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WORDS FROM OUR CHAIRPERSON



Jonathan Ponfick

While Model NATO Germany 2023 was a full success, we are already looking forward to implementing our lessons learned and welcoming you to the 2nd MNG in 2024! The following brochure will give you an overview of the process of bringing MNG 2023 to life as well as the event itself.

I want to use this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to everyone involved in the 1st Model NATO Germany. First, the event would not have been possible without the volunteers of our amazing team. Second, I want to name our partners, especially the Federal Academy for Security Policy, who made the event possible by providing us a venue. Third, I must thank all participants. 96 participants from 21 nations decided to attend an event that had never taken place before. Their faith in us as well as their dedication resulted in the conference becoming a success.

ABOUT US



The Model NATO Germany Team

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The team behind Model NATO Germany consists of over 20 individuals from various backgrounds, all sharing the common goal of enabling students from different countries to gain insight into the workings of the NATO and gain practical experience by contributing to the Academics, Logistics, Public Relations and Registration & Admission Teams.

THE PROJECT



Model NATO Germany is a four-day simulation that mirrors the essential functions and diplomatic protocols of NATO. Participants take on the role of a NATO member state representatives in one of three designated committees, such as the North Atlantic Council. Through this initiative we seek to provide students with a deeper understanding of NATO's organizational framework and operational procedures.

To comprehensively assess the intricate frameworks of global security that significantly impacts individuals worldwide, it is imperative to disseminate knowledge of these structures to a wide array of young scholars. This dissemination serves not only to enhance comprehension of the complex dynamics of international politics but also to empower individuals to actively influence global relations through political engagement. Moreover, our aim is to afford students the chance to engage in dynamic international discourse in diplomatic roles, fostering the refinement and contemplation of their diplomatic skills. Model NATO Germany presents a remarkable opportunity for students to engage with driven peers from diverse backgrounds globally, fostering cross-border friendships and intellectual exchange.



THE PARTNERS



The Partners

The inaugural Model NATO Germany conference was a resounding success, largely attributed to the invaluable contributions of our partners. We are very grateful to all individuals and organizations involved in orchestrating this event.



Federal Academy for Security Policy

The Federal Academy for Security Policy was founded in 1992 in Bonn, the former capital of Germany. The Academy promotes a common understanding of integrated security policy with a particular focus on the Federal Republic's long-term strategic goals. Furthermore, it offers various seminars, acts as a facility for conferences and serves the German debate on security policy with publications and press information.

THE CRISIS



Dark clouds are looming over the Western Balkans as Milorad Dodik, president of the Republika Srpska, has called for a referendum on potential secession from Bosnia and Herzegovina, posing a threat to regional peace. Concerns arise about the possibility of a spill-over effect on Northern Kosovo amid a developing civil unrest in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Meanwhile, amidst the mysterious theft of classified documents related to undersea power cables, the NordBalt undersea power cable was damaged. Suspicions point to Russian involvement, given the presence of Russian ghost ships in the area and increased drone activity across the Baltic. Questions linger about Russia's role in the cable's destruction and the identity of those responsible for the intelligence leaks, as well as the true objectives behind the heightened drone surveillance.

CHAIRS



Being a crucial part of Model NATO Germany, the chairs oversee the flow of debate around our crisis, maintain order within their respective committee, allocate speaking time, and mediate any conflicts that arise among delegates. Chairs also guide delegates in drafting the different components of the final communique to address the crisis, and ultimately contribute to the overall success and realism of the simulation by maintaining a fair and balanced environment for diplomatic negotiation.



Jan Quosdorf – Ali Dogan
North Atlantic Council



OTL Stefan Pierkes – Maximilian Freund
Military Committee



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Committee on Public Diplomacy



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North Macedonia



Slovenia



Romania



Lithuania



Czech Republic



Sweden



Latvia



Spain



Poland



Portugal



Norway



experts who briefed our delegations!

DAY 1



THE CONFERENCE

The proceedings of Day One commenced with embassy visits for our esteemed delegates, during which they were provided with a comprehensive briefing on their designated country's role within NATO. Subsequently, the event continued at the Federal Academy for Security Policy (BAKS), where the opening ceremony transpired, featuring speeches delivered by Sebastian Nieke, Acting Head of Communications at BAKS, and a keynote address delivered by Tomáš Kolomazník, Co-Founder and CEO of the Center for Security Consulting (CSC).

