

THE STRUGGLE AGAINST TERRORISM IN ROMANIA'S VISION AND ITS STRATEGIC PARTNERS

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Abstract: *Effective counter-terrorism is not a new security responsibility for Romanian security forces. Terrorism was a threat to Romania's national security before 1989 and was for years under the communist regime, but anti-terror elite forces avoided its attacks. However, the Cold War terrorism is different from 21st century terrorism.*

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Introduction

After the fall of communism and after the terrorist attacks in the United States, since September 11, 2001, the lethality and virulence of the terrorists' intentions and their goals have changed. Attacks in the US, Spain, the UK and others have urged Romania to transform its global security system to be able to combat terrorism and terrorist networks, as well as other asymmetric security threats and challenges, in an effective and collaborative manner, in order to effectively avoid, counteract and combat terrorism¹.

Like many other countries in the world, Romania has become aware of the importance of national institutions with a role in preventing and countering terrorism. This fact actually supports Romania's security objectives and starts international cooperation. Romania, in its "National

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