

## SIXTH EDITION OF THE YOUTH MEDITERRANEAN DIALOGUE

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## THE CONCEPT OF THE YOUTH MEDITERRANEAN DIALOGUE

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The North Atlantic Treaty Organization is a political and military alliance, created to ensure and promote security and stability in the North Atlantic Area, but also committed also to the resolution of crisis beyond its borders and to the support of its partners worldwide. Due to this international scope, more than twenty years ago NATO created the Mediterranean Dialogue Initiative with the aim "to create good relation and better mutual understanding and confidence throughout the region, promoting regional security and stability and explaining NATO's policies and goals".

COAJE, the Youth Atlantic Treaty Association of Spain, strongly believes that it is time to call on new generations to give them the chance to be heard. It is within this framework that we consider Madrid, the capital of the Kingdom of Spain, the geopolitical and natural connection between our two seas and therefore, between the Euro-Atlantic region and the Mediterranean region, the ideal place to bring together students and young professionals, passionate about international security and defense, to debate about the role of NATO in the world, its capacities and its biggest challenges.

Our program aims to raise awareness on the major political and security issues that our world faces today, demonstrate the need to work together as one in the international world, and finally, be a vehicle for our young generation to get involved in finding solutions for building peace and stability.

Participants will learn the importance of the Alliance when it comes to global peace, security and stability. They will have the opportunity to attend academic conferences of experts on Mediterranean security issues, to visit military and civil institutions and facilities and to learn from military officers, diplomats and representatives of defense industry.

The structure of the YMD 2019 will be different from past editions, this time dividing participants in three/four workshops, dealing with NATO's main priorities and challenges. We consider this new structure will allow participants to express their views freely, what will conduct to synergies amongst participants and, overall, to the sharing of opinions and knowledge between students, young professionals, academia, military and industry spheres. Participants will close their engagement by working collectively on policy recommendations that will be published on COAJE website and social media channels to promote a youth perspective for advancing NATO's strategic goals.





## TOPICS / AREAS OF DEBATE

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As outlined by the Alliance Strategic Concept of 2010, NATO has three core tasks: collective defense, crisis management and cooperative security. To achieve and fulfil these objectives, NATO dedicates its efforts to promote stability and to strengthen its deterrence and Defense capability. Due to this particular focus, workshops will be developing as follows:

1. **The evolution of threats to International Security: The changing nature of security has brought to the top of NATO's agenda two important threats: cybersecurity and climate change.**

In the cyber domain, which are the principal consequences of cyberattacks for the Alliance? How NATO should improve its cyber defence policy and subsequent action plan? What is NATO's Cyber Coalition doing to transform the means and capabilities for confronting this threat? Has the 5G race any impact on NATO's structures?

On the other hand, in terms of climate change, what is the action plan of the Alliance to increase strategic awareness in this area? Is it possible the implementation of renewable energies in the military field?

2. **Future of the MENA region: NATO's strategy for the next decade.**

The instability of this region has put pressure over the international community. The challenge before NATO now is to identify ways to encourage and assist further positive change in the region. This will help MENA countries to be able to address their own security and the security of the Mediterranean Sea.

- Should NATO take the leadership of Operation Sofia to ensure stability in Libya and the Mediterranean Sea?





### 3. International terrorism. Toward a new wave of Jihadist terrorism? - Loss of power in MENA region?

Since its eclosion at global scale, Jihadist terrorism represents one of the main threats to international security and peace. After the loss of territorial power in the Middle East, especially in Syria and Irak, and part of the Sahel and Maghreb regions; Jihadist organizations have expanded its activity across cities of European States, also Member States of the Atlantic Alliance.

- **No-go zones in NATO Member States. Jihadist enclaves in European cities**

Certain marginal quarters of European cities have suffered the Jihadist invasion becoming «no-go zones» or Jihadist enclaves, governed by Islamic law and habits. The Jihadist terrorism phenomenon and «no-go zones» represent one of the main challenges in terms of International Security.

- **NATO's counter-terrorism policy: Three main pillars**

NATO's Counter-Terrorism Policy Guidelines focus Alliance efforts on three main areas: Awareness of the terrorist threat; Capabilities to prevent, protect against and respond to terrorist threats; Engagement of NATO Member States.

