

# GSOF SYMPOSIUM EUROPE 2023

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**It is a pleasure to welcome you to the  
2023 GLOBAL SOF SYMPOSIUM – EUROPE,  
to be held in Brno, Czech Republic on October 24-26, 2023.**



The Czech Republic celebrates its 30th anniversary this year. For the Czech citizens, those three decades have been the longest period of freedom, prosperity and security in the country's modern history. The world is evolving and changes materialise ever faster and increasingly less predictably. New challenges always put our preparedness and its standards to a test. The last two years in Europe have clearly testified to that. Militaries are working hard to strengthen their capabilities. Revision of strategies is underway, new defence plans and force models are being developed. It is a living process designed to successfully face the Russian threat, terrorism as well as attacks by non-state actors. At the same time, those are topics that need to be comprehensively tackled at various levels and the Global SOF Symposium – Europe offers a perfect venue for discussion, experience sharing and for cultivating partnerships.



Special Operations Forces (SOF), as discreet problem solvers, continuously search for distinct and innovative ways to succeed in the current security environment.

Mastering “Plausible Deniability,” the symposium topic, significantly decreases potential escalation, political and operational risks.

Global SOF Symposium – Europe also provides a venue for examining and demonstrating other inspiring ideas and modern technological options for SOF enterprise to support international collaboration and operational relevancy.

We hope that you will enjoy your stay in Brno, recognized as a town in 1243, and leave the Global SOF Symposium – Europe on October 24-26 with new ideas for development of SOF.

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