



Congressional Taskforce on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare

11th Parliamentary Intelligence Security Forum
Berlin, Germany
July 2, 2018



Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Thank you for your continued interest in our Parliamentary Intelligence Security Forums. In July, we hosted our 11th Forum in Berlin, Germany. Over the past several years, these forums have reached over 65 countries and over 600 Members of Parliament.

Over the course of the forum, delegates discussed a variety of security topics, including terror financing, challenges from Chinese investment, information sharing, the challenges faced by banks in the private sector, and developing successful cybersecurity defenses. Panelists at this event included security experts, financial institution representatives, and senior federal government officials from multiple countries.

We were fortunate to have representatives from throughout the region and multiple non-state organizations attend our event in Berlin, Germany. Enclosed is the forum's agenda, a list of panelists, and an official summary of events.

We look forward to working with you in the future as we collaborate together to preserve our freedoms and liberties.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert".

Robert Pittenger
Member of Congress
Chairman, Congressional Taskforce on Terrorism
and Unconventional Warfare





11th Parliamentary Intelligence-Security Forum

Monday, July 2, 2018 • Berlin, Germany



- 8:30 AM** Registration
- 8:30 AM** Opening Remarks:
- **Robert Pittenger**, *U.S. Congressman and Chairman, U.S. Congressional Taskforce on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare*
 - **Volkmar Klein**, *German Member of Parliament*
- 9:00 AM** Panel: Financial Intelligence and AML Perspective
- **Andreas Schwarz**, *German Member of Parliament*
 - **Katherine Hutchinson**, *EUCOM Treasury Liaison*
 - **Andreas Frank**, *Advisor to the Council of Europe for the Anti-Money Laundering Directive (AMLD)*
- 10:00 AM** Coffee Break
- 10:20 AM** Panel: Law Enforcement Perspective
- **John Walsh**, *CEO SightSpan*
 - **Rainer Baumgart**, *Security Networks AG*
 - **Dr. Benedikt Franke**, *CEO Munich Security Conference*
- 11:00 AM** Panel: Regulatory Perspective
- **Dr. Hans-Georg Maaßen**, *President of the German Domestic Intelligence Service*
 - **James Freis**, *Chief Compliance Officer of Deutsche Boerse*
 - **Frederick Reynolds**, *Barclays*
 - **Dr. David Hardoon**, *Singapore Monetary Authority*
- 12:30 PM** Lunch
- 1:30 PM** Panel: Industry Perspective
- **J.R. Helmig**, *SAS*
 - **Kristin Reif**, *Director Illicit Trade Prevention, Philip Morris International*
 - **Jessica Knight Abell**, *Managing Director, Sayari Analytics*
- 2:30 PM** Panel: German and European Union Perspective
- **Holger Münch**, *President of the Federal Criminal Police Office of Germany*

- **Arne Schönbohm**, *President of the German Federal Office for Information Security*
- **Ulf Pehrsson**, *VP Government and Industry Relations, Ericsson*

3:30 PM Coffee Break

- 4:00 PM** Panel: Emerging Market/Countries Perspective
- **Andrew Davenport**, *Prague Security Studies Institute and RWR Advisory Services*
 - **Gabrielle Haddad**, *COO, Sigma Ratings*

- 4:40 PM** Closing Remarks:
- **Robert Pittenger**, *U.S. Congressman and Chairman, U.S. Congressional Taskforce on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare*
 - **Johannes Selle**, *German Member of Parliament*



Attendees gathered for a post-Forum reception.



Congressman Pittenger with Delegates from the United Kingdom.

