

ANALYSIS OF PORT SECURITY

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***Abstract:** The hybrid war in Ukraine has emphasized again the security problem in the Extended Black Sea Area and, obviously, in its ports. Our study aims to analyze port security in the context of the new security environment, in which several EU member states show a desire to move toward the Russian Federation which worries the states in the Extended Black Sea Area. The authors focus on three key concepts: optimum reliability, optimum viability and optimum security.*

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In the last years on the global scene there were a series of strategic shifts/changes generated by United States intention to shift its security strategic/effort towards Asia-Pacific area. This is why the Russian Federation is concerned with controlling the Black Sea Region and the Danube Mouths and with turning this Sea into a “Russian Sea” in order to get access to the Mediterranean Sea. These circumstances would allow the Russian Federation to gain military superiority in the Black Sea.

In this respect, we think it is necessary for Romania to strengthen its ports’ security. The military protection of Romanian ports must be extended beyond Romanian borders, enforcing the state power at the Danube Mouths and into the Black Sea Area.

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