TWENTY YEARS LATER. NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS AND ABANDONED AND POSTPONED PROJECTS IN THE FIELD OF COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATICS SYSTEMS OF ROMANIAN ARMED FORCES (1997-2017)

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Abstract: The author briefly presents a series of recent aspects in the current geopolitical context on some strong points as well as internal vulnerabilities and external threats of the military communication and informatics systems and networks developed in the Romanian Armed Forces since 1997. The article exposes the evolutions in conditions of austerity and even hostility of the main operational and technical sequels of the Romanian Armed Forces Signal System - STAR (RTP/RMNC), as well the influences of new technologies in the C4I systems on the planning and conduct of operations (battle). Furthermore it presents some strong points of the achieved systems and principles taken into account in the modernization and transformation effort (regarding the NATO criteria and requirements), as well as their internal vulnerabilities and external threats identified after a thorough analysis. Unfortunately, we can see the projects have remained abandoned or postponed because of different reasons.

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