11th Parliamentary Intelligence Security Forum Attendees

- **Arta Dade**, *Fmr Foreign Affairs Minister, Albania*
- **Taulant Balla**, *Majority Leader, Albania*
- **Fatmir Mediu**, *Member of Parliament, former Defense Minister, Albania*
- **Gramoz Ruci**, *Speaker of Parliament, Albania*
- **Karlheinz Kopf**, *Member of Parliament, Austria*
- **Andreas Schieder**, *Member of Parliament, Austria*
- **Andreas Karlsbock**, *Member of the National Council for the Freedom Party, Austria*
- **Denis Sidorenko**, *Ambassador to Germany, Belarus*
- **Sergei Andrushkevich**, *Second Secretary, Belarus*
- **Sifet Podzic**, *Chairman of the Defense and Security Committee, Bosnia and Herzegovina*
- **Borislav Bojic**, *Deputy Chairman of Defense and Security Committee, Bosnia and Herzegovina*
- **Borjana Kristo**, *Deputy Chairman of Defense and Security Committee, Bosnia and Herzegovina*
- **Zeljko Grubescic**, *Expert Advisor in the Office of Defense and Security Committee, Bosnia and Herzegovina*
- **Ljiljana Milicevic**, *Secretary in the Office of Defense and Security Committee, Bosnia and Herzegovina*
- **Sofia Tsvetkova**, *Head of International Affairs, GERB, Bulgaria*
- **Tsvetan Tsvetanov**, *Member of Parliament, Bulgaria*
- **Dimitar Lazarov**, *Member of Parliament, Bulgaria*
- **Mustafa Karadayi**, *Member of Parliament, Bulgaria*
- **Filip Popov**, *Member of Parliament, Bulgaria*
- **Valentin Kasabov**, *member of the parliamentary Committee on Internal Security and Public Order, Bulgaria*
- **Charalambos Theopemptou**, *Cyprus House of Representatives, Cyprus*
- **Ioanna Sygrasiti**, *International Relations Officer of the Cyprus House of Representatives, Cyprus*
- **Radek Hudecek**, *Defense Attaché at the Czech Embassy in Berlin, Germany, Czech Republic*
- **Radek Vondracek**, *Speaker of the Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic, Czech Republic*
- **May ElBatan**, *Egypt House of Representatives, Egypt*
- **Badr Abdel Atty**, *Egyptian Ambassador to Germany, Egypt*
- **Laurentiu Constantin Rebega**, *Member of Parliament, European Parliament*
- **Irakli Sesiashvili**, *Chairman of Defense and Security, Georgia*
- **Pia Zimmerman**, *Administrative Assistant to the Chairman, Germany*
- **Andreas Frank**, *Advisor to the Council of Europe for the Anti-Money Laundering Directive (AMLD), Germany*
- **Wolfgang Ischinger**, *Chairman of the Munich Security Conference, Germany*
- **James Freis**, *former FinCEN Director, Germany*
- **Rainer Baumgart**, *Law Enforcement Expert, Germany*
- **Doris Bischoff**, *Managing Director and CCO of the Deutsche Borse Group, Germany*
- **Fritz Felgentreu**, *Member of Parliament, Germany*
- **Volkmar Klein**, *Member of Parliament, Germany*

- **Andreas Schwarz**, *Member of Parliament, Germany*
- **Johannes Selle**, *Member of Parliament, Germany*
- **Stephan Mayer**, *Parliamentary State Secretary at the German Federal Ministry of the Interior, Germany*
- **Holger Munch**, *President of the Federal Criminal Police Office of Germany, Germany*
- **Bruno Kahl**, *President of the Federal Intelligence Service, Germany*
- **Dr. Hans-Georg Maaben**, *President of the German Domestic Intelligence Service, Germany*
- **Dr. Konstantin von Notz**, *Vice President of the Parliamentary Oversight Panel, Germany*
- **Kese Beatrix**, *Advisor from the Foreign Affairs Directorate, Hungary*
- **Csaba Hende**, *Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of Hungary, Hungary*
- **Zoltan Saringer**, *Interpreter, Hungary*
- **Laszlo Kover**, *Speaker of the National Assembly of Hungary, Hungary*
- **Ksenia Svetlova**, *Member of the Knesset, Israel*
- **Zhanar Akaev**, *Member of Parliament of the Kyrgyz Republic, Kyrgyzstan*
- **Ainars Latkovskis**, *Member of Parliament, Latvia*
- **Inese Lībiņa-Egnere**, *Member of Parliament, Latvia*
- **Emanuelis Zingeris**, *Member of Parliament, Lithuania*
- **Egidijus Vareikis**, *Member of Parliament, Lithuania*
- **Vytautas Bakas**, *Member of Parliament and Chairman of the Committee on National Security and Defense, Lithuania*
- **Biljana Ognenovska**, *Head of Division, Assembly of the Republic of Macedonia, Macedonia*
- **Vladimir Gjorchev**, *Member of Parliament, Macedonia*
- **Sephora Gauci**, *First Secretary, Embassy of Malta in Berlin, Malta*
- **Dr. Albert Friggieri**, *Malta's Ambassador to Germany, Malta*
- **Angelo Farrugia**, *Speaker of Parliament, Malta*
- **Nebojsa Kaludjerovic**, *Ambassador of Montenegro to the United States of America, Montenegro*
- **Ahmet Berat Conkar**, *Chairman of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, NATO*
- **Erik Akerboom**, *Commissioner of the Police, Netherlands*
- **Christian Tybring-Gjedde**, *Member of Norwegian Parliament and Second Vice Chair of the Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defense, Norway*
- **Franklin Morales**, *Embassy of Panama to the United States, Panama*
- **Eduardo Ferro Rodrigues**, *Speaker of Parliament, Portugal*
- **Petru Gabriel Vlase**, *Deputy Speaker of Parliament, Romania*
- **Zoran Dragisic**, *Member of Parliament, Serbia*
- **Dragan Sormaz**, *Member of Parliament, Serbia*
- **Darko Trifunovic**, *Professor, University of Belgrade, Serbia*
- **Nikola Samardzic**, *Professor, University of Belgrade, Serbia*
- **Dr. David Hardoon**, *Chief Data Officer and head, Data Analytics Group, Singapore*
- **Katarína Cséfalvayová**, *Member of Parliament, Slovakia*
- **Anton Hrnko**, *Member of Parliament, Slovakia*
- **Katarína Kokavcová**, *Secretary, Foreign Affairs Committee, Slovakia*
- **Franc But**, *Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia to the Federal Republic of Germany, Slovenia*
- **Vicente Moret Millas**, *Clerk of the Joint Committee on National Security, Spain*

