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Abstract:

The Ukrainian-Russian conflict that erupted in 2014 has become one of the most important geopolitical events in the international arena and has had a significant impact on the situation in Eastern Europe. This presentation aims to analyse the effects of this conflict on the modernisation of armed forces in the Eastern Flank region, in particular the NATO and Eastern Partnership countries.

In the context of the Ukrainian-Russian conflict, many countries on the Eastern Flank have undertaken significant modernisation efforts in their armed forces. The introduction of new technologies, the purchase of advanced weaponry and the development of defence capabilities have become a priority for these states. The presentation is based on an analysis of the modernisation strategies and defence budgets of countries such as Poland, Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.

The presentation will also discuss aspects of international cooperation, especially NATO support for the modernisation of troops on the eastern flank and military integration of the Eastern Partnership countries. We will present examples of joint exercises, training programmes and initiatives to strengthen the region's defence capabilities.

The analysis of the impact of the conflict on military modernisation in the eastern flank is crucial for understanding the dynamically changing security situation in the region. The conclusions of this study have important implications for further defence policy and strategic planning in the region.

It is worth emphasising that the issues discussed are interdisciplinary, combining geopolitical, military-technical and strategic aspects, which makes them highly relevant to the security and stability of Eastern Europe.

Key words: Ukrainian-Russian conflict, modernisation of the armed forces, NATO's, eastern flank, regional security, military technology, international cooperation

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