International Conference on Civil Defence

An Age of Crises and Wars: Science and

Practice for Civilian Safety

28-29 October 2025 | Tallinn, Estonia (Conference Centre, Estonian Academy of Security Sciences, Kase 61)

Tuesday

10:00-10:30



Registration and Morning Coffee

10:30-10:45



Welcome speeches by Rector of the Estonian Academy of Security Sciences, **Kuno Tammearu**, and the Minister of the Interior, **Igor Taro**

Conference Moderator Lauri Luht, Deputy Secretary General for Digital Development (Digital State), Ministry of Justice and Digital Affairs

10:45-13:00



European Developments and Strategic Outlook

Keynotes by:

Hans Das (Deputy Director-General, DG ECHO)- Europe's resilience & Niinistö Report

Jana Wrange (PhD, Lund University) - Civil defence policy in Sweden & beyond Major General Indrek Sirel (Commander of the Estonian Division, Estonian Defence Forces) - Military planning and civil defence in light of the war in Ukraine Jukka Vahti (Lead Expert, SITRA) - Foresight on global security

Followed by panel discussion. Moderated by **Mati Raidma** (Member of Parliament, Estonia)

13:00-14:00



Lunch Break

14:00-15:15



Lessons from the War in Ukraine

Andrii Havrys (PhD, Associate Professor, Lviv State University of Life Safety) - Features of the State Emergency Service of Ukraine in wartime

Prof. Vasyl Popovych (DSc, Lviv State University of Life Safety) - Science and war: the role of universities

15:15-15:45



Coffee Break

15:45-17:00



Lessons from the War in Ukraine

Roman Yakovchuk (DSc, Associate Professor, Lviv State University of Life Safety)-What are the lessons of the war in Ukraine?

Leenu Org (Lecturer in Strategic Management, Estonian Military Academy)-Impact of IHL on civil defense: legal roles, risks and responsibilities.

17:00

Closing of the Day

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Wednesday 09:00-09:30



Registration and Morning Coffee

09:30-12:00



Best Practices

Adrian Bucałowski (Deputy Director, National Headquarters of the State Fire Service, Poland)-Large-scale evacuation operations and refugee response UNHCR Representatives in Poland-Perspectives on managing the Ukrainian refugee crisis

Nazarii Burak (Dr Nazarii Burak, PhD, Associate Professor, Lviv State University of Life Safety)-Public emergency alerting under martial law

Pasi Raatikainen (Representative, Services for Preparedness and Civil Protection Management, Finland) - Organising sheltering for civilian protection

Kati Orru (PhD, Associate Professor, University of Tartu)-Disaster preparedness assessment and capacity building

12:00-13:00



Lunch Break

13:00-14:30



Parallel Workshops

Al in Civil Defence-Major Priit Värno (Acting Head, Applied Research Department, Estonian Military Academy)

Psychological Influence in Crisis Situations -Colonel Uku Arold (Head of Strategic Communications, Estonian Defence Forces General Staff)

Evacuation: Behavioural Guidelines and Public Preparedness – Priit Laaniste & Ivo Hakman (EASS, Centre for Civil Protection Research and Development)

14:30-15:00



Coffee Break

15:00-15:45



A Forward-Looking Reflection on the International Landscape

Kristi Raik, Director, International Centre for Defence and Security Interviewed by **Lauri Luht**, Deputy Secretary General for Digital Development (Digital State), Ministry of Justice and Digital Affairs

15:45-16:00

Closing of the Conference

The programme and list of speakers are subject to change.