- Indeed, the Alliance should pursue a further deepening of current partnerships. It would be possible to implement an enlargement of the Mediterranean Dialogue, expanding the membership to other African and Middle Eastern countries? Which implication has China's increasing role in the MENA region? what does it entail for NATO?





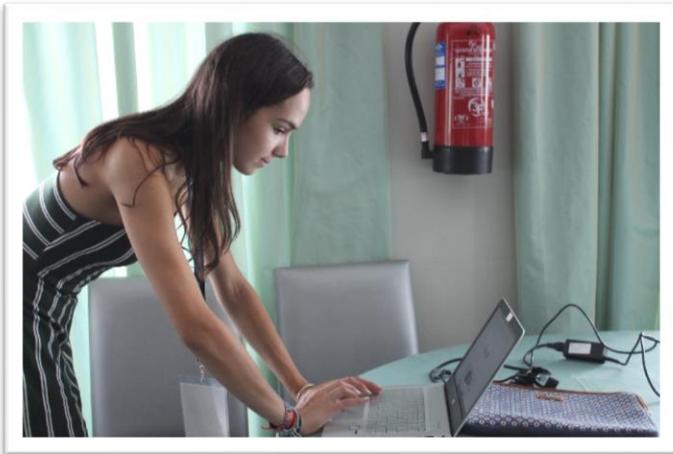
## THE EVENT



## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September

- During all day**      **Arrival of the participants**  
Registration process: Check in and deliverance of the academic material (Military Residence 'Don Quijote' Av/Doctor Federico Rubio y Galí, 61 -28040-Madrid).
- 16:00 – 20:00**      Free time for delegates to discover Madrid, to join the pre-discussions at the residence, or to take part in the activities organized at the military facilities.
- 20:30 – 21:30**      **Opening Act at Don Quijote**  
**21:30**      Toast. Welcome remarks  
**Ms. Ana María Marfín Elvira** (COAJE's President and Director of the program)  
**Ms. María Muñoz Alarcón** (COAJE's Public Diplomacy Director, Academic Coordinator of the Event)





## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

### Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September - OPENING CEREMONY

08:00 – 09:00	Breakfast
09:15 – 10:00	Shuttle to the Spanish Army Headquarters
10:00 – 11:00	<b>Visit to the Headquarters of the Spanish Navy</b> – participants will count with the first workshop session here and a presentation.
11:00- 11:30	Shuttle back to Don Quijote
11:30 – 12:00	Coffee Break
12:00 – 13:30	<b>Second</b> workshop session
13:30 – 15:00	Lunch at Don Quijote
15:30 – 16:30	<b>Shuttle to CESEDEN, Spanish Centre for National Defence Studies</b>
16:30 – 18:00	<b>INAUGURAL CEREMONY</b> <i>The Youth Mediterranean Dialogue is the result of the cooperation, trust, and joint efforts of both national and international institutions whose representatives will address the delegates during this first conference with the aim of welcome them and provide them with some remarks about the program.</i> <b>H.E. Rafael Sánchez Ortega, Lieutenant General of the Air Force</b> , Director of CESEDEN <b>H.E Admiral Juan Francisco Martínez Nuñez</b> , Secretary General of Policy of Defence <b>H.E. Alejandro Alvargonzález</b> , Former Under-Secretary-General to Political Affairs and Security at NATO <b>H.E. Juan Antonio del Castillo Masete</b> , Secretary General of the Spanish Atlantic Association <b>Mayor Stefan G. DePaul</b> - NATO Combined Air Operations Center at Torrejón Air Base <b>Mr. Kathleen Valentini</b> – NATO PASP Representative <b>Ms. Ana María Marín</b> , President of YATA – Spain
18:00 – 19:00	Shuttle back to Don Quijote
19:15 – 20:30	<b>Third</b> workshop session
21:00	Dinner time





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### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September

08:00 – 09:00	Breakfast
09:15 – 10:00	Shuttle to the <b>Deputies Congress of Madrid</b>
10:00 –	Visit of the <b>Deputies Congress of Madrid</b>
13:00	Shuttle back to <b>Military Residence “Don Quijote”</b>
13:30 – 15:30	Lunch at the <b>Military Residence “Don Quijote”</b>
15:30 – 17:30	<b>Fourth</b> workshop session
17:30 – 18:00	Coffee break
18:00 – 20:00	<b>Fifth</b> workshop session - <b>Academic perspective</b>

*Workshops will be visited by experts in the topic discussed in order to provide the participants with insights. They will have the opportunity not to only learn from them, but also to ask the speaker questions that may have arisen during the first day of discussion that will help them with policy recommendations.*

**Workshop Group 1:** The evolution of threats to International Security: The changing nature of security has brought to the top of NATO's agenda two important threats: cybersecurity and climate change.  
**H.E TN Gabriel Sánchez-Román Urrutia**

**Workshop Group 2:** Future of the MENA region: NATO's strategy for the next decade  
**Jesús de Ramón-Laca** – assistant of to defence ministers, developer of NATO projects.

