

# Annual Report 2018





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# Foreword

Dear friends,

In 2018, our world got closer to the brink of a significant conflict, with rising international tensions and escalating rhetoric. Landmark agreements, including on arms control, have come undone, while efforts to limit arms races in new fields, such as cyber and space, have stalled. Many of the core principles of the international order have been weakened by rising nationalism and illiberalism.

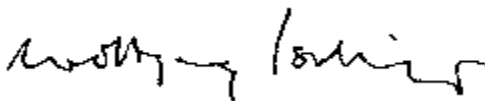
Given this context, the Munich Security Conference's role as a provider of platforms for debate and dialogue is more important than ever to connect relevant decision-makers with one another and to build trust. At our various international and regional conferences – from our main conference in Munich to formats in Bahir Dar, Tallinn and Minsk – the MSC has attempted to respond to today's key issues and challenges in their entirety and complexity. In numerous locations and settings, our participants discussed topics ranging from European defence to hypersonic weapons and human security, reflecting our constant attempt to serve as the best possible market place of ideas and identify feasible and realistic answers to today's security challenges.

The purpose of this report is to help you gain an overview of our activities and to give you an insight into the organisation behind them. This report also lists our numerous partners. Let me thank them wholeheartedly. Without their support and engagement, the work of the MSC would not be possible.

Last, but not least, we also have some exciting internal news to share: in December 2018, the Munich Security Conference was restructured into a charitable foundation. Building on the MSC's success, the new legal form will help us ensure our continued neutrality and independence.

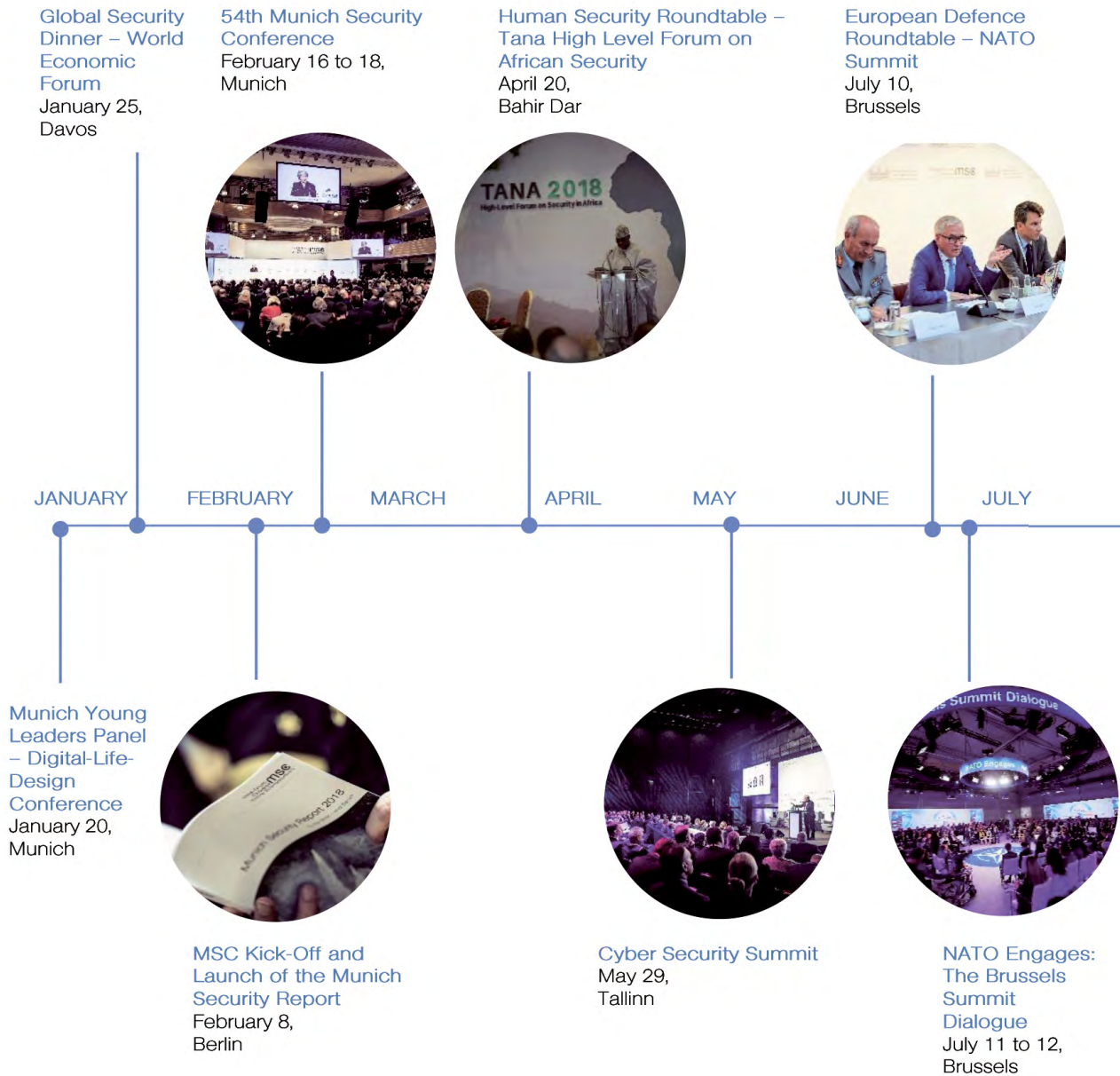
The year ahead begins with two milestones for us: the 55th edition of the Munich Security Conference and the fifth edition of our Munich Security Report. Both, I am sure, will be good examples of our dedication to quality and political relevance. I want to thank you for your interest in our work and look forward to working with you in the future.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Wolfgang Ischinger', written in a cursive, flowing style.

Wolfgang Ischinger  
Chairman of the MSC Foundation

# Overview of MSC Events in 2018





ONS Summit  
August 26 to 27,  
Stavanger



MSC Panel  
@ YES  
Annual  
Meeting  
September  
15,  
Kyiv

Munich Young  
Leaders Annual  
Meeting  
September 27  
to 29,  
Madrid

Core Group Meeting  
October 30 to  
November 1,  
Minsk



AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER



MSC Luncheon  
– SIPRI  
Stockholm  
Security  
Conference  
September 20,  
Stockholm

5th Meeting  
of the Loisch  
Group  
November 13  
to 15,  
Washington  
DC

Munich  
Strategy  
Forum  
December  
2 to 4,  
Elmau

MSC in  
Doha  
December  
15,  
Doha

Arctic Security Roundtable  
August 27,  
Stavanger

+ MSC in Berlin Series: several events throughout the year





## The MSC in 2018

The Munich Security  
Conference 2018

The Munich Security  
Report 2018

Other MSC Events  
and Activities in 2018

Reach and Visibility  
in 2018

Outreach, Partnerships  
and Sponsoring

# The MSC in 2018

2018 was an exciting year for the MSC with another impressive set of events around the globe at a time where the discussions it hosts are more relevant than ever. The growth path of the past years continued whilst the institution continued to evolve structurally – with new staff and new administrative developments. The following pages are meant to provide an overview over the most important innovations at the MSC and invite the interested reader to share in the last twelve months of the MSC.

## OUR MISSION

The MSC's objective is to build trust and contribute to the peaceful resolution of conflicts by sustaining a continuous, curated and informed dialogue debate within the international security community. Today, the MSC is the world's leading forum for debating international security policy. The MSC conceives of its conferences as a type of "market place of ideas" where initiatives and solutions are developed and opinions are exchanged. It provides a venue for official and non-official diplomatic initiatives and ideas to address the world's most pressing security concerns. The MSC also offers protected space for informal meetings between officials and thus – as its original motto has it – builds peace through dialogue. In addition to its annual flagship conference, the MSC regularly convenes high-profile events on particular topics and regions and publishes the Munich Security Report, an annual digest of relevant figures, maps, and research on key security challenges.

## OUR AUDIENCE

During the MSC's main conference in February, we assemble more than 450 high-profile and senior decision-makers as well as thought-leaders from around the world, including heads of state, ministers, leading personalities of international and non-governmental organisations, as well as high-ranking representatives of industry, media, academia, and civil society, to engage in an intensive debate. The MSC believes in the need for an informed and sustained public debate on security policy broadly defined and thus aims to involve the wider public in its debates. We broadcast most of our debates and disseminate the results of our events via reports, interviews and social media.

All MSC events are private events. The Conference Chairman extends invitations to participants in his personal capacity. As such, all participants are personal guests of the Chairman. Their names, titles and origin are listed in the way each participant has chosen. This does not signify an endorsement by the MSC, its Chairman or his guests.



## OUR FOCUS

The MSC has transatlantic and European roots but our activities reflect a globalised world. The MSC strives to increase its geographic diversity and reach to include all relevant stakeholders. The MSC aims at debating the world's most relevant security challenges. The MSC does not only include the most urgent security challenges in its programmes, but also draws attention to issues that might not yet be on the top of the security community's agenda. The Munich Security Conference embraces a comprehensive definition of security, which encompasses not only traditional national or military security, but also takes into account – among others – the economic, environmental and human dimensions of security.

# The Advisory Council

## ABOUT THE ADVISORY COUNCIL

The MSC Advisory Council helps to maintain and advance the high quality of our annual conference and the MSC's other events. It advises the Chairman of the Conference on strategic direction, thematic focus, and partnership development. The Council consists of up to 25 distinguished individuals proposed by the MSC Chairman and approved by the Chairman of the Council from both the public and the private sector who share and identify themselves with our spirit and objectives. In 2018, the MSC Advisory Council welcomed several new members into its ranks:

Former US Secretary of State John Kerry, Deputy Chairwoman of the Committee of Foreign Affairs of the National People's Congress of China Fu Ying and Secretary-General of the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie Louise Mushikiwabo.

## CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL



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Members of the Advisory Council meet at the Munich Security Conference 2017



Members of the MSC Advisory Council meet during the Munich Strategy Forum 2018

# Establishing the MSC Foundation

## BACKGROUND

In December 2018, the Munich Security Conference Foundation (mscf) was established as a charitable foundation. This new legal form is meant to safeguard the MSC's neutrality and long-term independence. It is the final step in a long process of institutionalization and will help to tap into new funding streams. Under the roof of the new Foundation, the Munich Security Conference gGmbH, a charitable limited liability company under German law, will continue to handle day-to-day operations, organize all events and employ the bulk of the MSC's staff.

The following bodies have been, or will be, created under the Foundation's statute.

## ORGANIZATION

### Foundation Council

The Foundation Council serves as the Foundation's highest decision-making body. It appoints members of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Directors, oversees the Foundation's finances and the general direction of the Foundation. The Chairman of the Munich Security Conference will also serve as President of the Foundation.

### Board of Directors

The Board of Directors manages the day-to-day operations of the Foundation. It is responsible for the implementation of decisions of the Foundation Council, and consists of a minimum of two members.

### Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees is composed, ex officio, of representatives of the German Federal Government and the Government of Bavaria, as well as representatives of the Foundation's major funders, who are appointed by the Foundation Council on advice of the Foundation President.

### Advisory Council

The Advisory Council advises the President of the Foundation on strategy and the general direction of the Foundation's work. It is composed of 20 personalities that have worked to further the Foundation's goals.



# Anerkennungsurkunde

Die von Botschafter Professor Dr. h. c. Wolfgang Friedrich Ischinger  
mit Stiftungsgeschäft  
vom 13.12.2018 errichtete

## Stiftung Münchner Sicherheitskonferenz

wird als Stiftung des bürgerlichen Rechts mit Sitz in München  
gemäß §§ 80, 81 des Bürgerlichen Gesetzbuches anerkannt.

Die Stiftung wird damit rechtsfähig.

Regierung von Oberbayern

München, 17.12.2018

Maria Els  
Regierungspräsidentin

## The MSC Team

With 20 full-time employees at our Munich office and 10 at our Berlin office at the end of 2018, the MSC team has grown for the third year running – up from 25 full-time employees in 2017.