- **Luis Aznar Fernandez**, *Member of the Joint Committee on National Security, Spain*
- **Ulf Pehrsson**, *Vice President Government and Industry Relations, Sweden*
- **Ashlee Godwin**, *Foreign Affairs Committee Specialist—Joint Committee on the National Security Strategy, United Kingdom*
- **Mark Pritchard**, *Member of Parliament, United Kingdom*
- **John Spellar**, *Member of Parliament, United Kingdom*
- **Madeleine Moon**, *Member of Parliament, United Kingdom*
- **Yvette Cooper**, *Member of Parliament, United Kingdom*
- **Frederick Reynolds**, *Barclays, United States*
- **John Walsh**, *CEO SightSpan, United States*
- **Gabrielle Haddad**, *Co-Founder and COO of Sigma Ratings Inc., United States*
- **Kristin Reif**, *Director Illicit Trade Prevention, United States*
- **Hope Hutchinson**, *EUCOM Liaison, United States*
- **Jessica Knight Abell**, *Managing Director, United States*
- **Andrew Davenport**, *Prague Security Studies Institute and RWR Advisory Services, United States*
- **J.R. Helmig**, *SAS, United States*
- **Jeffrey Kratzer**, *US Customs and Border Protection Attaché—US Embassy Berlin, United States*
- **Andrea Detjen**, *US Customs and Border Protection Senior Analyst—US Embassy Berlin, United States*

Summary of Presentations

Opening Remarks/Greetings

Mr. Peter Beyer *Member of Parliament, Coordinator of Transatlantic Cooperation of the Federal Government of Germany*

It is crucial in the U.S relationship with Germany to stand together. It is also important that Russia and China be recognized from a position of strength.

Dr. Gerhard Wahler *Deputy Secretary General, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung*

Dr. Wahler addressed Germany's presence in terror hotbeds around the world. While the U.S. has added to Germany's security in those regions, there is still the need to increase the levels of contribution and cooperation between governments, think-tanks, academia, and experts.

Congressman Robert Pittenger *Chairman of the Congressional Taskforce on Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare*

Congressman Pittenger emphasized his desire for the U.S. to work with its allies and encouraged the thoughtful and respectful cooperation of everyone involved.

Panel 1 - Financial Intelligence/AML Perspective

Andreas Schwarz *Member of Parliament*

Though Germany has been characterized as a stable nation, it has yet to fulfill NATO's requirement of funding its defense at an equivalent of 2 percent of its GDP, and has turned into a haven for money laundering. With a new Minister in power, it is Mr. Schwarz's desire to enhance the anti-money laundering division within the government – this issue is increasingly important to Germans and there is much progress to be made.

Katherine Hope Hutchinson *Advisor, U.S. Department of the Treasury*

Ms. Hutchinson highlighted that there is still a gap in information sharing that must be addressed. There is a necessity to continually upgrade systems and programs, and the U.S. should continually audit emerging terror financing threats. The U.S. must stay up-to-date and develop a stronger Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence.

Andreas Frank *Advisor to the Council of Europe for the Anti-Money Laundering Directive*

Mr. Frank complemented his fellow panelists by reminding the audience that not every NATO nation spends the required equivalent of 2 percent of GDP on defense. Additionally, he raised the issue of the global refugee crisis steering attention away from the issue of illicit finance, and assessed that the largest threat to financial integrity and transparency is virtual currencies.

