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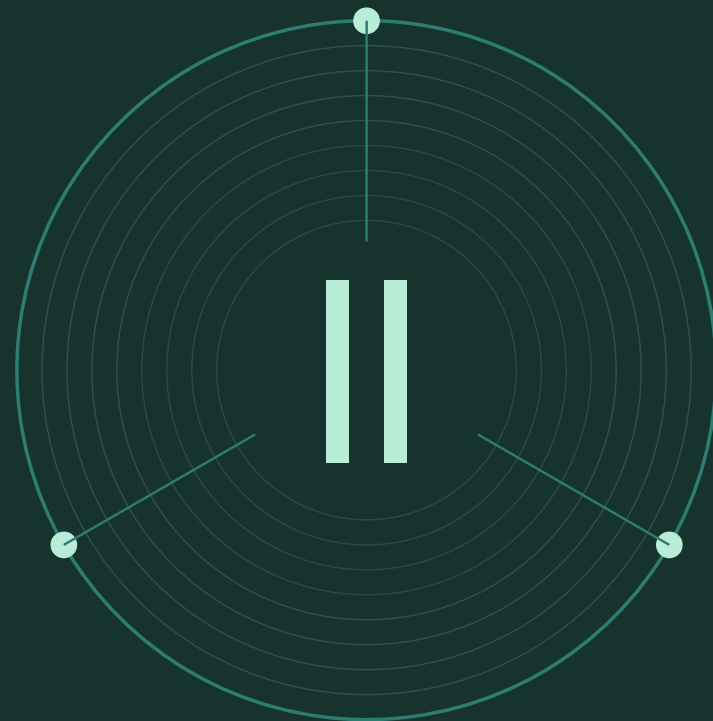
DEFENSE FORUM

Where strategy, technology
and capital meet.

5 NOVEMBER 2026

One Floreasca, Bucharest

STRATEGY / TECHNOLOGY / CAPITAL



Defense decisions shape more than defense.

VANTARC connects security strategy with the industrial and economic choices it creates.

**Three perspectives.
One conversation.**

- 01 **Diplomacy & public policy**
Security commitments, national priorities and regional cooperation.
- 02 **Industry & technology**
Operational needs, production capacity and critical systems.
- 03 **Finance & business**
Investment, supplier finance and economic value.

The first edition, in perspective.

130

GUESTS IN THE ROOM

Business, public leadership and industry.

15

SPEAKERS

Diplomacy, defense, finance and analysis.

250,000+

PEOPLE REACHED

Reported first-edition reach.

~450,000

SOCIAL MEDIA IMPRESSIONS

Reported first-edition social impact.

From strategic intent to practical delivery.

05

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2026

VENUE

One Floreasca, Bucharest

AUDIENCE

Approximately 120 invited guests

PROGRAMME

Three panels with proposed opening keynotes

Three panels. One connected agenda.

01

Geopolitics of Defense

Credible deterrence, Black Sea security and Romania's industrial role.

STRATEGY

02

The Future of Defense Technology

Counter-drone defense, industrial scale, resilient systems and critical software.

CAPABILITY

03

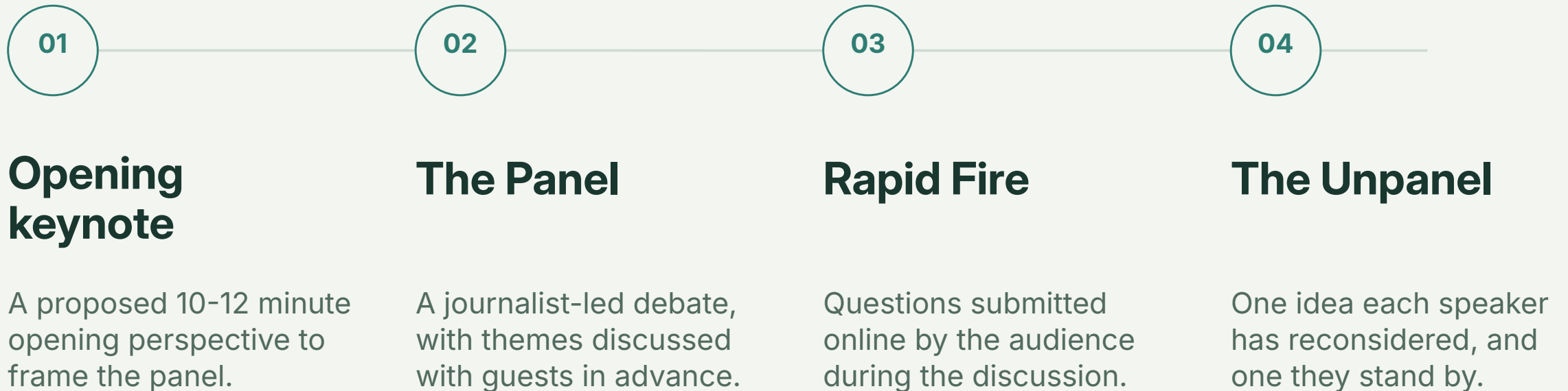
The Economics of Defense

The value of investment, local integration and access to finance.

