

International Conference on Civil Defence

An Age of Crises and Wars: Science and
Practice for Civilian Safety

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Estonian Academy of Security Sciences, Kase 61)



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Wednesday

09:00-09:30

Registration and Morning Coffee

09:30-12:00

Best Practices

Adrian Bucalowski (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

AI 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.