This year, the MSC's policy & analysis team in Berlin added four new members: Julian Voje assumed the position of Deputy Head of Policy & Analysis. Sophie Eisentraut and Juliane Kabus joined the team as Senior Policy Advisor and Policy Advisor & Communications Manager, respectively.

Hanna Schoewe joined the office of Wolfgang Ischinger as Assistant to the Chairman.

The project management team in Munich was bolstered by the addition of Max Schiel, who has taken up the position of Special Assistant to the Chief Operating Officer.

Continuing the resounding success of the MSC's trainee programme, all four trainees who were hired in 2017 made the transition to permanent positions this year. In Munich, Julia Bimler and Leonard Simon will continue to support our organisational team as Project Managers. Randolph Carr and Christoph Erber, as Policy Advisors, will remain with our Berlin team. In total, all nine colleagues who joined us as trainees since 2015 remain essential parts of the MSC team. Building on this success, we additionally welcomed three new trainees this year, Jamel Flitti, Katharina Pachmayr and Paulina Zehle. All three had previously supported our teams in Berlin and Munich as student project assistants. Over 12 months, trainees will take part in a series of workshops and training courses and will actively be introduced to the full range of MSC activities.

On loan from McKinsey & Company, Laura Hartmann joined our team in September. In the course of our institutionalised cooperation, the MSC and McKinsey are giving a consultant the possibility to work with us for up to 18 months – thereby allowing the MSC to benefit regularly from private sector expertise. Laura Hartmann follows in the footsteps of Quirin Maderspacher, who re-joined McKinsey after spending 18 months in our Berlin office.

Next to Quirin Maderspacher, three other valued members of our team – Pia Zimmermann, Sarah Schmid, and Adrian Oroz, one of our longest-tenured colleagues – left the MSC in 2018 to pursue new projects. We are extremely grateful for their contributions and wish them well for their future endeavours.



The team of the MSC office in Munich



The team of the MSC office in Berlin







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# The Munich Security Conference 2018

From February 16 to 18, 2018, more than 450 decision-makers gathered for the Munich Security Conference 2018 to debate current crises and future challenges to international security. Key topics included the future role of the European Union as a global actor and its relations with Russia as well as the United States. In addition, the growing threat to the liberal international order, the numerous conflicts in the Middle East – especially the deteriorating relations between the Gulf States – and political developments in the Sahel region were discussed. Arms control issues formed another point of emphasis, in particular the tensions over North Korea's nuclear weapons programme.

The main conference programme also featured roundtable discussions on a diverse set of topics including cyber geopolitics and deterrence, the impact of technological change on international relations, security in the Arctic region, intelligence cooperation, as well as health security.

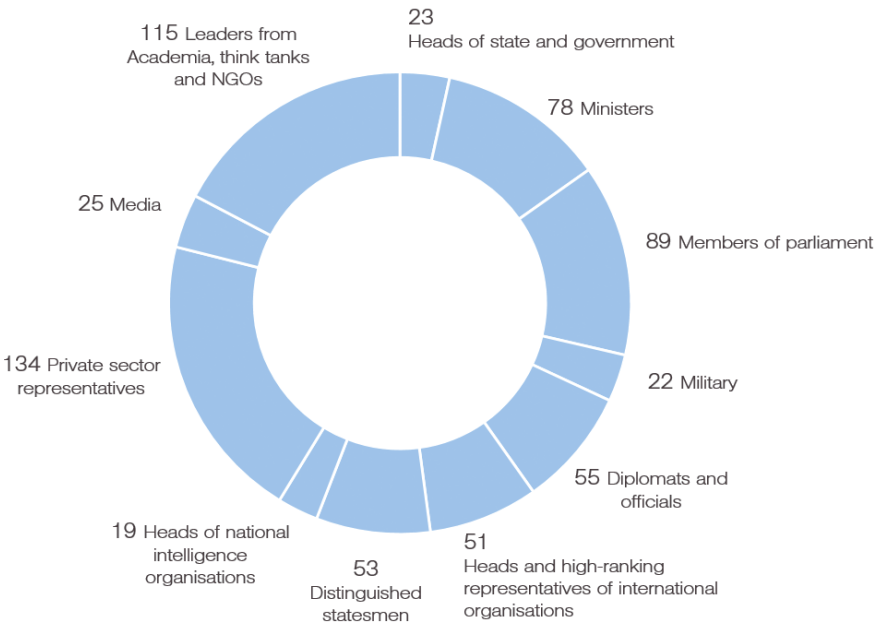
Some of the world's leading institutions, including the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, the Royal United Services Institute, the United Nations Environment Programme, Transparency International and the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute hosted official side events at the MSC 2018.



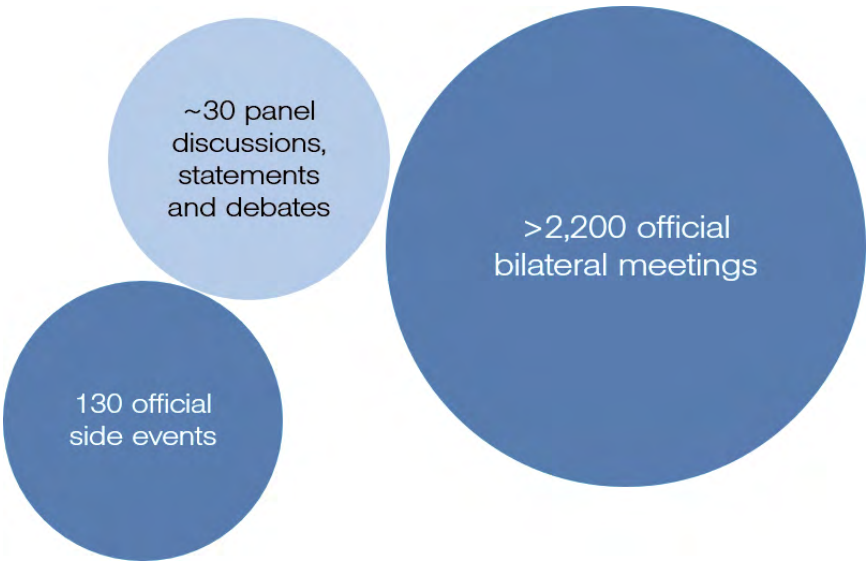


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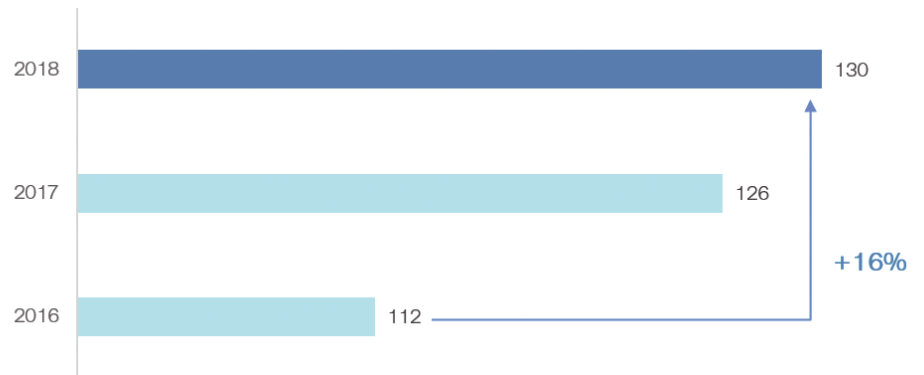
## COMPOSITION OF MSC 2018 PARTICIPANTS BY SECTOR



## EVENTS AT THE MSC 2018

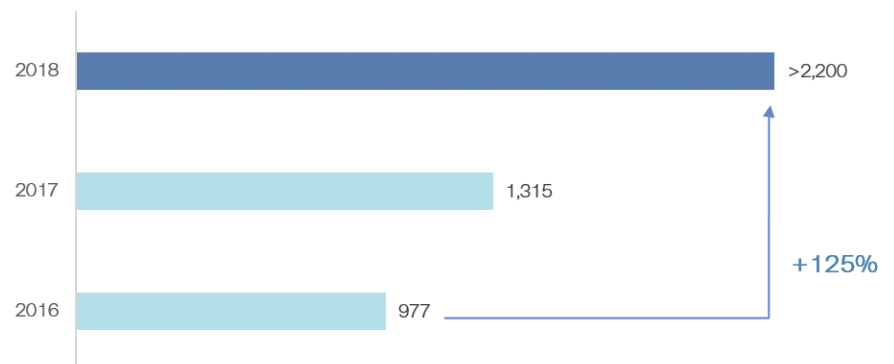


OFFICIAL SIDE  
EVENTS AT THE MSC,  
2016 – 2018



OFFICIAL BILATERAL  
MEETINGS AT THE  
MSC, 2016 – 2018

OFFICIAL BILATERAL MEETINGS AT THE MSC, 2016-2018



# Selected Speakers

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16



**Ursula von der Leyen**  
Federal Minister of Defence,  
Federal Republic of Germany,  
Berlin



**Florence Parly**  
Minister of the Armed Services,  
French Republic, Paris



**Antonio Guterres**  
Secretary General, United  
Nations, New York



**Sheikh Tamim Al-Thani**  
Emir, State of Qatar, Doha



**Jens Stoltenberg**  
Secretary General, North  
Atlantic Treaty Organization,  
Brussels



**Christine Lagarde**  
Managing Director, International  
Monetary Fund, Washington  
DC

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17



**Sigmar Gabriel**  
Vice Chancellor and Federal  
Minister for Foreign Affairs,  
Federal Republic of Germany,  
Berlin



**Theresa May**  
Prime Minister, United Kingdom  
of Great Britain and Northern  
Ireland





**Jean-Claude Juncker**  
President, European  
Commission, Brussels



**Sebastian Kurz**  
Federal Chancellor, Republic of  
Austria, Vienna



**Herbert Raymond McMaster**  
Lieutenant General, National  
Security Advisor to the  
President, United States of  
America, Washington DC



**Sergey Lavrov**  
Minister of Foreign Affairs,  
Russian Federation, Moscow



**Paul Kagame**  
President, Republic of Rwanda,  
Kigali



**Fu Ying**  
Chairwoman of the Committee  
on Foreign Affairs of the  
National People's Congress,  
Parliament of the People's  
Republic of China; Beijing

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18



**Benjamin Netanyahu**  
Prime Minister, State of Israel,  
Jerusalem



**Mohammad Javad Zarif**  
Minister of Foreign Affairs,  
Islamic Republic of Iran, Tehran



**Mevlüt Cavusoglu**  
Minister of Foreign Affairs,  
Republic of Turkey, Ankara



**Adel bin Ahmed Al-Jubeir**  
Minister of Foreign Affairs,  
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia,  
Riyadh

## Selected Side Events

Side events complementing the main programme are a key feature of the Munich Security Conference, highlighting contemporary challenges and showcasing new initiatives together with many established and new partners. In 2018, the number of side events once again continued to increase, reaching more than 130 official side events. Given the limits of practical possibilities on the sidelines of the main conference, we aim to stabilise the number of events.

Selected side events in 2018 included:

### PUBLIC EVENTS

Over the past years, the MSC has increased the number of public events it hosts in the framework of the annual conference in February, providing access to its programme and participants.



#### #MSC2018

On the eve of the main conference, the MSC once again opened its doors to more than 600 members of the public and an online viewership via live stream on Facebook for its public event #MSC2018 to discuss "The Force Awakens: Artificial Intelligence and Modern Conflict". New York Times columnist David E. Sanger moderated a panel including Kersti Kaljulaid, President of Estonia, Darryl A. Williams, Lieutenant General and Commander of the NATO Allied Land Command, Anders Fogh Rasmussen, former Secretary General of NATO, Mary Wareham, Coordinator of the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots, as well as Robot Sofia.



#### TUM Speaker Series

On Friday and Saturday evening, in cooperation with the Technical University Munich (TUM) Speaker Series, the MSC was delighted to welcome Eric Schmidt, former Chief Executive Officer of Google, and the late Kofi Annan, former Secretary General of the United Nations and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, respectively, to speak in front of 1,000 students.

