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THE "MIHAI VITEAZUL" NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ACADEMY

Education for Intelligence

SRI'S HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION

"Mihai Viteazul" National Intelligence Academy (ANIMV) is a unique university environment as, due to the programs it offers, it is the only academic level training institution which ensures the education in the field of intelligence for the intelligence operations officers and the analysts of the entire national intelligence community.

"Mihai Viteazul" National Intelligence Academy was established in 1992 and it has successively gone through several forms of organization.



EDUCATION FOR INTELLIGENCE

ANIMV's studies portfolio includes academic training programs – bachelor's programs and master's programs, offered by our faculties – the Faculty of Intelligence and the Faculty of Intelligence Studies.

In addition, the doctoral university studies offered by our Doctoral School are open to whoever meets the legal requirements for registration and wishes to further their knowledge in the field.

Research is also an important part of the Academy. The National Institute for Intelligence Studies (INSI) is an integral part of ANIMV and its main activity is research in security and intelligence studies meant to build the scientific basis of initial and continuing training programs, innovation in research, as well as to bolster a joint European and trans-Atlantic strategic intelligence and security culture.

The projects contribute to accomplishing the Academy's general mission, to become a hub of security and intelligence studies and an academic debate platform between the security agencies and civil society.



STUDY PROGRAMS

BACHELOR'S PROGRAMS

The bachelor's university programs in Military Sciences, Intelligence, and Public Order ensure the training of officers to meet SRI's needs and those identified by our partners in the national defense, public order, and national security system.

The time for completion of studies is 3 years and they are held with full attendance only.

The bachelor's diploma and the diploma supplement, issued at completion of studies, offer graduates the guarantee of quality standards in higher education, both nationally and internationally.

The specialization **Intelligence Operations** trains intelligence case officers.

This specialization, organized beginning with the university year 2023-2024, aims at training intelligence case officers.

The case officer gathers information that is later placed in the knowledge pool or used in setting up complex operations. They act as sensors of the operations environment, they access current sources or recruit new ones.

The completion of the training stages allows the student to develop the necessary skills in order to guide the activity of gathering intelligence relevant to national security.

The **Security and Intelligence Studies** specialization trains intelligence **analysts**.

The analyst observes the world, understands its trends, deciphers the causal relations and anticipates its evolution.

The completion of the training stages allows the student to develop the necessary skills in order to guide the activity of analyzing, processing and capitalizing intelligence, and disseminating assessments on the relevant national security matters to the legal customers.



MASTER'S PROGRAMS

The professional master's programs in the field of Intelligence and National Security are aimed at training the professional skills of SRI's future case officers and analysts, the completion of which takes 4 semesters and are held with full attendance only.

The time of completion of the master's program is the equivalent of getting at least 120 transferable credits.

The training is carried out by tenured ANIMV teachers, including intelligence instructors, namely specialists of recognized value in SRI and nationally renowned academic experts in the field.

The graduate status is certified when the master's diploma is issued, accompanied by the diploma supplement.

The **Intelligence and National Security** program ensures the professional skills training of SRI's future intelligence **case officers**. The subjects taught prepare the graduates to manage complex situations related to relevant information pertaining to threats to national security.

The **Intelligence Analysis** master's program ensures the professional skills training of SRI's future intelligence **analysts**. The subjects taught ensure the development of mental patterns of deep understanding of the concepts and the acquisition of procedural skills in the field of intelligence analysis.



The master's programs for promoting the security culture, open to the civil society, support and encourage the academic research and development of the Intelligence and National Security field.

The **Management of National Security Intelligence** master's program tackles issues such as the management of security intelligence, policies and strategies, scientific research methods, communication strategies in critical situations, hybrid threats, cyber security, or human security.

The **Management of Intelligence in Counter-Terrorism** master's program tackles issues such as the contemporary terrorist phenomenon, EU governance and security, legal tools in preventing and countering terrorism, early warning, radicalization, and extremism indicators or terrorist operations management.

The **International Relations and Intelligence Studies** master's program tackles issues such as introduction into the field of international relations, geopolitics, Romania's foreign policy, and social studies research methods.

DOCTORAL AND POSTDOCTORAL UNIVERSITY STUDIES

The doctoral university degree program and the postdoctoral university program for advanced research represent the third cycle of the academic studies offered by ANIMV, whose purpose is the development of human resource competent in performing scientific research, capable of accessing the highly qualified areas of the labor market. The programs involve academic teaching activities, scientific research activities, research, development, and innovation activities.

As Institution Organizing Doctoral University Studies (IOSUD), the Academy designs and carries out these programs in the field of Intelligence and National Security, based on the 2021 accreditation by ARACIS.



POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Democracy and Totalitarianism - established in 2021, the course is an academic formula for reflecting on the emergence and evolution of totalitarian regimes and for the analysis of their specificities. Dedicated to SRI officers, the course benefits from the presence of well-known lecturers in the field of antitotalitarian activism.

