



# VISEGRAD YOUTH FORUM 2020



## Joint Statement from the North Atlantic Council Summit Simulation

The following joint statement has been created and agreed upon during the North Atlantic Council summit simulation at the Visegrad Youth Forum 2020 organized by the Euro-Atlantic Center.

We, the members of the Alliance, have agreed upon and would like to declare the following points in regards to successfully cope with the new coronavirus pandemic and it's side effects:

### **1. Common approach in regard to the COVID-19 pandemic**

- a. Platform for know-how, experience and expertise transfer
  - i. Countries would share their expertise and experience with the COVID-19 pandemic
  - ii. Provide available capacities to help other members countries (personnel, equipment/material, spatial capacities
  - iii. Overseen by a steering committee?
  - iv. Possible future coordination with WHO and/or other intragovernmental bodies/organisations?

### **2. Disinformation**

- . Raising the expenditure for the Cyber defence CoE, CBRN CoE and increase support of Hybrid threat CoE
- a. Possible creation of an action group to tackle COVID-specific disinformation/cyber threats?

### **3. Budget**

- a. Keeping the status quo due to unforeseen circumstances (related to intangibles associated with the COVID-19 pandemic) in the near future pending further agreement by member states.
- b. b.) The members of the Alliance will still aim to adhere to the criteria of spending 2% of their GDP on defence

### **4. Cope with the challenges and opportunities posed by Russia and China while maintaining stable relationship and dialogue**

(DISCLAIMER: This joint statement is addressed to policy makers to inform them of the opinions of young V4 leaders and should serve as recommendation material.)