#### MSC Security and Literature Series

For the second year running, the MSC also organised the MSC Security and Literature Series, which focuses on the relationship between literature and politics and examines the means by which literature can gauge security and stability in society. In 2018, the event featured Robert Menasse, winner of the German Book Prize 2017, Alexander Graf Lambsdorff, Member of the German Bundestag and former Member of the European Parliament, as well Georgian Prime Minister Giorgi Kvirikashvili and Georgian author Aka Morchiladze.

## TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONSHIP



Setting Foreign Policy Priorities in an Era of Political Polarization – hosted by the American Council on Germany (ACG) and the American Institute for Contemporary Studies (AICGS)

The American Council on Germany and the American Institute for Contemporary German Studies once again hosted their traditional Transatlantic Breakfast for US and German parliamentarians. The format provided a space for transatlantic colleagues to engage in fruitful and meaningful discussion.



The Transatlantic Alliance in the Age of “America First”: Sharing Purposes and Burdens – hosted by the Brookings Institution and the Robert Bosch Foundation

The Brookings Institution and the Robert Bosch Foundation examined the transatlantic relationship in a time of renewed US emphasis on national interests. In the light of evolving perspectives on America’s role and the burden-sharing expected of transatlantic partners, the event explored implications for Europe’s security architecture.

## ARMS CONTROL



Emerging Technologies: Time to Reboot Arms Control – hosted by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)

As the leading think tank in its field, SIPRI hosted a discussion focusing on how current innovations – e.g. in artificial intelligence, robotics, autonomous systems, and 3D printing, among others – challenge existing arms control structures and how they can best be addressed.

The Future of the INF Treaty: Towards a Common NATO Position – hosted by the MSC and the Vienna Centre for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation

With the INF Treaty and arms control treaties in general seemingly unravelling, the MSC and the Vienna Centre hosted a discussion session to identify how challenges to and violations of the treaty can be addressed by the United States and its NATO allies.

## EUROPE AND BREXIT



[Brexit: Implications for Defence and Security](#) – hosted by the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI)

The RUSI side event at the MSC 2018 brought together leading defence specialists from the UK and Europe to discuss the possibility of a special security partnership between the UK and the EU following Brexit, as well as exploring implications of a hard Brexit.

[Where Will the Franco-German Motor Take Europe](#) – hosted by the Federation of German Industries (BDI) and the European Leadership Network (ELN)



At this high-level discussion session hosted by BDI and ELN, French Minister of Foreign Affairs Florence Parly and German State Secretary for Defence Katrin Suder discussed the Franco-German nexus on Europe's defence policy and industry and what the future of a European defence may look like.

## CYBER SECURITY



[MSC Innovation Night](#) – hosted by the MSC and the Cyber Innovation Hub of the Federal Armed Forces

The inaugural MSC Innovation Night took place at the MSC 2018, featuring German Minister of Defence Ursula von der Leyen and Palantir CEO Alex Karp, who discussed innovation within the defence sector and the armed services, as well as the challenges both face in a digital age.

[Charter of Trust for a Secure Digital World](#) – hosted by MSC and Siemens



The MSC 2018 also featured the signing of the Charter of Trust, an initiative by Siemens to establish norms and regulatory mechanisms within the cyber realm in order to increase cyber security for all. The initiative has since attracted praise and support across the industry as well as from government.

## REGIONAL DEVELOPMENTS



[Stabilisation and Development in Africa: What Works & What Does Not? – Hosted by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit \(GIZ\)](#)

At the annual GIZ luncheon at the MSC, President of the World Bank Jim Yong Kim and government representatives of Sudan, Mali and the EU discussed how stabilisation and development-related interventions have become essential in regions with protracted violent conflicts.

[Bridging Troubled Waters: The South-China-Sea Dispute – hosted by the NATO Centre for Excellence for Operations in Confined and Shallow Waters](#)

The NATO Centre for Excellence hosted a roundtable discussion on the South China Sea dispute. Ng Eng Hen, Singaporean Minister for Defence, was one of the prominent speakers, with a Chinese delegation also present.

[Partnered Operations and the Protection of Civilian in the Middle East and Beyond – hosted by the International Committee for the Red Cross](#)

The roundtable discussion, moderated by Lyse Doucet, sought to identify how military partnerships are formed in today's Middle East and the related opportunities and challenges.

# The Ewald von Kleist Award

Ewald von Kleist was the founder and defining personality of the Munich Security Conference. As its patron for more than 30 years, Kleist was instrumental in advancing the transatlantic security dialogue and introducing post-war Germany into NATO and the broader Cold War security order. Kleist, a prolific author, jurist, and publisher, founded the “Internationale Wehrkunde” conference in 1963 to overcome what he viewed as a “lack of experts on nuclear matters”, as well as to enhance German lawmakers’ understanding of American security policy. Kleist was noted for his expertise on the role of nuclear weapons in NATO’s defence posture and Europe’s role in the transatlantic partnership – issues that confronted NATO and “Wehrkunde” throughout and after the Cold War. Until his death in 2013, Kleist remained active in security affairs and a regular participant of the MSC, a reflection of his devotion to “Wehrkunde” and the issues to which he had dedicated his life. His legacy will continue to inspire leaders and practitioners from around the world.

Aiming to honour leading figures in security policy that have made an outstanding contribution to international peace and conflict management, the MSC inaugurated the Ewald von Kleist Award in 2009. We are honoured that outstanding statesmen and practitioners of security policy, most of which have been conference speakers and participants for many years, have accepted the award.

## THE EWALD VON KLEIST AWARD 2018

At the 2018 Munich Security Conference, Senator John McCain was awarded this year’s Ewald von Kleist Award for his service to transatlantic relations and the Munich Security Conference. Having led the US Congressional delegation to the Munich Security Conference for the past decades, Senator McCain played a key role in developing the conference into an important meeting place for the transatlantic community.

The laudation was delivered by former US Vice-President Joe Biden, with other speakers including Wolfgang Ischinger, Ischinger, Benjamin Netanyahu and Ilse Aigner.

For health reasons, John McCain was unable to accept the award in person. His wife Cindy McCain read out a statement on his behalf – a stirring plea for the continued defence of the liberal international order and the continuing relevance of the MSC.

Upon John McCain’s death on August 25, 2018, the MSC announced that it would dedicate a prize in his name. The John McCain Dissertation Award, to be presented for the first time at the MSC 2019, will honour the best dissertations on topics that were particularly close to Senator McCain’s heart, such as transatlantic relations, parliamentary oversight of the armed forces, and the moral responsibility of the West.





Joe Biden, Ilse Aigner, and Wolfgang Ischinger (from left) congratulate Cindy McCain (second from left) as she accepts the Ewald von Kleist Award on behalf of her husband, John (Photo: MSC / Mueller)



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# The Munich Security Report 2018

The Munich Security Report (MSR) is published every year and compiles data, analyses and maps that illuminate major developments and critical challenges to international security. The report serves as a conversation starter for the main conference and background reading for MSC participants, but is also made available to security professionals and the interested public around the globe.

The report's 2018 and thereby fourth edition was entitled "To the Brink – and Back?" and placed its focus on greatly increased tensions in the international system. It discussed several phenomena that point towards a crisis of that system, for instance the increase of nationalism and polarisation within societies, a decline in multilateral diplomacy, and widespread geopolitical brinksmanship. Chapters in the report focus on specific security actors, such as the US and China, or regions and issues that pose security challenges, such as conflict in the Middle East, food insecurity, climate change, and cyber warfare.

In preparing the report, the MSC worked with some of world's most renowned research institutions, including the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, the International Institute for Strategic Studies, the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, as well as McKinsey & Company.

The report was launched just head of the main conference on February 8, 2018, at our annual kick-off event in Berlin – in front of an audience of representatives from the military, academia, civil society, media as well as German government officials and the Berlin-based diplomatic corps.

The 2018 report was downloaded more than 40,000 times. Several thousand copies were handed out at the 2018 Munich Security Conference and other events throughout the year and were mailed to decision-makers in parliaments, governments, international organisations, media outlets and academia around the world.



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# MSC Kick-off & Launch of the MSR 2018

Berlin, February 8, 2018

In the run-up to the 54th Munich Security Conference, the MSC hosted its traditional kick-off event at the Representation of the Free State of Bavaria in Berlin. More than 300 attendees from the Berlin foreign and security policy community – representatives of the military, academia, civil society and media outlets, as well as German government officials and the Berlin-based diplomatic corps – were present for the launch of the Munich Security Report 2018 entitled “To the Brink – and Back?”.

Following the presentation of the Munich Security Report 2018, Ambassador Ischinger discussed future challenges to German and European foreign policy with Michael Roth, Minister of State for Europe at the Federal Foreign Office. A subsequent panel discussion featured Franziska Brantner and Niels Annen, Members of the German Bundestag for the Alliance 90/The Greens and the Social Democratic Party, respectively, and Mark Leonard, Director of the European Council on Foreign Relations.





# Human Security Series

Munich, February 16 & 18; Bahir Dar, April 20, 2018

## ABOUT THE SERIES

The Human Security Series brings together decision-makers from government, industry, science, and civil society to advance discussions and help develop strategies on how to mitigate global health security risks. A first roundtable on the sidelines of the Munich Security Conference 2016 focused on the difficulties of providing healthcare in conflict-affected areas. During subsequent Health Security Roundtables on the sidelines of Core Group Meetings in Addis Ababa, Beijing and Washington, D.C., debates focused on challenges to health security with a special focus on the respective host regions. The Health Security Roundtable on the sidelines of the World Health Summit 2017 focused on the question of leadership within the global health security governance.

Effective responses to these challenges must build on a cross-sectoral and multi-disciplinary approach. Therefore, the Munich Security Conference organises events on issues such as health, migration, and the environment to promote discussions and collaboration between the security community and development officials and experts, NGO leaders, international organizations, the research community, and the private sector. Building in particular on the success of its activities on the issue of health security, the MSC is now grouping its activities on these issues in the Human Security Series.

## ACTIVITIES IN 2018

### Human Security Roundtable at the MSC 2018

In 2018, the MSC organised its first Roundtable on Human Security, which brought together a wide array of experts and representatives with special expertise in the human dimension of security policy. During the roundtable, participants discussed diverse dimensions of human security, touching on issues such as environmental degradation, protection of human rights, displacement, food security, and public health. In particular, the discussion delved into how these issues have a significant potential to trigger and drive conflicts in regions such as Africa, the Middle East, and Asia. Participants agreed that there is a need for a more interconnected approach when addressing security policy issues in conflict-prone regions.

### Health Roundtable at the MSC 2018

At the main conference, the MSC together with the Center for Strategic and International Studies and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation hosted a roundtable on health security. The session was opened by J. Stephen Morrison, Senior Vice President and Director of the CSIS Global Health Policy Center. The roundtable discussion focused on the crucial topic of healthcare provision in conflict zones. Participants from non-governmental organizations, governments, international organizations as well as the military were present to discuss the implications of the growing number of attacks on healthcare facilities. They deplored that



despite the adoption of UN Security Council resolution 2286 demanding all actors stop targeting health care infrastructure, there has not been significant improvement. Speakers underscored that it was particularly alarming that not only non-state actors in conflicts carry out those attacks, but state-actors, too.

#### [Human Security Roundtable in Bahir Dar 2018](#)

On April 20, the MSC organized a Human Security Roundtable on the sidelines of the Tana High-Level Forum on African Security. Around 50 high-ranking representatives of governments, international organizations and civil society attended to advance the debate on mitigating effects of climate change and other environmental security hazards. The event was organised in partnership with the Tana Forum and the African Union. Senior decision-makers from the African continent present included MSC Advisory Council Member Louise Mushikiwabo, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Rwanda, the Prime Minister of Ethiopia, as well as former Presidents of South Africa, Ghana and Nigeria. The African Union was represented, among others, by Commissioner for Political Affairs Cessouma Samate Minata. In addition, numerous international experts, including Robert Malley, President of the International Crisis Group, and Laura Thompson, Deputy Director General of the International Organization for Migration, joined the discussion.