Programs developed in the EU funded “INTELLIGENCE to the benefit of citizens” project dedicated to acquiring the skills of applying principles, norms, and values to strategic leadership, management, mentorship.

Moreover, starting with the 2021-2022 academic year, ANIMV has been carrying out **a series of postgraduate and non-university programs in partnership with the European Security and Defense College and with the Intelligence College in Europe respectively**, two European academic cooperation formats dedicated to bolstering and promoting a joint European strategic security and intelligence culture.





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MAPPING CHALLENGES

ARMOUR seeks to identify the challenges and needs of first-line practitioners working with children and youth in the area of countering violent extremist idea and behaviour.

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EXPERIMENTAL LABS

ARMOUR aims at designing, pre-testing and implementing a set of experimental labs based on cognitive-behavioural techniques and the learning by doing teaching method.

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Our training programme will empower first-line practitioners and civil society to better address the phenomena of radicalization and polarization among young people and to use the ARMOUR experimental labs in their CVE activities.

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ARMOUR TOOLKIT

Our Toolkit will promote tools and smart solutions targeting vulnerable groups combining the experimental labs with best practices on working with vulnerable youth.

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RESEARCH

The scientific research **projects** carried out by INSI together with prestigious European universities and research institutes are meant to further the scientific knowledge in fields such as preventing radicalization and violent extremism, propaganda, and disinformation.

Relevant research projects of the last 5 years:

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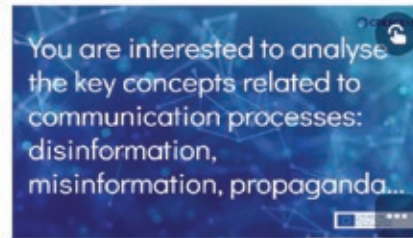
- A radical model of resilience for young minds
- aimed at developing a model, based on the results of the latest scientific research in youth radicalization, as well as experimental labs where practitioners in countering radicalization can test different work tactics with those in danger of becoming radicalized.

The consortium

The Consortium consists of the "Mihai Viteazul" National Intelligence Academy (MVNIA), the Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU), the University of Malta and the National University of Political Studies and...

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THESEUS - *Connect the disconnections - from disparate data to insightful analysis*, funded by EEA Grants - aims at drafting a course and a learning platform to tackle the challenges generated by the need to manage a large volume of data. This course is dedicated to intelligence and social sciences practitioners and its main purpose is to familiarize them with cutting edge science practices which will prove useful in the near future.



Mind the Gap in media coverage and strategic communication in case of security threats

A lack of critical thinking and responsible reaction

According to expert reports, some of the most acute crisis in communication between public institutions and journalists have been reached during specific events. The southern part of Europe more specifically lacks a coordinated and efficient handling of such crisis as proven by the migration crisis in Greece (2015), the terrorist attacks in Spain (2017), or disaster cases in Romania (e.g. Colectiv arson case, 2015).

The three countries are linked by the need to address strategic communication in case of security threats.



MISCOMMUNICATION

Between spokespersons and journalists, conflicting perspectives.



DISTRUST

Biased interpretations and a lack of understanding of its implications.



SENSATIONALISM

An overlook of useful recommendations, while focusing on sensationalist facts.



DISCRIMINATION

Encourage stigmatization and hate speech, easing discrimination and racist stereotypes etc.

As a consequence of emergent threats at European level, from social polarization and extremism to routinized racism, normalized xenophobia, and mainstreamed hate speech, one can observe the tendency of the media to present factual data regarding security threats in a generalizing manner, with strong impact on social inclusion/exclusion, polarization, growth of panic, fear, stigmatization or unsupportive, toxic behaviours.



Disinformation
Misinformation
Extremism
Terrorism
Radicalization

CRESCent

- *Mind the Gap in Media Coverage and Strategic Communication in case of Security Threats* (Erasmus +) - was recently concluded and its main purpose was to carry out an online class on the most widely used disinformation methods, the logical errors used in this context, as well as the most efficient ways to counter disinformation in strategic communication.

The logo features the text "EU-HYBNET" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. To the left of the text is a stylized graphic of a network, with blue and orange nodes connected by thin lines, resembling a molecular or digital structure.

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A PAN-EUROPEAN NETWORK TO COUNTER HYBRID THREATS

— EU-HYBNET —

The EU-HYBNET is a Pan-European network of security practitioners, stakeholders, academics, industry players, and SME actors across EU collaborating with each other in ever increasing numbers to counter hybrid threats.

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- Empowering a Pan-European Network to Counter Hybrid Threats, a project funded by Horizon 2020 – is implemented together with a wide consortium, encompassing both practitioners and academic researchers. Its purpose is to build a network of practitioners in countering hybrid threats, evaluating their needs and identifying the relevant technologies that might be useful in their activity.





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