

EDITORIAL

In keeping with the tradition, the second issue of the *ANNALS: SERIES ON MILITARY SCIENCES* is a topic-based one. This year, its topic is “*SMART DEFENCE AND DEFENCE INVESTMENT*”. It matches the topic of the scientific seminar with international participation organised by “Carol I” National Defence University, the Academy of Romanian Scientists (the Military Sciences Section) and the Centre for Analysis and Security Studies in October this year. This edition partially gathers the papers presented in the seminar by personalities with expertise in the topic approached, working in the field of research, civil or military higher education, defence, European and foreign affairs. We are glad to benefit in this issue from the scientific contribution of experts from the Atlantic Council, NATO, EU, MoND, the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Business Environment, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), as, in this way, the point of view of other NATO and EU Member States can be emphasised.

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