The Munich Security Conference has a unique relationship with the Tana Forum, which the MSC helped to set up seven years ago. Reflecting its commitment to a forward-thinking discourse on security in Africa, the MSC periodically returns to Bahir Dar, Ethiopia, to promote the discussion of global challenges from an African perspective.

# Cyber Security & Technology Series

Munich, February 16 and 18; Tallinn, May 29; Doha, December 15, 2018

## ABOUT THE SERIES

Since the launch of a dedicated series of events in 2012, cyber security has become an integral part of the security policy conversations taking place at MSC events throughout the year. To account for new challenges and policy foci that have developed over the last years, the MSC has expanded its existing thematic series on cyber security. Starting in 2018, the MSC will increasingly feature new technological developments and their impact on foreign and security policy in an expanded Cyber Security and Technology Series.

Since its inception in 2012, events in this series have taken place in Munich, Bonn, Berlin, Abu Dhabi, New York, Stanford, Tel Aviv, Beijing, Addis Ababa, Washington, D.C., Brussels, Tallinn, Stockholm and Doha. For its activities on cyber security and technology, the MSC is partnering with the EastWest Institute, Deutsche Telekom, Google, Microsoft, NXP, Infineon, Facebook and others.

## ACTIVITIES IN 2018

### Cyber Security Roundtable at the MSC 2018

Cyber security traditionally plays an important role at the main conference in February. This year's Cyber Security Roundtable in Munich on the sidelines of the main conference, hosted by the MSC and the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defense Centre of Excellence (CCDCOE), addressed the issue of "Mutually Assured Disruption: Deterrence in the Age of Cyber Geopolitics". Following introductory remarks by CCDCOE Director Merle Maigre, and President of Microsoft Brad Smith, the off-the-record roundtable session was moderated by Bruce McConnell, Global Vice President of the EastWest Institute.

### Technology and Security Roundtable at the MSC 2018

The MSC's inaugural Technology and Security Roundtable at the 2018 main conference focused on the topic "Disrupting Global Politics: Technology's Impact on International Relations". Following opening remarks by Toomas Hendrik Ilves, former President of the Republic of Estonia, an off-the-record discussion with, among others, Thomas H. Killian, Chief Scientist of NATO, NATO Assistant Secretary General for Emerging Security Challenges Antonio Missiroli, Jigsaw founder Jared Cohen, and others, was moderated by Stefan Heumann of the Stiftung neue Verantwortung.

### #MSC2018

The Munich Security Conference's open townhall session "#MSC2018" on the eve of the MSC 2018 also addressed an emerging topic at the confluence of technology and security policy: artificial intelligence. Controlling the impact of AI on warfare has become a matter of concern for the international community. In 2017, over 100 robotics and AI CEO's signed an open letter to call on the United Nations to ban the use of autonomous weapons. At the MSC's official pre-event,



the MSC invited 600 members of the public to discuss questions the impact of artificial intelligence on human conflict with speakers including former NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen, Estonian President Kersti Kaljulaid and Advocacy Director of Human Rights Watch and coordinator of the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots Mary Wareham.

Also on Thursday, February 15, the MSC and the Cyber Innovation Hub of the German Armed Forces hosted the inaugural MSC Innovation Night, giving start-ups the opportunity to showcase their work in front of an expert audience, including German Defence Minister Ursula von der Leyen, Palantir CEO Alex Karp, Improbable Co-Founder Herman Narula and Deputy Chief of Staff of the German Armed Forces Vice Admiral Joachim Rühle.

In addition to the MSC's own events, various side events hosted by partners of the MSC's Cyber Security and Technology Series addressed issues such as defense strategies against disinformation campaigns, electoral security in an age of cyber interference, the human toll of cyber conflict, emerging technologies and arms control, as well as technology and responsibility.



### MSC Cyber Security Summit

This year, the MSC Cyber Security Summit took place in Tallinn, Estonia on May 29. It was the sixth Cyber Security Summit hosted in cooperation with Deutsche Telekom, with this year's summit also benefitting from cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Estonia and the CCDCOE. The full-day program of the summit featured three on-the-record panel discussions, a night cap session, a breakfast discussion as well as a number of off-the-record smaller roundtable sessions on "NATO Posture in the Baltics and Multidimensional Deterrence in a Modern World" and "Lost In Innovation? Translating Between Technology and Defense Policy". Topics included "Defending the West, Deterring the Rest?", "Cyber Norms: Beyond the Tallinn Manual 2.0", "Fighting the War after the Next", and "Rebooting Arms Control: Emerging Technologies and Strategic Stability?".

180 senior leaders from politics, the business and tech communities, academia, the military, and the intelligence sector participants discussed questions such as: How can we defend democracy in the digital age? And how can we ensure that military technology, strategies, and procurement planning stay in sync with the accelerating pace of technological innovation?

Participants included the President of Estonia, Kersti Kaljulaid, the Estonian Ministers of Foreign Affairs and of Defence, Sven Mikser and Jüri Luik, the NATO Assistant Secretary General for Emerging Security Challenges, Antonio Missiroli, the Norwegian Armed Forces Chief of Cyber Defence Major General Inge Kampenes, and the Inspector of the Cyber and Information Space Command of the German Armed Forces Lieutenant General Ludwig Leinhos.

### MSC Luncheon Discussion at the 2018 Stockholm Security Conference

On September 20, the MSC – in partnership with the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), and the German Aerospace Center (DLR) – hosted a luncheon discussion as part of this year's Stockholm Security Conference to discuss the security challenges of hypersonic weapons. Tying in with the overarching conference topic of emerging technologies, the MSC addressed the rising issue of hypersonic missiles. Key questions raised and discussed by the panelists and the audience in Stockholm concerned the impact that the development of hypersonic weapons will have on the global security architecture, and what arms control arrangements would be necessary to restrict the proliferation of hypersonic technology.

### MSC Panel at the Doha Forum 2018

On December 15, the MSC, in the framework of the Doha Forum 2018, co-hosted a luncheon discussion on regional security dynamics in the Middle East and a panel discussion on emerging normative frameworks for cyber space.





Furthermore, the MSC, along with others, acted as a strategic partner at this important regional platform, which was well attended by high-level participants from governments, international organisations, academia and the private sector. Sigmar Gabriel, Former Vice Chancellor and former Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany, and Marietje Schaake, Vice Chair of the Delegation for Relations with the United States of America in the European Parliament, spoke at the luncheon, which featured a lively debate concerning Europe's role in the region specifically, as well as the future of Europe in general.

The panel on cyber norms, included Hessa Al Jaber (Vice Chairperson of Es'hail-Sat Qatar Satellite Company), Latha Reddy (Co-Chair, Global Commission on the Stability of Cyberspace and Distinguished Fellow, Observer Research Foundation), and Marietje Schaake (Member of the European Parliament) and was moderated by Katherin Becker, Blumenstein-Katz Family Fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. While the all-female panel agreed that multilateral approaches are imperative for negotiating norms for cyberspace, they disagreed on the question of how effectively normative frameworks can actually protect states and businesses. Some expressed their doubts that binding norms can be enforced without clear cyber forensics and clear evidence. Hence, capacity building should be a priority for governments in order to become more resilient to cyberattacks instead of relying on other states' political will to follow the rules. Others however, highlighted that legally binding frameworks were in the interest of all parties since they are – as in the field of arms control – the only mechanism to prevent state-sponsored cyberattacks. Speakers stressed that both processes – negotiating norms and building up national capacities against cyberattacks – can and must go hand in hand.

# Defence & Security Policy Series

Munich, February 17; Brussels, July 10 to 12, 2018

## ABOUT THE SERIES

Since the turn of the millennium, the global security environment has been in great flux. The increasingly multipolar world is characterized by the upsurge of state actors like Russia and China as well as by the alarming number of non-state armed groups and weak states around the globe. These developments have given rise to intense debates on the present and future global security architecture.

In this context, the Munich Security Conference's traditional focus on issues of European defence and transatlantic security cooperation remains as relevant as ever. Beyond advocating for discussions on deeper, more impactful defence and security cooperation in Europe, the MSC advances the international debate on a wide array of defence and security policy issues, including: nuclear and conventional arms control, counterterrorism, transnational organised crime, intelligence cooperation, planning and procurement, and strategic foresight. Events in the context of the Defence & Security Policy Series are aimed at selected decision-makers at the highest levels of government, academia, militaries, the private sector, and civil society.

The future of European defence has traditionally been one of the MSC's major topics. Since the launch of the MSC European Defence Series in 2013, the importance of the topic has been further emphasised. Facing times of greater insecurity, European countries are looking for ways to find better common responses. Thus far though, the magnitude and importance of the issues is not matched by the spending, the commitment, and the state of defence planning. The MSC regularly convenes summits and smaller, complementary roundtables to reinvigorate and advance the discussion at critical junctures in the international calendar.

## ACTIVITIES IN 2018

### Roundtable on Transatlantic Security at the MSC 2018

On the margins of the main conference in 2018, the MSC organised its first Roundtable on Transatlantic Security. Co-hosted with NATO, its theme was "Stronger Together: The Enduring Value of the Rules-Based International Order." The roundtable brought together senior North American and European decision-makers from the military and politics, leading policy experts as well as representatives of the defence industry.

The discussions focused on Europe's changing threat landscape and related policy implications for transatlantic defence cooperation. More specifically, the roundtable participants observed that the enormous pace of technological change poses pressing challenges that require a new way of thinking about defence planning. Expressing a sense of urgency, participants agreed that deci-



sions on which type of defence capabilities are needed must be taken soon. In this context, more extensive exchange of information and joint procurement of more interoperable defence systems were identified as possible policy priorities to prepare the Alliance for future challenges.

#### European Defence Roundtable 2018

In 2018 the European Defence Series featured a European Defence Roundtable in Brussels at the margins of the NATO Summit.

Taking place at the Bavarian Representation to the European Union in Brussels, the roundtable was attended by several high-ranking representatives, including the Lithuanian Minister of Defence from Lithuania, Raimundas Karoblis, the Deputy Secretary General of NATO, Rose Gottemoeller, and the EU Commissioner for the Security Union, Sir Julian King. Among the roughly 50 participants were also senior defence analysts, members of the German Bundestag and the European Parliament as well as senior defence industry representatives.

The discussions revolved around EU-NATO challenges and chances for cooperation, the relations between NATO and Russia in the wake of recent incidents, as well as the many facets of the burden sharing debate, which was incited by President Trump's announcements just before the NATO Summit.

In 2019, the MSC will follow up on the discussions and insights from Brussels with its European Defence Series, with interlinking events in Munich, Paris and London.

### NATO Engages: The Brussels Summit Dialogue

From July 11 to 12, 2018, the highly-anticipated 2018 NATO Summit took place in Brussels. On the side-lines of the summit, the Munich Security Conference (MSC), as part of the consortium that also included the NATO Public Diplomacy Division, the Atlantic Council, the German Marshall Fund (GMF), and Women in International Security (WIIS) Brussels, organised the Summit's official high-profile outreach event.

Titled “NATO Engages: The Brussels Summit Dialogue” and using a range of unique, engaging, and interactive town hall formats, this public-facing event brought together heads of state and government with a diverse array of next generation experts and decision-makers from around the world and across a range of sectors. Speakers included NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg; Deputy Secretary General Rose Gottemoeller; Petro Poroshenko, President of Ukraine, Mohammad Ashraf Ghani, President of Afghanistan; Justin Trudeau, Prime Minister of Canada; Ursula von der Leyen, Minister of Defence, Federal Republic of Germany;; Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey; and Beatrice Fihn, Executive Director of ICAN.