Following the establishment of the agenda within each committee, the delegates embarked on deliberations concerning various agenda items, including strategies to address the Balkan situation and its broader implications.

In the late afternoon, a crisis update was given, presenting the latest developments from the Balkans. With 70 percent of the votes tallied, a majority expressed support for the secession of Republika Srpska. Furthermore, reports surfaced on social media regarding ethnic violence targeting Serbian civilians. In response, the government of Bosnia and Herzegovina deployed army units to the border region within the country's interior to mitigate the potential escalation of violence.



DAY 2

THE CONFERENCE

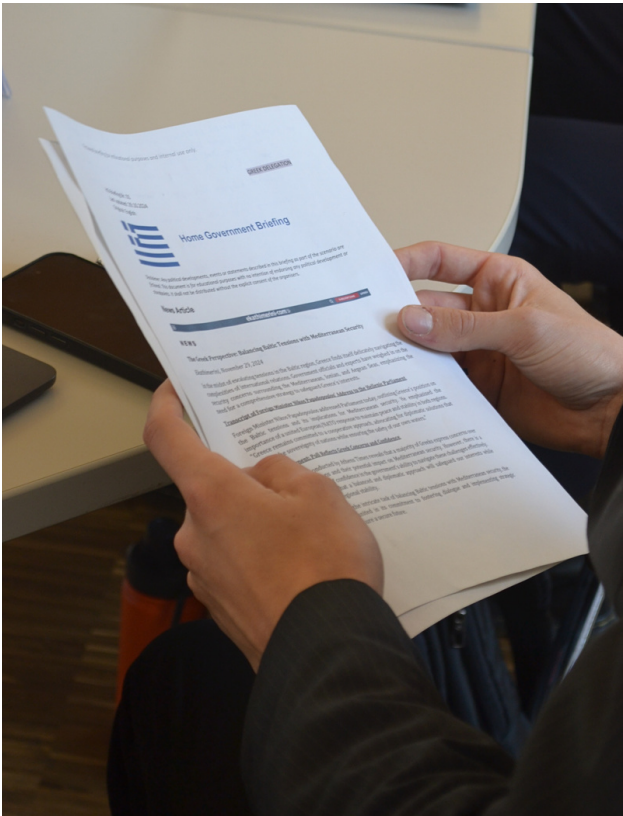
While the committees were diligently addressing the crisis in the Western Balkans, the Swedish and Lithuanian delegations were confronted with concerning developments. A vital power cable in the Baltic Sea, serving as a link between the two nations, had sustained damage. The circumstances surrounding this incident, whether it was accidental or deliberate, are currently under scrutiny. Notably, a Russian research vessel was observed in close proximity to the damaged cable, prompting discussions regarding the potential involvement of significant stakeholders.

However, within the simulation, the situation in the Balkans continued to evolve. In the afternoon, a subsequent crisis briefing provided updates on the escalating violence. Bosniak-Croat militias, Islamist factions, and units of the federal army aligned with the Republika Srpska faction engaged in acts of sabotage, executions, and fortified their respective positions. On the global stage, Russia issued threats of veto against the EU-led Althea mission, while China advocated for a cessation of hostilities and urged all parties to pursue negotiations. Intelligence reports indicated the presence of Russian weaponry among Republika Srpska forces, further complicating the geopolitical landscape.

Apart from the simulation, the speech delivered by Ambassador Brose, the former President of the Federal Academy for Security Policy, was certainly the highlight of the day.



THE CONFERENCE



Disturbing reports have surfaced indicating the presence of unidentified Russian forces in northern Kosovo, prompting concern among delegates. A far-right Serbian politician has seized upon this development as a historic chance to advocate for the reunification of the Serbian population. In response, the Serbian military has mobilized along the Kosovo and Republika Srpska borders, with Serbian President Vucic affirming the military's readiness for any potential outcomes. In a proactive measure, the Kosovar government has urged NATO to bolster its presence in the area through KFOR to safeguard Kosovo against potential Serbian incursions.

Meanwhile, an interim report on the Baltic crisis determined that the most likely cause of the damage was an anchor, resulting in the cable being non-operational. Swedish intelligence has pinpointed the Russian research vessel Admiral Vladimirsky as the probable source of the incident. Conversely, the Russian government has refuted these claims through a press release, disavowing any responsibility and attributing the accusations to NATO's attempt to revive a Cold War narrative regarding Russia. Representatives from the Northern nations have advocated for increased NATO presence in the area and heightened security measures to safeguard critical infrastructure.



