

Editorial

In the face of war, what can I write in my editorial to remain relevant? The main question that comes to my mind relates to the widely held perception about the safety and security of Europe. So, who could have imagined a brutal and distractive war in the centre of Europe in the 21 Century? Unimaginable, yet real. My deepest sympathy goes to those who try to defend their country. Their determination is admirable. Now, almost everything seems trivial when compared with this human tragedy, and the notion that the world order has reached a tipping point. So many international organisations, with thousands of employees and a mission to maintain peace, stability and co-operation may prove completely irrelevant, if the whole world is dragged into a war in which there will be no winners, no victory and no future.

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