The agenda and topics addressed were equally diverse, mirroring the NATO Summit's agenda and including the shifting global order, inclusive and human security, disinformation and election interference, relations with Russia and China, a conversations with Zoran Zaev, Prime Minister of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, as well as the highly charged debate with Senators Thom Tillis and Jeanne Shaheen, who spoke shortly after President Donald Trump's press conference. With 491 participants, the audience itself came from 57 different countries, with 30 percent of participants below the age of 35, and 40 percent being women.



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# Economic & Resource Security Series

Munich, February 16; Stavanger, August 26 to 27, 2018

## ABOUT THE SERIES

In an increasingly interdependent world, state and non-state actors rely on stable flows of resources and a resilient global economy. Accordingly, competition and cooperation over the use of these resources as well as the provision of distribution networks and infrastructure constitute decisive security factors. Today, the demands of a growing world population make the sustainable and economical use of these resources an imperative security challenge for policy-makers around the world.

The MSC wants to contribute to the debate through a series of events that aim at select decision-makers at the highest levels of government, the private sector and civil society. As with all of our formats, the objective is to offer the best possible platform for a frank and open exchange of ideas and opinions.

The Energy Security Summits and Roundtables are designed to bring together decision-makers and experts from politics, the private sector, media and academia to engage in an intensive exchange on the geopolitical and geostrategic dimensions of energy security. While the Energy Security Summits provide a setting to openly discuss the most pressing challenges of this sector in a two-day event, the roundtables are an exclusive format, taking place alongside high-level international events around the world. Since the series' inception in 2013, events have taken place in Baku, New Delhi, Berlin, Istanbul, Munich and Stavanger.

## ACTIVITIES IN 2018

### Energy Security Roundtable at the MSC 2018

This year's Energy Security Roundtable in Munich, taking place on the sidelines of the main conference and hosted by the MSC and the Offshore Northern Seas (ONS) Foundation, discussed the topic of "Lifelines and Pipe Dreams – The Geopolitics of Energy Transmission".

Following introductory remarks by Leif Johan Sevland (President and Chief Executive Officer of the Offshore Northern Seas Foundation), Daniel Brouillette (Deputy Secretary of Energy from the United States of America), and Alexey Leonidovich Texler (First Deputy Minister of Energy of the Russian Federation) commented on the subject. The off-the-record session was moderated by Jason Bordoff (Founding Director of the Center of Global Energy Policy at Columbia University).

### ONS Summit

Continuing the discussion of the most recent energy security challenges, the Munich Security Conference and the ONS Foundation convened their second joint "ONS Summit" from August 26 to 27 in Stavanger. The summit gathered more than 60 high-level representatives from governments, international organisations, militaries, academia and the energy sector. Among the senior decision-makers





ers participating were the Norwegian Minister of Petroleum and Energy Terje Søviknes, the Latvian Minister of Foreign Affairs Edgars Rinkēvičs, the Lebanese Minister of Energy and Water Cesar Abi Khalil, as well as several CEOs of major international energy companies.

The summit's two-day programme featured an informal lunch, two off-the-record discussion sessions, a dinner as well as a night cap session, and concluded with a breakfast discussion co-hosted with the Ministry of Petroleum and Energy of the Kingdom of Norway early the next day. All guests were invited to enjoy the subsequent Exhibition VIP programme of the ONS Conference.

#### [Energy Security Roundtable at the Core Group Meeting Minsk](#)

Picking up on some of the open questions raised at the ONS Summit in Stavanger, the MSC continued its event series with a Roundtable on Energy Security alongside this year's Core Group Meeting in Minsk. Given the current state of East-West relations, the capital of Belarus offered the perfect location for constructive dialogues to address the return of great power competition on the global energy market. Among the 25 high-level participants were the Belarusian Minister of Energy Viktor Karankevich, the Head of the German-Ukrainian Parliamentary Commission of the Verkhovna Rada of the Ukrainian Parliament Serhiy Taruta, as well as the Chief Financial Officer of Nord Stream 2 Paul Corcoran. The decision-makers and experts at the roundtable entitled "Captured by Carbon? Energy Politics in Eastern Europe" discussed not only the political costs and strategic implications of Nord Stream 2 for the region, but also took part in a lively debate surrounding European energy security.



# Arctic Security Series

Munich, February 2018; Stavanger, August 27, 2018

## ABOUT THE SERIES

Arctic Security has become a key topic on the international security agenda: Warming at a pace of at least twice the global average, the Arctic is undergoing a dramatic transformation that has far-reaching geopolitical and security implications. The MSC aims to contribute to the emerging debate through a series of events aimed at select decision-makers and experts at the highest levels of politics, the private sector, and civil society.

## ACTIVITIES IN 2018

### Arctic Security Roundtable at the MSC 2018

On the sidelines of the main conference, an off-the-record roundtable co-hosted with the NATO Center for Excellence for Operations in Confined and Shallow Waters (COECSW) and the Polar Initiative of the Wilson Center discussed great power politics in the Arctic. The roundtable notably focused on the engagement of non-arctic states such as China and South Korea and highlighted the increasing need for a broader and more inclusive perspective. Participants included Sauli Niinistö, President, Republic of Finland, Claus Hjort Frederiksen, Minister of Defence, Kingdom of Denmark and Ine Eriksen Søreide, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Norway.

### Arctic Security Roundtable in Stavanger

On August 27, the MSC – together with its partners from the Finnish Institute of International Affairs and the NATO COECSW – assembled a small group of prominent experts and stakeholders for an informal discussion about current developments in Arctic governance, trust-building, and intelligence cooperation in the region. Participants included Admiral Charles Ray, Vice Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard; Sergey Kislyak, Member of the Federation Council of the Russian Parliament and former Ambassador to the United States and Marie-Anne Coninx, Ambassador at Large for Arctic Affairs of the European Union.

In 2019, the MSC will continue its Arctic Security Series with two events: at the MSC 2019, an off-the-record roundtable will focus on the end of Arctic exceptionalism and possible inputs for continental Europe, especially from a Brexit perspective. The second event will take place in partnership with the Government of Finland during the Ministerial Meeting of the Arctic Council Meeting in May, 2019. The official ending of the Finnish Chairmanship will provide an excellent platform to discuss security-related issues in an informal setting and will strengthen the MSC's character as a neutral platform for topics to come.



# Munich Young Leaders Reunion

Munich, January 20; Madrid, September 27 to 29, 2018

## ABOUT THE MUNICH YOUNG LEADERS

The MSC and Körber Foundation have committed themselves to give promising young professionals and future decision-makers the opportunity to participate in important political debates, introduce fresh ideas on the international scene, and strengthen their personal and professional networks.

Each year, 25 outstanding representatives of governmental institutions, parliaments, think tanks, the media, and the private sector under the age of 40 are chosen to debate current issues related to transatlantic foreign and security policy with high-ranking participants of the Munich Security Conference. These Young Leaders come from Germany, selected NATO member and partner states, as well as from states in the Asia-Pacific region and the Middle East, thereby ensuring a strong diversity of perspectives. The promotion of young female voices is a particular emphasis of the program.

Candidates for the program are identified by German embassies in selected countries. The Chairmen of the Program (Ambassador Ischinger and Dr. Thomas Paulsen) then nominate the international participants from among the submitted proposals. The German Munich Young Leaders are existing members of the Körber Network Foreign Policy, a group of outstanding young foreign policy specialists in the German government, the German Bundestag, as well as think tanks and the private sector.

## ACTIVITIES IN 2018

Ahead of the MSC 2018, the MSC partnered once again with the Digital-Life-Design (DLD) conference on innovation, digitization, science and culture to bring a discussion about “The Defense of Democracy in the Digital Age” on stage at DLD18. On January 22, the Munich Young Leaders Panel at the DLD presented the MYL network to a wider audience at “one of the most important innovation conferences in Europe” (The Economist).

At the MSC 2018, we welcomed the 10th generation of Munich Young Leaders. The group had the opportunity to attend all sessions of the Munich Security Conference as well as a specially tailored program on the sidelines, including roundtable discussions with selected high-ranking MSC guests, including the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the State of Qatar, the Minister of Defence from Singapore as well as the National Security Advisor to the President of the United States of America.

From September 27 to 29, the MYL Annual Meeting took place in Madrid. Around 70 MYL Alumni from all over the world attended the three-day program which included highlights such as an audience with H.M. King Felipe VI, a discussion with General Felix Sanz Roldan, the Director of the Spanish National Intelligence

Agency, as well as meetings with many experts in the fields of foreign and security policy, as well as economic policy. The group participated in insightful discussions on the fate of the European Union, the fight against terrorism as well as the politics of Latin America. A reception hosted by the German Ambassador to the Kingdom of Spain, as well as a visit to the Prado Museum and the local football derby between Real and Atletico Madrid, set the scene for the meeting. In 2019, we will celebrate the the network's 10th anniversary of with a special annual meeting on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly. The activities will also include a publication on the "beacons of hope of multilateralism", consisting of contributions from MYL alumni.



# Core Group Meeting Minsk

Minsk, October 30 to November 1, 2018

MSC Core Group Meetings offer an exclusive group of high-ranking participants an opportunity to discuss key issues of international security policy in an off-the-record setting. Previous Core Group Meetings have taken place in Washington, Moscow, Beijing, Doha, New Delhi, Vienna, Tehran, and Addis Ababa.

In 2018, the MSC Core Group Meeting moved to Belarus for the first time and brought together senior decision-makers from Russia's periphery and the Euro-Atlantic region. Frictions between East and West have been on the rise in recent years. Offering a platform for informal dialogue in this tension-ridden climate for key stakeholders, the MSC assembled a select group of high-level decision-makers for its Core Group Meeting in Minsk on October 31 and November 1. Participants explored options for some of the region's most pressing strategic challenges, including the erosion of arms control agreements and the persistence of regional conflicts.

The event was organized in partnership with the Government of Belarus and provided a neutral platform for a selected group of more than 100 prominent decision-makers from all sides – including representatives of governments, militaries, the intelligence community, business, and academia. Among the participants were Alexander Lukashenko, President of the Republic of Belarus; Armen Sarkissian, President of the Republic of Armenia; Jacek Czaputowicz, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland; Thomas Greminger, OSCE Secretary General; Johannes Hahn, EU Commissioner for Neighborhood and Enlargement Negotiation; Lassina Zerbo, Executive Secretary of the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization, and Gyde Jensen, Chairwoman of the Committee on Human Rights and Humanitarian Aid in the German Bundestag.







# Transnational Security Series

Minsk, October 31, 2018

## ABOUT THE SERIES

Transnational security threats – cross-border, generally non-military threats to national and international security – are a byproduct of the globalized world. Trafficking in drugs, arms and people, nuclear proliferation, terrorism, piracy and the associated illicit financial flows are only some of the issues that straddle the border between international and domestic security policy. Unlike traditional “hard” security challenges, many transnational security threats emerged over time and have not yet elicited the same concerned international efforts to tackle them.

Given the fact that transnational security threats know no borders, close exchange and cooperation between states, as well as the other actors involved, is critical to develop future courses of action. With its new Series on Transnational Security, the MSC aims to gather decision-makers and experts from politics, academia and the private sector, to discuss strategies to counter the impact of transnational security threats.

## ACTIVITIES IN 2018

### Transnational Security at the Munich Security Conference

Transnational security topics have long played a role at the Munich Security Conference. For many years, Transparency International has hosted panel discussions at the MSC main conference on “Corruption as an Enabler – Considering the Role of Corruption in Fighting Terrorism and International Crime”. Moreover, a roundtable on “New Strategies to Counter Trafficking” was co-hosted by PMI IMPACT and the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI) at the MSC 2018.

### Transnational Security Roundtable at the Core Group Meeting in Minsk

The official kick-off for the MSC’s activities on transnational security took place on the sidelines of the MSC Core Group Meeting in Minsk, where the MSC organized a Transnational Security Roundtable on October 31. Held off the record to enable a frank discussion and organized in partnership with PMI IMPACT, the Roundtable provided an overview of the various transnational security challenges in the region.