**Workshop Group 3:** International terrorism. Toward a new wave of Jihadist terrorism?  
**Hana Jalloul Muro** – Teacher at Carlos III university in Madrid, expert in topics related to Islamism, Islamism movements and parties.





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### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September

**08:00 – 09:00** Breakfast

**9:00 – 10:30** **Sixth** workshop session – **Design thinking: main threats to security and defence** by **Ms. Claudia Peña Butrón – Former Chairwoman of YATA Spain**

Explore the different threats the North Atlantic Treaty Association could face in a near future by introducing the different topic of discussion of each workshop. Moreover, the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the alliance will serve as a field to explore the additional challenges each member state and NATO as a whole could face, remarking the Mediterranean Dialogue and its key role in the process.

**10:30 – 11:30** **Seventh** workshop session

**11:30 – 12:00** Coffee break

**12:00 – 13:30** **Eighth** workshop session

**13:30 – 15:30** Lunch at the **Military Residence “Don Quijote”**

**15:30 – 17:30** **Ninth** workshop session

**17:30** **Día Madrid – Free time**

*Participants will have the opportunity to visit different emblematic places of Madrid. Participants will be provided by email with a visit guide.*





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### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September

- 08:00 – 09:00** Breakfast
- 09:30** Shuttle to **Torrejón Air Force Base**
- 10:30 – 13:30** **Visit to the Torrejón Air Force Base:** visit to “**Ala 12**” Military Unit  
\*Please note that visitors are requested to bring their passports\*
- Visit to “UME”, Military Emergency Unit, \*Please note that visitors are requested to bring their passports\***
- 13:30** Shuttle back to the **Military Residence “Don Quijote”**
- 14:00 – 15:30** Lunch at Don Quijote
- 15:30 – 16:30** Academic Perspective – **Dr. Michele Testoni** – professor of International Relations at IE University, Madrid
- 16:30 – 17:30** **Tenth** Workshop Session
- 17:30 – 18:00** Coffee Break
- 18:00 – 20:00** **Eleventh** Workshop Session
- 21:00** Dinner time





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### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September

08:00 – 09:00	Breakfast
9:30	Shuttle to the <b>Guadarrama Headquarters (El Goloso)</b>
10:00	Visit of the 12 <sup>th</sup> Armored Infantry Brigade <b>*Please note that visitors are requested to bring their passports*</b>
10:30 – 12:45	Visit to the Museum of Military History Discovering the tanks battalion Technological devices of the Spanish Armed Forces *Delegates shall rotate through the three activities
13:00 – 13:30	Shuttle back to <b>Military Residence “Don Quijote”</b>
14:00 – 15:30	Lunch at <b>Military Residence “Don Quijote”</b>
15:30 – 17:00	<b>Twelfth</b> Workshop Session
17:15 – 19:00	<b>Closing Session</b>
	<b>FINAL REMARKS</b> <i>After a week of intense debates, meetings and conferences, participants will present their policy recommendations.</i>
17:15 – 17:30	<b>Welcome Speech</b> <b>Mr. José Luis Figuero Aguilar</b> – Cabinet Director of the Secretary General of Policy of Defence <b>Ms. Pino Penilla Marquinez</b> , - Secretary General of YATA-Spain and Academic Coordinator of the Event
17:50 – 18:20	<b>Presentation of the Policy Recommendations</b>
18:20 – 18:40	<b>Award Ceremony</b>
18:40 – 19:00	<b>Final remarks and evaluation of the Youth Mediterranean Dialogue</b> – Ms. Ana María Martín Elvira, President of YATA Spain and Director of the event
19:00 – 20:30	Free time
21:00	Gala Dinner



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### Saturday 14th September

08:00 – 09:00 Breakfast

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