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In 2021 ISIS had 8 voluntary associates: 5 Senior Researchers, 5 PhD holders, 2 M.As and 1 B.A. ISIS is a non-profit think-tank, not linked to any political party, movement, organization, religious or ideological denomination. ISIS is part of the family of EU ISS-connected think-tanks since 1994. It is a member of the **Consortium of Defense Academies and Security Studies Institutes of the NATO/PfP countries since 1998** (www.pfpconsortium.org) , member of *Europe's World Journal Advisory Board of think-tanks since 2005*. ISIS is also a member of the **EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Consortium Network of think-tanks since 2017** (<https://www.nonproliferation.eu>) . The online publications of ISIS are part of the **Columbia International Affairs Online (CIAO) database, Columbia University Press, New York since March 2019** (www.ciaonet.org)

ISIS was member of Multi-part Consortium of universities and institutes of the 7th Framework Program of the EU (2008-2010). ISIS was listed among the 300 leading think-tanks world-wide in the 1999, 2002, 2005 and 2008 editions of *NIRA's World Directory of Think Tanks*, Japan; among the 500 leading strategic studies centers by the IISS, London in 1998. The Wisconsin University awarded the website of ISIS in October 1999 with the Scout Banner of Most Recommended Website in the Social Sciences ('for life'). The Director of ISIS is member of ISA, USA; IISS, London; the Academy of Political Science, New York, and of Vanga Foundation, Bulgaria. Prof. Dr. Todor Tagarev, Senior Researcher of ISIS, is a former Minister of Defense of the Republic of Bulgaria. Amb. Valeri Ratchev (Col. Res.), Senior Researcher of ISIS, is former Ambassador of the Republic of Bulgaria to Iraq and former Deputy Commandant of Rakovsky Defense and Staff College.

Founder & Director of ISIS: Professor Dr. Plamen Pantev.

ANNUAL REPORT 2021 (Year Twenty Seven)

RESEARCH, PUBLICATIONS AND PERIODICALS

Plamen Pantev, The Integration of the Western Balkans in NATO: a Logical Step in the Strengthening of the Regional Security Community in South-East Europe, ISIS Research Studies 23, July 2021, ISIS, Sofia, 17 pp. (in English).

NOTE: Most of the publications of ISIS in English are displayed in full text at www.isis-bg.org , and some - at the website of the EU Non-Proliferation Consortium Network of think-tanks (<https://www.nonproliferation.eu>) and the Columbia International Affairs Online (CIAO) database, Columbia University Press, New York

CONTRACTED CONSULTING AND NATIONAL PARTNERSHIP

ISIS worked in 2021 with and supported national, foreign and international NGOs, academic organizations, universities, diplomacy and military educational institutions in the fields of security, foreign policy, international negotiations and civil-military relations. ISIS provided expert advice to official institutions in Bulgaria, NATO and the EU – directly or via consortia, in which ISIS participates.

SUPPORT FOR YOUNG RESEARCHERS

ISIS supported in 2021, according to its tradition, Bulgarian and foreign B.A., M. A. and Ph. D. students, including by linking them to established and highly qualified national, foreign and international experts, seminars and courses or sharing Institute's expertise for their projects, research and educational endeavors.

WEBINARS

In 2021 due to COVID-19 ISIS co-organized or its representatives were invited to and participated in 53 national and international webinars on a broad variety of topics in the fields of security studies, foreign policy of China, Russia, the USA and the EU, defense, regional issues.

NETWORKING AND COOPERATION

ISIS was cooperating with the following institutions in 2021:

1. NATO/PP Consortium of Defense Academies and Security Studies Institutes, Garmisch.
2. EU Institute for Security Studies, Paris.
3. EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Consortium, Brussels.
4. Columbia International Affairs Online (CIAO), Columbia University Press, New York.
5. International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), London.
6. Atlantic Council of the USA.
7. George C. Marshall Center, Garmisch-Partenkirchen.
8. Academy of Political Science, New York.
9. Bureau for Security Policy, MoD, and the IFK at the NDA, Vienna, Austria.
10. ECFR, London, Berlin.
11. National Defense University, Washington, D. C.
12. CASS, Beijing.
13. Foreign Affairs Journal, CFR, New York.
14. International Studies Association, USA.
15. 'Friends of Europe' NGO, Brussels.
16. Istituto Affari Internazionali, Roma.
17. The German Marshall Fund of the USA.
18. Clingendael, The Hague.
19. ISPI, Milano.
20. FRS, Paris.
21. DIIS, Copenhagen.
22. International Institute for Peace, Vienna.
23. Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Brussels, Moscow.
24. Institute for National Strategic Studies, Israel.
25. IERES, GW Elliott School of IA, Washington, D. C.
26. Leuven Centre for Global Studies, Belgium.
27. Bulgarian Hub for United Balkans, Sofia.
28. Bulgarian Diplomatic Institute, MFA, Sofia.
29. The Hill, Washington, D. C.
30. Eurasia Review Newsletter, CA, USA.
31. Geneva Center for Security Policy, Geneva.
32. Center for Security Studies, Zurich.
33. PONARS, GWU, Washington, D.C.
34. ARI, France.
35. CIGI, Canada.

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Director of ISIS:

(Prof. Dr. Plamen Pantev)