Drawing on the expertise of 30 high-level participants both from Eurasian Economic Union and European Union countries, important topics of discussion included organized crime and terrorism as transnational threats and the impact of technology on licit and illicit flows of goods, drugs, weapons and people, as well as illicit financial flows. Speakers included OSCE Secretary General Thomas Greminger, EU Commissioner for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations Johannes Hahn, Vice President Illicit Trade Prevention at Philip Morris International Alvise Giustiniani and Jean-Marie Guéhenno, former President and Chief Executive Officer of the International Crisis Group.





# Munich Strategy Forum

Elmau, December 2 to 4, 2018

## ABOUT THE MSF

The Munich Strategy Forum (MSF) – the most exclusive MSC format – is a discussion in a private off-the-record setting in the Bavarian Alps. It recalls the spirit of the founding years of the Munich Security Conference in the 1960s and 1970s, when a few dozen senior leaders came together for an informal exchange of ideas. Thus, it revives the spirit of the old “Wehrkundetagung”, which was founded as a discussion amongst equals.

In addition to helping to promote a strategic debate on foreign and security policy choices and the development of strategic priorities for Germany and Europe, the MSF also aims to provide input and guidance for all our activities and programs throughout the year.

The MSF champions strategic debate on choices about the most pressing current and future foreign and security policy challenges, with a special focus on the transatlantic and Euro-Atlantic contexts. It brings together current and former decision-makers from politics and the private sector as well as high-level representatives and thought-leaders from academia and think tanks.

The MSF takes place once a year for two days at Schloss Elmau in Southern Germany. The meeting is strictly limited to 70 participants and held entirely off the record. The Munich Security Conference does not publish a list of participants nor does it communicate any results.

## ACTIVITIES IN 2018

The Munich Strategy Forum 2018 took place at Schloss Elmau from December 2 to 4. The discussions captured the transatlantic relationship and challenges and chances for the EU in times of great power competition, as well as implications of Brexit and German domestic politics and its foreign policy implications. Further, discussions concentrated on European defence cooperation, the future of arms control in the Euro-Atlantic space, the emergence of a “New Middle East”, and the question of the future of multilateralism.



## MSC in Berlin Series

### ABOUT THE MSC IN BERLIN SERIES

With its MSC in Berlin Series, the MSC brings together representatives of the foreign policy community in Berlin and high-profile guests from within the MSC network for background discussions and briefings. In 2018, the MSC hosted several intimate, off-the-record discussions with participants from politics, think tanks, business, and media to discuss current foreign and security policy challenges with a selection of high-level international guest speakers.

### ACTIVITIES IN 2018



#### MSC in Berlin with Russian Ambassador Sergey Nechayev, April 19

The new Russian Ambassador to Germany, Sergei Nechayev, shared his thoughts on the current state of the German-Russian relationship with a small group of members of parliament, journalists, as well as think tank and business representatives.



#### MSC in Berlin with Dr Henry A. Kissinger, June 12

Former US Secretary of State and long-time MSC friend Henry Kissinger discussed current challenges to the rules-based international order with a small group of senior representatives from the Berlin foreign policy community.



#### MSC in Berlin with U.S. Ambassador Richard Grenell, June 29

US Ambassador to Germany Richard Grenell and a small group of members of the German Bundestag exchanged views on the current state of and future perspectives for transatlantic relations during a breakfast discussion at the MSC's Berlin office.



MSC in Berlin with "The Economist" Editor-in-Chief Zanny Minton Beddoes, October 10

Together with senior representatives of Berlin's political community, Zanny Minton Beddoes debated current political and economic challenges to the rules-based international order.



MSC in Berlin with Bill Gates, October 16

International cooperation on global health security was at the heart of a breakfast debate with Bill Gates and a small group of members of parliament, journalists, and think tank representatives.



MSC in Berlin with Armenian President Armen Sarkissian, November 27

Speaking to a small group of senior representatives of the Berlin foreign policy community, President Sarkissian discussed global security challenges and political developments in Armenia and beyond.





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# Global Media Coverage of the Main Conference

The MSC's main conference in Munich has long been a focus of worldwide media attention. Every year, thousands of journalists gather in the Bavarian capital for the conference weekend to report on the debates at Hotel Bayerischer Hof.

Given the relevance of the topics and the prominence of the participants, it is no surprise that interest in and public awareness of our conference has never been higher. What is more, the MSC 2018 took place against the backdrop of great global uncertainty, unprecedented levels of conflict and key political developments.

With more than 1,000 journalists from all over the world accredited to cover the proceedings, the MSC featured prominently in virtually every global news outlet. All of the world's leading outlets were present in Munich with their foreign and security policy correspondents.

Newspapers from around the world – from the Times of India, Nikkei and the Chinese People's Daily to The Economist, The Financial Times, The Washington Post and The New York Times – reported from this year's conference debates in more than 6,300 articles published right before, during or after the conference weekend.

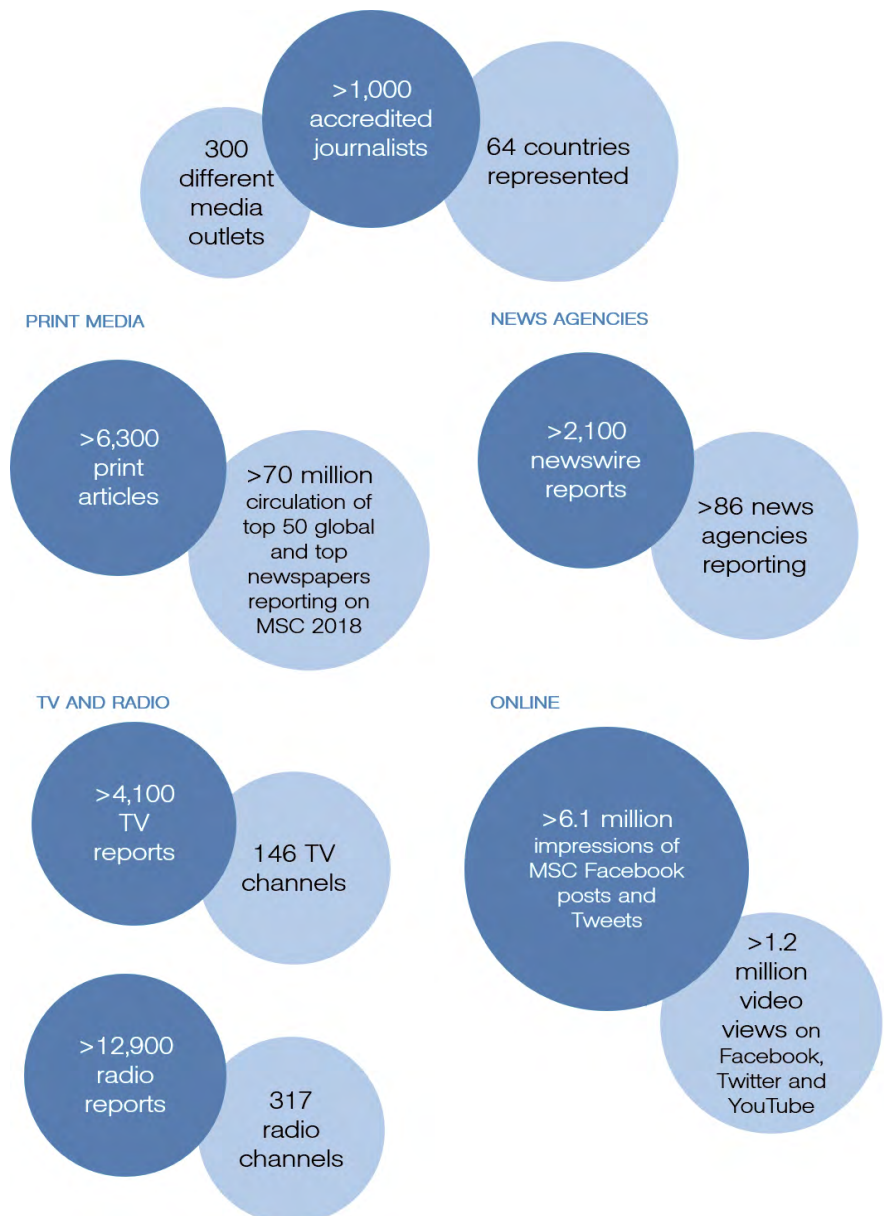
More than 17,000 TV and radio reports were aired, continuing the trend of ever-increasing broadcast coverage since 2017. In addition, more than 2,100 newswire reports were issued by 86 news agencies, including key global players such as Reuters, AFP, Xinhua and ITAR TASS.

Viewers from across the globe were able to follow of the conference's highlights on their national or regional TV channels, ranging from Al Jazeera International over BBC News to TV5 Monde to CNN.

In addition, a revamped social media strategy and public outreach programme have helped to further drive up numbers, reaching new key audiences and building momentum for future activities.



## COVERAGE OF THE MAIN CONFERENCE 2018 IN NUMBERS



## Sample Coverage

GERMAN DEFENCE  
MINISTER  
SLAMS TRUMP'S  
MILITARY-HEAVY  
APPROACH TO  
SECURITY

**The Washington Post**

"Von der Leyen's comments at the Munich Security Conference, which were echoed by French Defence Minister Florence Parly, came amid a deepening rift in the transatlantic alliance between the United States and Europe that helped underpin the post-World War II global order. [...] It was one of the most forceful recent European rejoinders to Trump's global spending priorities. In the 13 months since Trump took office, Europe has moved to boost defence spending, but also to improve its ability to fight alone without the support of the United States, if need be."

Michael Birnbaum und Griff Witte, Washington Post, February 16

TRUMP'S NATIONAL  
SECURITY CHIEF  
CALLS RUSSIAN  
INTERFERENCE  
"INCONTROVERTIBLE"

**The New York Times**

"The evidence of a Russian effort to interfere in the election 'is now incontrovertible,' General McMaster said at the Munich Security Conference, an annual meeting of European and American diplomats and security experts, including several senior Russian officials. On Friday, just hours before the indictment, the top White House official for cyberissues accused Russia of 'the most destructive cyberattack in human history,' against Ukraine last summer. [...] Taken together, the statements appeared to mark a major turn in the administration's willingness to directly confront the government of President Vladimir V. Putin. Defence Secretary Jim Mattis and C.I.A. Director Mike Pompeo also attended the Munich conference, and while they did not speak publicly, in private meetings with others here they reiterated similar statements."

David E. Sanger, The New York Times, February 17

GERMANY REMAINS  
RELUCTANT TO PULL  
ITS WEIGHT IN THE  
WEIGHT



"This year's Munich Security Conference (MSC) began gloomy—under the slogan 'To the brink—and back?'—and got gloomier. As the annual gathering of international leaders, politicians and defence experts drew to a close yesterday its chairman, Wolfgang Ischinger, confessed: "When I opened the conference on Friday, I hoped we could delete the question mark from the motto, but now I am not fully sure we can do that."

The Economist, February 19



## Other Activities

### PRESS ACTIVITIES AROUND OTHER MSC EVENTS

In addition to the main conference in Munich, the MSC's growing number of additional activities throughout the year increasingly attracts media attention as well. For example, the Core Group Meeting in Minsk was covered prominently by newspapers ranging from The Daily Mail, TASS and Belarus News to the Kiyv Post, Interfax and Süddeutsche Zeitung. Overall, it generated more than 160 reports between October and mid-November 2018.

The Cyber Security Summit in Tallinn was covered by various news outlets including the Handelsblatt, the Baltic News Service and ERR Uudised. Furthermore, the Energy Security Summit in Stavanger in August 2018 as well as the European Defence Roundtable on the eve of the NATO Summit in Brussels have considerably contributed to the increase of media attention.

