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## CIOR SYMPOSIUM 2023

# “REDUCING OUR VULNERABILITIES”

Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

**Place** Helsinki Congress Paasitorni  
**Moderator** Dr., LtCdr (res), Dr. Veli-Pekka Nurmi (FIN)

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**09:30 – 10:00** Arrival, welcome coffee

### 10:00 – 10:45 CIOR SYMPOSIUM 2023 OPENING SESSION

Building Resilience will remain an important part of our efforts to face all kinds of challenges. In a NATO context, Military Reserve preparedness is crucial to be able to respond to vulnerabilities within a changing security environment.

**10:00 – 10:15**

*Welcoming Remarks*

**Toomas Luman (EST)**  
Lieutenant Colonel, res.

**CIOR President**

**10:15- 10:45**

*The NATO defensive umbrella must open wider in case of a stronger storm*

**François-Marie Gougeon (FRA)**  
Major General

**NATO Director Policy and Capabilities Division**

### 10:45 – 12:30 I SESSION

The transatlantic and European awakening: How to maintain defence capability when mobilizing reserves from our societies will be the most important factor in a long-term full scale military conflict in Europe.

**10:45-11:15**

*Reservists help lead the Army's transformation*

**Marc Overton (UK)**  
Major General

**Assistant Chief of Defence Staff for  
Reserves and Cadets**

**11:15-11:30 Short Break**

**11:30- 12:00**

*The NATO's northern wing national defence model in a changed security environment*

**Tuomas Tiilikainen (FIN)**  
Commodore

**Chief of Personnel Division/J1**

**12:00 -12:30**

*The EU's strategic role in terms of geoeconomic sanctions and investment on global defence*

**Mr. Camilo Villarino (ESP)**

**Head of Cabinet of High Representative of the Union for  
Foreign Affairs and Security Policy**

**Gift Delivery**

**12:30 – 13:30** Lunch break

**13:30 – 15:15** II SESSION

What the concept of modern war looks like in reality at the personal level of participants.



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**13:30 - 14:00**

*Ukrainian War, and the Western co-belligerence as key element in the political-military equation of the conflict*

**Dr. Oliver Zajec (FRA)**

**Directeur de l'Institut d'études de stratégie et de défense  
(IESD)**

**14:00 - 14:30**

*A CIMIC perspective on the Russian-Ukrainian war*

**Vladyslav Tychyna (UKR)**

**Civil-Military cooperation expert**

Lieutenant Colonel

**14:30 - 14:45 Short Break**

**14:45 - 15:15**

*From the Western world's perspective, does Russia still have military capability to exert pressure?*

**Pekka Toveri (FIN)**

**Former chief of intelligence of the FDF**

Major General, ret.

**Member of Parliament**

**15:15 – 15:30 Resume and Closing Remarks by CIOR President  
Gift Delivery**

**15:30-16:00 Coffee is served**

**16:00 – 17:30 CIOR YROW SESSION**

*Discussion panel together with young reserve officers in the YROW program. The session will take place in the YROW workspace in the congress center.*

**Moderator: LtCdr (res) Veli-Pekka Nurmi**

**Panelists: Mr. Camilo Villarino, Dr. Oliver Zajec and Commodore Tiilikainen**