



NATO Science for Peace and Security Programme



NATO Science for Peace and Security (SPS) Programme

INFORMATION DAY

8 OCTOBER 2026

Bratislava, SLOVAKIA

09:00-09:30

REGISTRATION

Welcome Remarks (5 min. each):

- **MUDr. Tomáša Hromádka**, Vice-President of the Slovak Academy of Sciences for Science, Research, and Innovation
- **Mr. Rastislav Chovanec**, Deputy Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic
- **Mr. Martin Vojtašovič**, Deputy Minister of Defence of the Slovak Republic
- **Mr. Piers Cazalet**, *Director, Defence and Security Cooperation Directorate, NATO*

09:30 – 10:00

**Session Open to Media*

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SESSION I: The NATO Science for Peace and Security (SPS) Programme: What it is, and how it works?

This session will introduce the SPS Programme, its grant mechanisms and current trends.

10:00 – 11:00

- **Dr. Eyup Turmuş**, *Head of SPS Programme, NATO*
- **RNDr. Karol Nemoga**, *Member of the SPS Independent Scientific Evaluation Group (ISEG), on 'Ensuring the Scientific Merit of SPS Activities'*

Question and Answer Session – up to 15 minutes

11:00 –11:30

COFFEE BREAK

11:30 – 12:15

SESSION II: Examples of SPS activities

Moderator: Ms. Nora Todorova, SPS Programme Officer

Slovak experts will share their experience with SPS. The session will provide the audience with concrete examples of cooperation in the framework of the SPS Programme. Speakers will explain how they approached the SPS application process, the implementation of their activities and their work in multinational teams.

- **Dr. Pavol Zajac**, University of Technology in Bratislava, “*Secure Communication via Classical and Quantum Technologies*” SPS multi-year project
- **Dr. Ivana Šišoláková**, Pavol Jozef Šafárik University in Košice, “*Smart Portable Nanosensors for on-site Biomedical and Environmental Analysis*” (TERRITORY) SPS multi-year project

Question and Answer Session – up to 15 minutes

Engagement and Q&A with the SPS Programme

12:15-12:30

In an informal format, representatives of the SPS Programme will be available to address practical questions from the audience concerning the development and implementation of SPS activities. E.g. topics of interest, types of activities, etc.

Closing remarks

12:30 – 13:30

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