### ARTICLES, OP-EDS AND MEDIA APPEAR- ANCES OF THE CHAIRMAN

In addition to press reports and analyses about our events, MSC Chairman Wolfgang Ischinger contributes to the political debate through regular media appearances. Far beyond the Munich conference weekend, he is a frequent guest in TV formats, including talk shows such as Maybrit Illner or news programmes such as ZDF Heute Journal, ARD Tagesthemen, BBC World News, CNN and Bloomberg TV. He has also been interviewed by various newspapers on international security challenges such as the West's relationship with Russia, the Iran nuclear agreement, the developments in Syria or the future of European security. His statements have recently appeared in the British Economist, the German Handelsblatt, news agencies Reuters and dpa, and other newspapers such as Politico.

In addition, he has published numerous essays and op-eds in leading national and international media outlets. Over the past year, these included an op-ed in The New York Times on transatlantic relations after the US elections, a Der Spiegel essay on the future of relations between Russia and the West, an open letter to US President Trump which has been reported throughout several newspapers in Europe and the US, and Times Magazine op-ed about the Future of the West.



## NEW BOOK BY THE CHAIRMAN



In September 2018, MSC Chairman Wolfgang Ischinger released his latest book, "The World in Danger: Germany and Europe in Uncertain Times". It explores Germany's search for a role in a fast-changing world. Ambassador Ischinger states that the current global security situation is more dangerous now than ever before. Europe needs to emancipate itself from the US, while engaging with all its partners. We need to have as much dialogue with Russia as possible, but also as much defence as necessary. In his opinion, EU states are very much capable of foreign policy and military credibility when they act together. After all, international diplomacy often means to have the choice between multiple unsatisfying options.

The book's content was prominently featured in the media, amongst others in newspapers ranging from Focus, Bild and Handelsblatt to Capital and reached the Spiegel bestseller list.





# Digital MSC

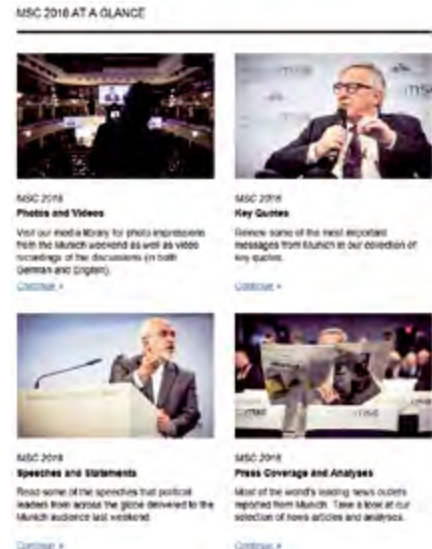
## THE MSC WEBSITE

In 2018, our website attracted more than 200,000 unique visitors. The website continues to reflect the growing portfolio of MSC events, and, in doing so, provides comprehensive coverage of our activities, including news, event reports, downloads, as well as high-quality photo and video material.

The website continues to provide regular updates on media coverage of the MSC. Additionally, it regularly features opinion content on topics related to international security by MSC Chairman Wolfgang Ischinger or guest authors, which in 2018 included Greenpeace International's Executive Director Jennifer Morgan and renowned arms control expert Steven Pifer, among others.

## MSC NEWSLETTER "MUNICH CALLING"

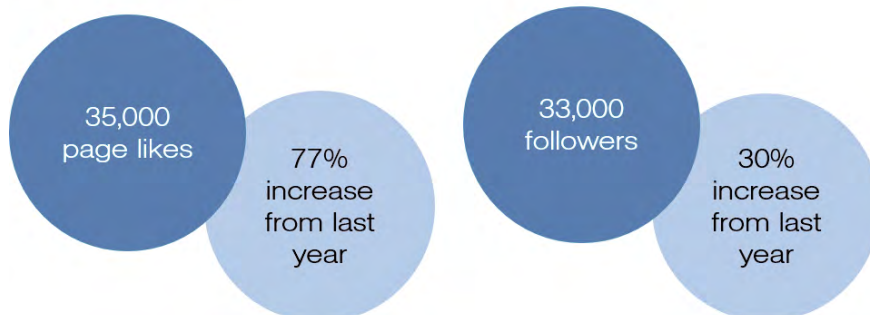
The MSC newsletter „Munich Calling“, launched in 2016, continued to gain popularity over the past 12 months. Providing interested subscribers with regular updates on MSC activities, events and publications throughout the year, the newsletter registered close to a 20 percent increase in subscriptions during 2018. Currently, the MSC issues its newsletter once approximately every two months, reaching close to 2,500 subscribers around the globe.



## MSC SOCIAL MEDIA ACTIVITIES

Over the last year, we have once again expanded our activities via social media. In 2018, our content received around 15 million unique views. With almost 250 Facebook posts and more than 1,000 Tweets over the course of the year, the MSC actively promoted debates, shared information about its activities, and publicly interacted with its growing audience and network of partner organisations. The total number of followers across our social media channels exceeded 68,000 this year, an increase of more than 50 percent over the previous year.

### FACEBOOK



### TWITTER

## SELECTED SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS





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# Outreach Activities

## MSC OUTREACH

Over the past year, the MSC has again continued to intensify its outreach activities. The MSC has also continued to hold select exclusive events at the margins of international meetings to further extend its reach into different segments of the foreign and security policy community as well as engage with diverse audiences around the globe.

### World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2018, Davos, Switzerland

For the third time, the MSC hosted a session at the World Economic Forum's Annual Meeting in Davos. In 2018, MSC Chairman Wolfgang Ischinger chaired a lunch discussion on "Bridging the East-West Divide", with high-ranking speakers from both sides of the Atlantic. Participants discussed options for sustained economic progress and peaceful coexistence in a time of heightened geopolitical tensions. The session took place under Chatham House Rule.

### MSC @ SIPRI Security Conference

One of the MSC's core activities include identifying new developments in defence and security policy and assessing their impact. As part of its events on cyber security and technology, the MSC organized a lunch discussion on "The Security Implications of Hypersonic Weapons" at this year's SIPRI Security Conference.

### MSC @ YES Meeting Kyiv

At the YES Annual Meeting in Kyiv on September 15, the Munich Security Conference hosted a panel discussion on "The Future of Ukraine and Eastern Europe – Beyond Spheres of Influence and Zones of Conflict", chaired by Ambassador Wolfgang Ischinger, with Foreign Minister of Ukraine Pavlo Klimkin, President of the Council on Foreign Relations Richard Haass, Member of the European Parliament Michael Gahler and U.S. Special Representative for Ukraine Negotiations Ambassador Kurt Volker.

### Group of Friends on Climate and Security

As part of the MSC's growing focus on the nexus between climate and security policy, Ambassador Ischinger moderated the second meeting of the Group of Friends on Climate and Security hosted by the President of Nauru Baron Waqa and German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas at the 73rd General Assembly of the United Nations at the UN Headquarters in New York.

### The Loisach Group

The Loisach Group, a joint initiative of the Munich Security Conference and the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, aims to strengthen the security partnership between the United States and Germany. By bringing together a small group limited to no more than 50 participants – half of them from the United States and half of them from Germany and other European countries – leading security policy experts seek to discuss pressing transatlantic security issues. Since its first meeting in 2017, the Loisach Group has facilitated open and frank discussions on some of the most pressing security challenges the United States and Germany are facing, thereby trying to pave the way for even closer cooperation and coordination between the two countries.

In 2018, the Loisach Group hosted three meetings: one in the framework of the 54th Munich Security Conference, one from June 20 to 21 in Berlin and one in Washington, DC from November, 3 to 5. In these formats, the Group discussed a number of topics, including on the dialogue on bilateral and military cooperation and deterrence. In particular, the members of the Loisach Group looked to identify US and German collaborative approaches to diverse challenges.





# Partners

## NEW PARTNERSHIPS

Over the years, the MSC has worked with an increasing number of partners, be it in the framework of the annual conference in February or throughout the year teaming up to host different MSC events.

In 2018, the MSC worked to institutionalize these relationships and lay the ground-work for closer and more coordinated cooperation in the future.

The MSC is therefore proud to have entered into formal agreements with the following leading institutions in 2018:

- Atlantic Council
- Charter of Trust
- Cyber Innovation Hub der Bundeswehr
- European Council on Foreign Relations
- German Aerospace Center (Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt)
- Globsec
- International Centre for Defence and Security (ICDS)
- International Crisis Group
- NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence
- Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)
- United Nations Environment Program (UNEP)
- Verband der Reservisten der Deutschen Bundeswehr e. V.
- World Food Program



### Atlantic Council

The Atlantic Council, as a leading think tank and supporter of the Atlantic Community, and the MSC look forward to strengthening the transatlantic relationship by deepening their cooperation in the coming years and developing new opportunities to promote the important and vital transatlantic bonds.



#### Charter of Trust

Siemens has teamed up with the MSC and other governmental and business partners to present the Charter of Trust initiative. One of the initiative's key goals is to develop and implement rules for ensuring cybersecurity throughout the networked environment.



#### Cyber Innovation Hub der Bundeswehr

The Cyber Innovation Hub der Bundeswehr (CIH) is an interface between the start-up scene and the Bundeswehr. Its mission is to drive digital innovation in the Bundeswehr. In the framework of the annual conference, the MSC and CIH organise the MSC Innovation Night, which seeks to drive innovation in the defence sector by bringing together experts from different sectors.



#### European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR)

The European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR) is an award-winning international think-tank that aims to conduct cutting-edge independent research on European foreign and security policy. Together with ECFR, the MSC will seek to promote and strengthen European cooperation and security.



#### German Aerospace Centre (DLR)

The German Aerospace Center (DLR) is the national aeronautics and space research center of the Federal Republic of Germany. Its extensive research and development work in aeronautics, space, energy, transport, digitalization and security is integrated into national and international cooperative ventures. Under the heading "space security" DLR and MSC aim to start a discussion about the nature of the current potential threat of the failure of or disruption to the space infrastructure as well as the impact this would have on society and the economy.



#### GLOBSEC

GLOBSEC is a global think-tank committed to enhancing security, prosperity and sustainability in Europe and throughout the world. Alongside GLOBSEC, the MSC is keen to strengthen working relationships between western and central European actors, which remain a core feature of a stable European future.



#### International Centre for Defence and Security (ICDS)

In the framework of the Cyber Security Summit 2018, the International Centre for Defence and Security (ICDS) and MSC announced their new cooperation. ICDS is responsible for the organizing the Lennart Meri Conference which is a high-level annual meeting, where foreign and security policy issues are discussed from the perspective of the Northern and Eastern parts of Europe.



#### International Crisis Group

The International Crisis Group is an independent organization working to prevent wars and shape policies that will build a more peaceful world. In the framework of its international events, the MSC and Crisis Group are teaming up to cooperate internationally. Bringing together the strengths, reach and knowledge of each institution both organization will look to support their future activities.



#### NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence (CCDCOE)

The MSC, as a part of its activities on cyber security and technology, and the CCDCOE cooperated with the Government of Estonia to host the MSC Cyber Security Summit in Tallinn, taking place ahead of the CyCon cyber conference, as well as the MSC's Cyber Security Roundtable at the Munich Security Conference 2018. The CCDCOE's mission is to enhance the capability, cooperation and information sharing among NATO, NATO nations and partners in cyber defence through education, research and development.



#### Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)

SIPRI is an independent international institute dedicated to research into conflict, armaments, arms control and disarmament. Disarmament and Nuclear Non-Proliferation are at the core of the MSC agenda. To ensure the topic remains on the international agenda also, SIPRI and MSC look forward to working together.



#### United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

UNEP is the leading global environmental authority that sets the global environmental agenda, promotes the coherent implementation of the environmental dimension of sustainable development within the United Nations system, and serves as an authoritative advocate for the global environment. As climate change and the corresponding security implications have moved to the forefront of the international security debate, UNEP and the MSC look forward to supporting and promoting this debate, bringing together experts from both fields to ensure a constructive and meaningful dialogue.



#### Verband der Reservisten der Deutschen Bundeswehr e. V.

The "Verband der Reservisten der Deutschen Bundeswehr e.V." represents the interests of former soldiers of the Armed Federal Forces. They support the MSC with experts and knowhow in the framework of the annual Munich Security Conference.

