

CIVIL READINESS – HISTORICAL RETROSPECTIONS AND MODERN CONCEPTS

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Abstract: *In the proposed study a historical analysis of the name, functions, processes, activities and tasks of comprehensive preparation of the state for defense is performed. Bulgaria's full membership in NATO opens new opportunities for our country to realize civil readiness in certain aspects of national planning, which affect the ability to contribute to the efforts of Allies through continuity of governance, continuity of basic services to the population and civil support for military operations. Strengthening the civilian dimension of the Common Security and Defense Policy is an essential element of the European Union's joint approach, operating in parallel with other integrated plan instruments. It is concluded that in modern conditions it is necessary to conduct civil readiness at all levels in the country, in accordance with the new conditions and the changed security environment.*

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