DAY 4

THE CONFERENCE

Final Remarks & Closing

On Friday, the North Atlantic Council convened, with the delegates from the other two committees gathering in the Historical Hall to provide counsel. No crisis updates were presented on that day. The NAC commenced by reviewing the resolutions from the Military Committee and the Committee on Public Diplomacy. Subsequently, the Council proceeded with its agenda, addressing issues raised in other committees to finalize a comprehensive document. Despite the prior agreement on individual agenda items, adopting the document as a whole posed challenges, with even minor wording leading to prolonged discussions among participating nations. Ultimately, consensus was reached among all NATO members on the final document. The session concluded with the recognition of outstanding delegates through the presentation of awards. Closing remarks were delivered by Chairman Jonathan Ponfick, marking the end of the simulation.





COMMITTEES

North Atlantic Council



Military Committee



Committee on Public Diplomacy



WHAT OUR PARTICIPANTS SAY



Reflecting on the Model NATO Germany 2023 conference, I am once again grateful for having had the opportunity to participate and want to emphasize the significant influence of this event on my academic journey. This conference has unquestionably enhanced my expertise, fueling my enthusiasm to the fields of security studies and international diplomacy. I am honored to have received the award for outstanding delegate in the North Atlantic Council representing Lithuania, and I am certain that this experience will continue inspiring me and my co-delegates to navigate the complexities of global affairs.

- Laura Eckhoff

To me this week was a unique experience, which provided an interesting insight of the interactions and processes within NATO and its Committees. I really enjoyed negotiating with the other delegates about proper recommendations to counter the upcoming security threats in the Balkans and the Baltic Sea. It was a great pleasure to participate in this 1st Model NATO Germany!

- Josef Hebeda

It was truly an incredible experience to represent Iceland in the Committee on Public Diplomacy at the first Model NATO Germany conference and I feel honored to have received an award. The conference was not only a great deal of fun, but it also proved to be an invaluable learning experience - about the inner workings of the committee and in-between committees, the heated debates and negotiations with other delegates, and, most of all, the feeling of satisfaction when consensus has been reached on a difficult topic. A great thank you to the organising team for the amazing conference and to all participating for making the event unforgettable, and congratulations to all other delegates and delegations that won an award!

- Anna-Feliz Sindermann

I am deeply honored and grateful to be recognized as one of the award winners at the first Model NATO in Germany, an experience that has significantly enriched my understanding of the complexities of international security and diplomacy. The insightful interactions with fellow participants provided invaluable perspectives, fostering a profound appreciation for the intricate dynamics within NATO. This experience has particularly heightened my interest in the security challenges faced by NATO's Eastern European countries, inspiring a continued dedication to advancing my knowledge in this crucial area.

- Paul Dutz

IN NUMBERS



Participants with 21 different citizenships attended



63 Men and 32 Women among the Participants

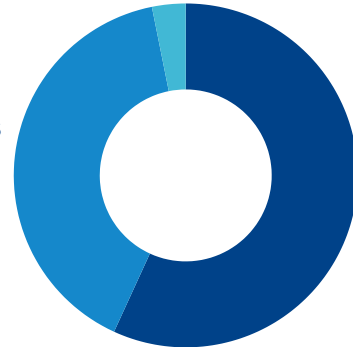


9 Men and 13 Women among the Organizers

Master Students
38

PhD Students
3

Bachelor Students
54



Participants from 41 Universities and 11 Countries



GET INVOLVED!



*Do you or your organization want to be part of
Model NATO Germany?*

There are different ways to get involved!

If you and your organization would like to become a **partner** of Model NATO Germany, support us monetarily or with academic support at the next conference in 2024, please feel free to get in touch at **contact@modelnatogermany.de!**

Would you like to gain more insight into the **organizational work** that goes into Model NATO Germany as a private individual? Become part of the team! You can find the next Call for Support on our Social Media Profiles or our Website.

Do you want to **support us**, do not have the time for the organizing the simulation, but still would like to have a say in where our organization is headed, join our organization as a member - the membership is free! Just fill in the form on our website.

You want to **participate in the next Model NATO Germany?** Stay tuned for the next Call for Applications, which will be published in Q2/Q3 of this year.

We are looking forward to
hearing from you!



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further information or feedback!**

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