

CHALLENGES TO THE SECURITY AND DEFENCE SYSTEMS IN THE CONTEXT OF STRATEGIC THINKING

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Abstract: *This paper expresses the authors' opinion on the use of strategic thinking in the security and defence systems of the Republic of Bulgaria. The main purpose of the paper is to present the essence and characteristics of the strategic thinking concept, basic views and realities on the applicability of strategic thinking in the security and defence systems, as well as to identify possible approaches to overcome the existing shortage of abilities in its use with an emphasis on the Armed forces of the Republic of Bulgaria.*

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