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Strengthening Strategic Stability in Central and Eastern Europe

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Objective:

The project investigates the interplay between new Russian warfare techniques and emerging counter-strategies of frontline Central and Eastern European (CEE) states in order to fulfill two objectives: (1) to organize and disseminate expert assessments of under-studied CEE security dynamics in the context of the emerging Russian threat in the region and explain what it means for regional and global strategic security; and (2) to stimulate public awareness and understanding of the implications of the erosion of U.S. extended deterrence and how emerging CEE deterrence strategies could counter new threats and support extended deterrence.

Approach:

This project has three primary research topics: the problem of limited war and Russian tactical nuclear doctrine in CEE; the role of conventional deterrence in responding to the Russian nuclear threat, in operating in a limited war scenario, and in achieving nuclear strategic stability; and the future role of NATO-level tools, including tactical nuclear weapons and ballistic missile defense in Europe. Through two strategic dialogues, one in Washington, DC, and one in Warsaw, Poland, this project will collect findings on these topics and generate a comprehensive report that will be publicly distributed. CEPA will hold public events in Washington and Warsaw to present research findings.