#### World Food Programme (WFP)

The WFP and the MSC intend to pursue the debate on Human Security. WFP is the United Nations food aid programme, mandated to provide emergency and development assistance to eradicate hunger and poverty among the poorest and most food-insecure countries and populations.

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# Sponsors

The MSC is supported by a variety of non-governmental and corporate partners. The MSC follows a strict policy that donations from any one supporter may not exceed 8 percent of the total budget to ensure the independence of the MSC's work. Due to an increase in the number of events around the globe, the MSC has also worked to attract new funders for its various projects.

One of the MSC's top priorities is a further diversification of its funding base. A vast majority of funding now comes from outside the defence industry, whose combined contributions amount to less than 8 percent of the MSC's budget.

The MSC has redoubled its efforts to increase the share of non-governmental organisations such as foundations and other grant-making organisations in its annual budget. In particular, the MSC has received grants from the Robert Bosch Stiftung, the Mercator Stiftung and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

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# Finances

Through concerted efforts to broaden and grow its financial base, the MSC achieved revenues of 5.4 million euros. The widened range of activities conducted by the MSC was reflected in an increase in the annual expenditures compared to 2017.

In 2018, the MSC adjusted its business year to run from July 1 to June 30 the following year. This change is reflected in the figures below. Please note that overhead expenditures include all staffing costs for individual projects.

Liquidity on December 31, 2017: 1,524,923 €

Liquidity on December 31, 2018: 810,757 €

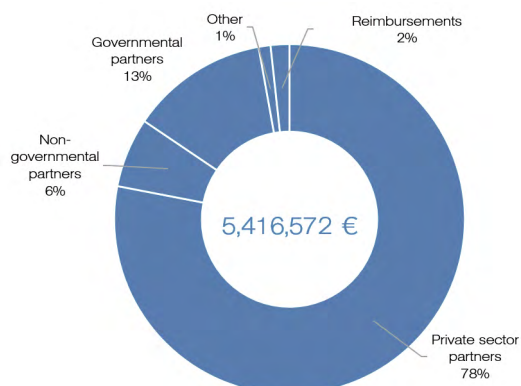
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## MSC INCOME 2017 – 2019

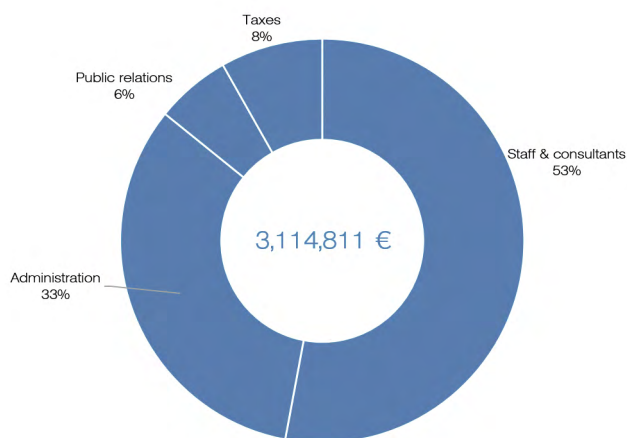
	2017	2018 Q1+Q2	2018 Q3+Q4	2019 Q1+Q2 (plan)	2019/2020 (projection)
<b>Revenues</b>	6.399.231 €	3.616.767 €	1.799.805 €	5.265.565 €	7.500.000 €
<b>Expenditures</b>	5.204.269 €	3.894.403 €	2.198.135 €	4.800.000 €	7.000.000 €
Project Costs	2.840.823 €	2.406.224 €	571.503 €	3.150.000 €	3.650.000 €
Main Conference	2.015.169 €	2.187.616 €	135.191 €	2.572.000 €	2.700.000 €
Core Group Meetings	292.545 €	5.471 €	151.891 €	100.000 €	200.000 €
Defense & Security Policy Series	32.429 €	10.265 €	29.674 €	100.000 €	100.000 €
Economic and Resource Security Series	N/A	N/A	40.288 €	25.000 €	50.000 €
Cyber Security and Technology Series	105.114 €	130.206 €	28.776 €	10.000 €	150.000 €
Munich Strategy Forum	163.633 €	53.009 €	72.335 €	100.000 €	200.000 €
Other events	145.296 €	19.657 €	113.348 €	240.000 €	250.000 €
Overhead	2.363.446 €	1.488.179 €	1.626.632 €	1.650.000 €	3.350.000 €

COMPOSITION  
OF MSC INCOME

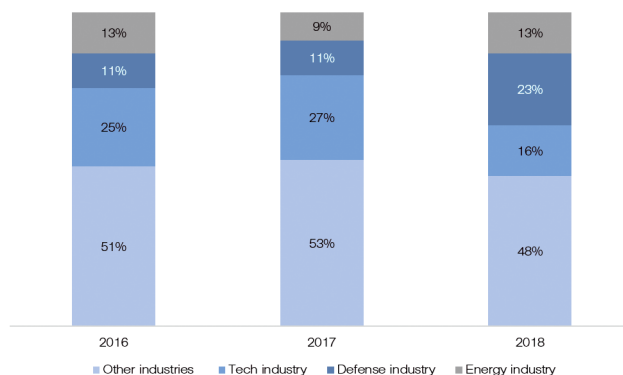
Income, 2018, by source

COMPOSITION  
OF OVERHEAD  
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Overhead expenditure, 2018, by type

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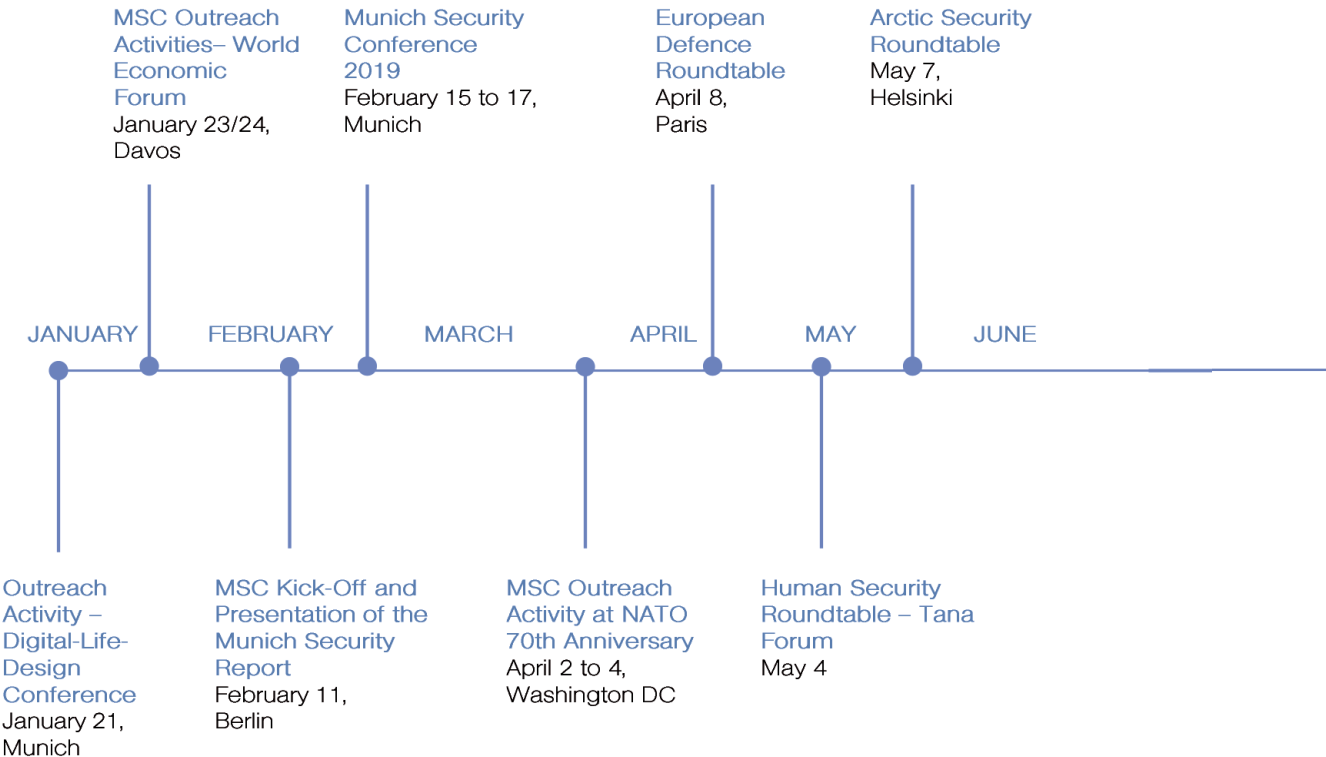
Private sector contributions, by industry, in percent



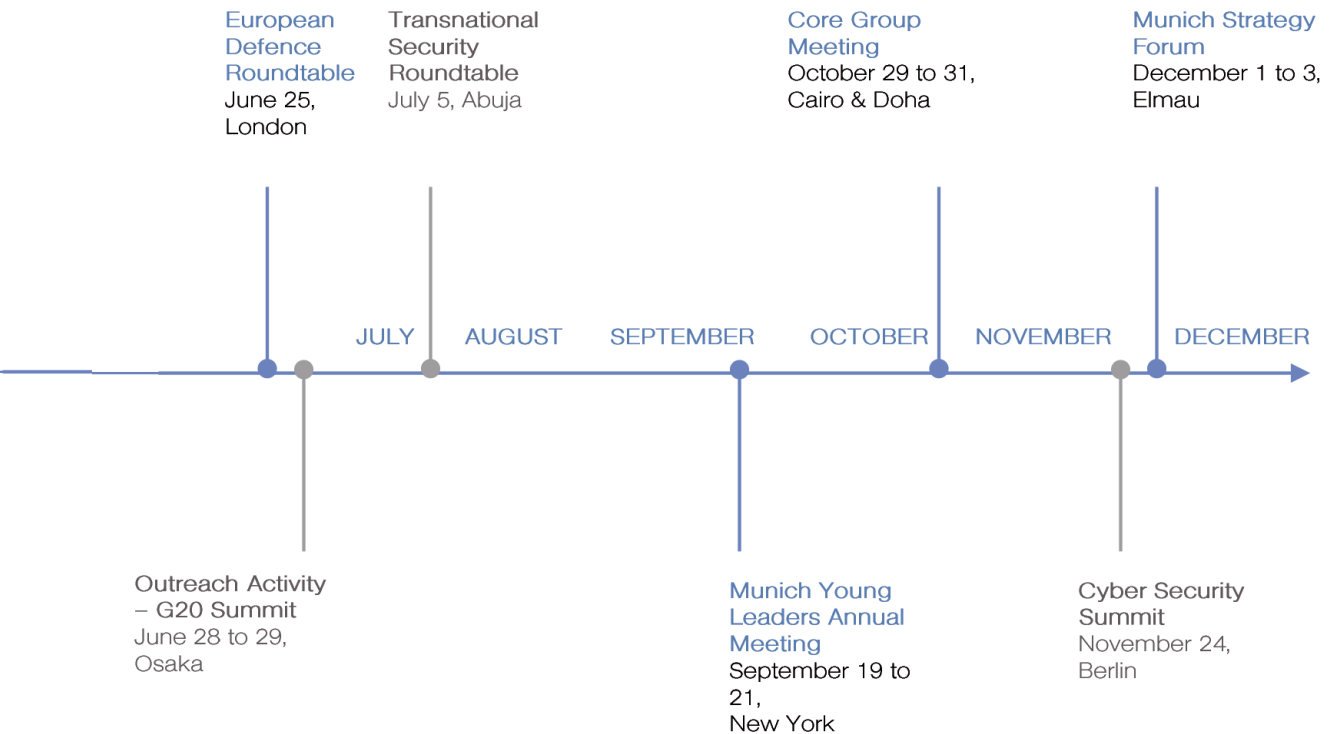


# The Year Ahead

## Selected upcoming events in 2019



*Events highlighted in grey to be confirmed*



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