Panel 2 - Law Enforcement Perspective

John Walsh *CEO, SightSpan*

Walsh believes there's a need to take a deep look at all aspects of terror financing. It is important to learn how to operationalize government policies, and the best successes have been found in the areas of community policing.

Rainer Baumgart *CEO, Secunet Security Networks*

Mr. Baumgart focused on terrorists using cryptographic structures to promote their extremist agenda – informing the audience of the many opportunities presented to criminals with Blockchain. Additionally, he emphasized that biometric technology - which has proven to be very useful for airports and Customs agencies - must be implemented. International standards and agreements in this space must also be considered.

Dr. Stefan Heissner *Head of Fraud Investigation & Dispute Services, Ernst & Young*

Dr. Heissner outlined some of the work that U.S. based firms, like Ernst & Young, are conducting with foreign governments and their law enforcement agencies on preventing financial crimes. There is a necessity to foster close cooperation between law enforcement agencies. As mentioned by the previous panelists, there's a need to increase information sharing between government agencies, and the public and private sectors.

Panel 3 - Regulatory Perspective

Frederick Reynolds *Global Head of Financial Crime Legal, Barclays*

Barclays is actively studying the evolution of terrorism, and through this study it has been found that microfinancing is on the rise. However, it is impossible to look at it on a transactional basis, so one must look for red flag indicators. Information sharing between industry and law enforcement is vital.

Dr. Maik Pawlowsky *German Domestic Intelligence Service*

Dr. Pawlowsky argues that national approaches are not enough and international cooperation is very important. Financing of terror is constantly changing and cannot always be predicted. Individual terror cell are self-financing, and smaller terrorist groups are becoming a more a legitimate threat as they self-fund through the sale of weapons

James Freis *CCO, Deutsche Borse*

Mr. Freis reinforced the need for multilateral cooperation between governments and agencies worldwide. Unfortunately, because Germany and other NATO countries are not meeting their promise to dedicate 2 percent of GDP for defense activities, it's more difficult to deal with this international problem.

Dr. David Hardoon *CDO, Monetary Authority of Singapore*

The points of this panel were driven home by Dr. Hardoon with his statement that innovation and regulation must be synonymous, and international and domestic compliance with laws and regulations is key to success.

Panel 4 - Industry Perspective

J.R. Helmig *Innovation Lead - Fraud & Security Intelligence Practice, SAS*

Mr. Helmig was an essential character in the planning and execution of this Forum. It was a pleasure to hear his perspective on how business use analytics provided by firms such as SAS.

Kristin Reif *Director of Illicit Trade Prevention, Philip Morris*

Ms. Reif highlighted how commodities, such as tobacco products, are illegally sold and emphasized that private industry is an asset to government agencies - as a business person, you do not have authority to do anything but tell the proper authorities.

Jessica Abell *Managing Director, Sayari Analytics*

Data is the first step in combatting illegal activity. Information sharing, and distribution of shared information, is critical. This is the basis for the tremendous value in public private relationships.

Panel 5 - EU Perspective

Sabine Wenningmann *Federal Criminal Police Office of Germany*

Germany is currently undergoing “Police Initiative 2020”. Germany will soon have a singular data house for all law enforcement agencies across the country; the system will have a high level of standardization that will include the utilization and collaboration with Europol.

Arne Schonbohm *President, German Federal Office for Security Information*

There are countless security weaknesses in software systems and European nations and the U.S should enhance their current level of hardware and software.



Ulf Pehrsson *Vice President of Government & Industry Relations, Ericsson*

Telecommunications networks are the primary target of terror networks, and 90 percent of cyber-attacks are state-backed attacks. Companies across all industries need to change direction and move to a completely digital base.

Panel 6 – Emerging Markets/Countries Perspective

Volkmar Klein *German Member of Parliament*

Mr. Klein began his comments by stating that Forums, such as this, to discuss these issues are necessary. If there is a lack of security, there will be no domestic economic development or foreign direct investment.

Andrew Davenport *COO, RWR Advisory Group*

Mr. Davenport raised the issue of scrutinizing “private investment” by highlighting Chinese state-owned companies investing in developing countries. Foreign

direct investment has the potential to present serious national security concerns.

Gabrielle Haddad *COO, Sigma Ratings*

Sigma Ratings is the first non-credit rating agency that rates companies on their vulnerabilities to financial crimes. Ms. Haddad highlighted the business risks of investing in countries with under-developed financial systems, which has led to a retreat of western investors from some developing countries. Thus paving the way for Chinese investors to step in – leading to greater Chinese influence in the developing world and further threatening European and American national security.