşa talked of the willingness of the Romanian side to intensify military cooperation, especially in the field of the strategic reassurance of the Allies on the Eastern flank, in the common training of troops, in employing forces in multinational operations.

At the end of the meeting, the Romanian official wished H.E. Ambassador Philippe Beke success in his future diplomatic activity.



The meeting with the Ambassador of Belgium to Bucharest

### Meeting of Minister Mircea Duşa with his Counterpart from the Republic of Moldova

The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, met on Thursday, August 20 with his Moldovan counterpart, Mr. Anatolie Şalaru, during the latter's visit to Bucharest.

"Today's meeting is intended as a step further in consolidating the high level political and military dialogue between our countries as well as a good opportunity for an exchange of views on the stage and perspectives of military bilateral cooperation in multilateral formats" Minister Mircea Duşa declared.

The topics on the agenda included regional security, bilateral defence cooperation and cooperation within regional and international initiatives with a focus on NATO and EU dimensions.



Minister Mircea Duşa and his counterpart Mr. Anatolie Şalaru



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The defence minister pointed out that Romania contributes actively to consolidating the cooperation between NATO and the Republic of Moldova, in the framework of the Interoperability Platform and the Defence Capability Building, DCB. Minister Duşa saluted the newly created NATO Liaison Office in Chişinău and announced that our country will provide an expert for this structure, who would assist the military authorities of the Republic of Moldova in the field of assessing strategic threats and military risks.

Minister Duşa also stated that our country encourages Moldova's participation in South-East European regional initiatives, with a view to increasing visibility of the National Armed Forces at regional level.

Speaking of the European trajectory of the neighbouring country, Minister Duşa restated our support for a higher involvement of the Republic of Moldova in the activities and actions conducted under the aegis of the Common Security and Defence Policy, as an important part of the process of European integration.

The two officials discussed about the common training activities. Minister Duşa said he considered such activities are useful and proposed that teams of officers and NCOs from the National Armed Forces of the Republic of Moldova should continue to participate in the national exercises conducted by the Romanian Armed Forces.

### **Minister Mircea Duşa, at the arrival of “Mircea” School Ship in Constanţa Military Harbour**

The Minister of National Defence, Mircea Duşa, participated in the arrival ceremony of “Mircea” School Ship in Constanţa Military Harbour on Monday, August 10, at 11 hrs, after the practical training march conducted in the Black Sea and the Mediterranean Sea.

The School Ship, with a crew (157 members) consisting of 29 students of the “Mircea cel Bătrân” Naval Academy and 52 students of “Amiral Ion Murgescu” Warrant Officer School, and 13 foreign cadets

from Bulgaria, China, Greece, Poland and Turkey, conducted an annual international march of 4,600 nautical miles, since July 1, with port calls in Civitavecchia (Italy), Barcelona (Spain), Marseille (France) and Bar (Montenegro) Harbors.



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