CAPITAL

A conversation that moves.

Expert perspectives. Direct questions. Space to rethink.



Geopolitics of Defense

01 **Credible deterrence**

Available capabilities, timelines and Romania's contribution as allied responsibilities evolve.

03 **European financing, Romanian capacity**

Technology transfer, local suppliers, specialist skills, maintenance and intellectual property.

02 **Black Sea security**

Maritime surveillance, submarine cables and pipelines, and the scope of regional cooperation.

04 **Two theatres, one resource base**

The implications of Ukraine and Middle East security demands for allied resources and energy routes.

What must be available in practice for deterrence to be credible?

Geopolitics of Defense

PROPOSED OPENING KEYNOTE

H.E. Darryl Nirenberg

Ambassador of the
United States

PROPOSED MODERATOR

Tudor Curtifan

Security and strategic communication

Proposed panel speakers

H.E. Nicolas Warnery

Ambassador of France

H.E. Hur Seung-chul

Ambassador of the Republic of Korea

Ministry of National Defense

Representative at State Secretary level

Lockheed Martin Romania

Representative

H.E. Özgür Kıvanç Altan

Ambassador of Türkiye

Prof. Vlad Nistor

Director General, Romanian Diplomatic Institute

Sedef Vehbi

Head of Military Cluster, Otokar

All names and representative options are proposed, not confirmed.

The Future of Defense Technology

01 Counter-drone defense in real conditions

The full response chain: detection, decision, interception, command-and-control and cost.

03 Electronic warfare and resilient navigation

Resilience to jamming and spoofing, alternative navigation and pre-procurement testing.

02 From prototype to serial production

Product qualification, predictable orders, production scale and dependable supply chains.

04 Autonomy, AI and critical software

Certification, operational responsibility, cybersecurity and control of source code.

What turns a validated prototype into dependable capability at scale?

The Future of Defense Technology

PROPOSED OPENING KEYNOTE

Peter Burns

Executive Director,
Irregular Warfare Initiative

PROPOSED MODERATORS

Andreea Soare Adrian Popa

Security analysis and defense journalism

Proposed panel speakers

Gen. (Ret.) Daniel Petrescu

Former Chief of the Defense Staff

Răzvan Pîrcălăbescu

Director General, Romarm

Marian Ivănescu

General Manager, Interactive Software (ISW)

SIG Sauer

Representative

Bogdan Ochiană

Co-founder, Orbotix

Mihai Filip

Founder and CEO, Oves Enterprise

Ukrainian manufacturer

Unmanned systems; representative to be nominated

Dan Cîmpean

Director, Romanian National Cyber Security Directorate (DNSC)

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The Economics of Defense

01 Beyond the loan: what remains?

SAFE repayment, lasting productive capacity, jobs and the cost of competing procurement demand.

03 Financing the supplier

Credit, guarantees and the conditions facing a company without an already signed contract.

02 Measuring and verifying local integration

What counts as domestic value, how it is monitored and what lasts beyond contractual obligations.

04 Private capital for small and mid-sized firms

Investment readiness, governance, transparency, authorization and the distinction between dual-use and military businesses.

When repayment begins, what productive capacity will remain in Romania?

The Economics of Defense

PROPOSED OPENING KEYNOTE

Presidential Adviser for Defense and National Security

Presidential Administration

PROPOSED MODERATOR

Moise Guran

Journalist and economic analyst

Proposed panel speakers

Minister of National Defense

Romanian Government

ARCTIS representative

Technological and industrial cooperation

Defense investment fund

Expeditions Fund II, Keen Venture Partners or
Nucleo Ventures

OPIA representative

Defense industry employers' organization

Minister of Economy

Romanian Government

Banking sector representative

BCR or Citi

Private industry supplier

Tier-two or tier-three supplier in a major
programme

Bank and fund names are alternative options in the brief. Participation is not confirmed.

The test is delivery.

From announced ambition
to usable capability.

- 01 Which capabilities should be available in the next twelve months?
- 02 Where does delivery get stuck: procurement, qualification, production or finance?
- 03 What will remain in Romania: equipment, productive capacity or both?

A cross-sector room, not a single-sector debate.

~120

INVITED GUESTS

An invitation-only forum
for informed exchange.

Diplomacy

Allied embassies and the
diplomatic community.

Defense industry

Romanian and international
manufacturers.

Business

Company leaders and industry
suppliers.

Public leadership

Government and public
administration.

Finance

Banks and defense-focused
investment funds.

Media & analysis

Journalists and the strategic
analysis community.

Be part of the conversation.

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