



FALL 2018 CRISIS SIMULATION: KALININGRAD

Participant Guide

Thank you for confirming your participation in the Center for Security Policy Studies' Fall 2018 Crisis Simulation. This short guide is intended to help you and your colleagues get the most benefit possible out of your participation and ensure you arrive at the simulation prepared.

A number of other documents are provided to you before the simulation:

1. Event schedule
2. Game rules: game instructions, player guide, DIME action examples, game map

Make sure you are familiar with the event schedule and at least skim through the game rules. However, do not worry if the rules seem overly complex. Your facilitator will walk you through a hands-on orientation and you will see that the rules are hard to describe but simple to execute.

You are also encouraged to watch a short video that gives examples from a past simulation. The video shows a range of potential DIME actions and the flow of a game round. Note: in our upcoming Kaliningrad game, Russia goes twice instead of China going twice in the video/script. Link to the video: [Sample Simulation Video](#)

The simulation employs an argument-driven matrix game format. This means that the single most important skill you can bring to the exercise is the ability to argue orally. You will need to form convincing, concise oral arguments for your own faction and to convincingly support or refute the oral arguments of the other factions. This simulation will repeatedly require you to speak to a group of 8 – 10 people who are all paying attention to you.

The following page includes resources to help you prepare for the simulation. Remember that there are no wrong answers and that simulations are designed to create somewhat stressful situations. Every player's strategy for dealing with nerves is different, so use the one that works best for you. However, all players can benefit from being as knowledgeable as possible about the countries represented in the scenario. Stay engaged, enthusiastic and respectful, be forthcoming and honest in the after-action review, and most importantly - have fun!

We're glad you've decided to join us. We're looking forward to seeing you on Saturday October 27th!

Resources

The game rules document provides a limited degree of background for the scenario. The links below provide additional information and perspectives to help you arrive informed and aware.

[New Satellite Images Suggest Military Buildup in Russia's Strategic Enclave](#)

Oren Liebermann, Frederick Pleitgen, and Vasco Cotovio, CNN

[Reinforcing Deterrence on NATO's Eastern Flank: Wargaming the Defense of the Baltics](#)

David Shlapak and Michael W. Johnson, RAND Corporation

[Russia 'Simulated Full-Scale War' Against NATO, Says Military Commander](#)

Samuel Osborne, Independent

[What Russia's Vostok-2018 Exercises Mean for China and the West](#)

Mathieu Boulège, The Hill

[This is How Russia Could Test NATO, Warns Former U.S. Army Europe Commander](#)

Patrick Tucker, Defense One

[NATO Defense Ministers to Discuss Delicate Relations with Russia](#)

Li Deyi, China Global Television Network

[Winter is Coming: Observations from the Baltic States](#)

Colin Dueck, Center for European Policy Analysis

[Fort Trump: A Silly Name Masks a Good Idea](#)

Michael Hunzeker and Alexander Lanoszka, Defense One

[Two Reasons Not to Build Fort Trump in Today's Poland](#)

Michael Fitzsimmons, Defense One

[Eyeing Possible U.S. Base, Belarus Says No Russian Base, For Now](#)

Alastair MacDonald, Reuters

[Latvian Armed Forces Staging Their Largest Military Exercise Yet](#)

Mu Xuequan, Xinhua

[Why Poland Fell Out of Step With Europe](#)

Lidia Kelly, Justyna Pawlak, and Anna Wlodarczak-Semczuk, Reuters

["They Will Die in Tallinn": Estonia Girds for War with Russia](#)

Molly McKew, Politico

[Russia's Controversial Nord Stream 2 Pipeline May Now Be Unstoppable](#)

Dave Keating, Forbes

[Europe's Addiction to Russian Energy is Dangerous](#)

John Barrasso, The Washington Post

[Baltic States to Decouple Power Grids from Russia, Link to EU by 2025](#)

Alissa de Carbonel, Andrius Sytas, Reuters

[Europe's Depopulation Time Bomb is Ticking in the Baltics](#)

Leonid Ragozin, Bloomberg

[Latvians Are Afraid of Refugees, Refugees Are Afraid of Latvians](#)

Bernardo Bertenasco, Baltic Review

[Russian Minority Party Wins Latvian Vote, Populists Surge](#)

Jari Tanner, Associated Press

[Baltics: Lithuania Has Been More Tolerant to its Russian Population](#)

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