

**PRE-DRAFT**  
**BALTIC MILTECH SUMMIT**  
**VILNIUS, 7 May 2025**

Venue – Radisson Blu Hotel,

*"The Edge of Defense: Transforming Security with Innovation"*

**9:00 – 9:20 Opening speeches**

- H. E. Mr. Gitanas Nausėda, President of the Republic of Lithuania
- Andrius Kubilius, EU Defence and Space Commissioner
- Lukas Savickas, Minister of Economy and Innovation of Lithuania
- Dovilė Šakalienė, Minister of National Defence

**9:20 – 11:00 Defence Industry: Policy Shifts in the Defence Landscape**

- **Key note:** James Appathurai, NATO / Northrop Grumman
- **Panel:**
- **Fire side chat:**

**11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break**

**11:30 – 12:30 Innovation Engines: Driving Defense Technology through Investment**

- **Key note:**
- **Fire side chat:** Rheinmetall representative x Defence 24 (*TBC*)
- **Fire side chat** Mark B. Thompson, FATHOMWERX Tech Bridge Co-Director x Dominykas Milašius
- **Panel:** Chair of the DIANA Board of Directors, Lt Gen (Ret) Dr Dennis Gyllensporre, New North Ventures, Stephanie Bellistri, Brave 1, Rita Sakus, LitBAN, Eliza Kruczkowska, Director of the Innovation Development Department at PFR S.A, Stephane Klecha Klecha & Co, / Moderated by BBC representative

**12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break**

**13:30 – 13:40 Opening of the afternoon session** Sigutė Stankevičiūtė, Head of Manufuture lab, Innovation Agency Lithuania

**13:40 – 14:45 Disruptive Defence Solutions: From Ground to Space**

- **Key note:**
- **Panel:**
- **Fire side chat:**

Sabine von der Recke, OHB Systems AG, Board member

**14:45 – 16:00 Cyber Frontlines: Battling Emerging Threats in a Connected World**

- **Key note:** Dr. Hans Christoph Atzpodien, general director, BDSW | *Emerging Cyber Threats in the Military Sector and Countermeasures*
- **Key note:** Sviatoslav Hnizdovskiy, Open Minds LTD | *Cognitive Warfare: Lessons from the Russo-Ukrainian War*
- **Fire side chat:** SSgt Mathew Miranda, USA military x Col. Eugenijus Lastauskas (*TBC*)
- **Panel:** Carol Macha, CIO, NATO Communications and Information Agency (NCIA), Kazimieras Sadauskas, CBRX, Izabela Albrycht, Director of the Cybersecurity Centre, Poland, Capt. Vitalii Voropai, Head of the Cybersecurity Department of a Military Unit, Ukraine, Kadi Silde, Director of European Engagement, Helsing, Estonia/ Moderated by Elisabeth Gosselin-Malo, Defence News

09:20 – 20:00 **B2B meetings**

16:00 – 20:00 **Side events**

20:00 – 23:00 **Networking event**

**Partner events:**

May 4-6<sup>th</sup>, European Defence Tech Hackathon

May 6<sup>th</sup> Germany business forum

May 6<sup>th</sup> Vilnius Space days, Lithuania x Italy B2B

May 6<sup>th</sup> Dinner for Baltic Miltech Summit speakers

May 7<sup>th</sup>, NCIA consultation event for Lithuanian companies

May 7<sup>th</sup> Lithuanian defence tech startups exhibition/ organized by Lithuanian Venture capital funds

May 8<sup>th</sup>, Live Firing Show, <https://livefiringshow.com/>