

MAJOR GENERAL (Retired) PAUL HURMUZ

Paul HURMUZ joined the Military High School in 1976 and the Military Academy in 1980. His military career, as a commissioned officer, started in 1983, in a SIGINT and Electronic Warfare Unit, where he held different positions, including the Head of the COMINT Department.

After attending the Staff College between 1990 and 1992, he was appointed as a Battalion Commander, before joining the Romanian Military Intelligence Directorate in 1993. From 1994 until 1998 he was Assistant Defence Attaché in Turkey.



Between January 2003 and December 2007 he assumed the position of Defence, Military, Air and Naval Attaché in London, UK. In this capacity, he represented the Romanian MOD in different formats during Iraq, Afghanistan and Balkans operations.

Since January 2008, as the Head of Plan, Policy and International Cooperation in the Military Intelligence Directorate, he was responsible for: the Strategic Intelligence Work Plan, Intelligence Policies, Standardization, Intelligence Capabilities Development, Lessons Learned, International Intelligence Cooperation (Engagement), NATO and EU Intelligence Commitments. He was the national representative in the BICES Board of Directors from 2008 until 2013.

Between January and July 2013, he attended the National Defence College in Bucharest.

Since 12 September 2013 until 1st September 2016, Paul HURMUZ assumed the position as the Deputy Director of the Intelligence Division in the International Military Staff (NATO HQ) at a critical time for the Alliance, facing great challenges from both the Eastern and Southern flanks. In this capacity he was also responsible as the Chair of the Military Intelligence Committee (Working Level), the Senior Military Coordinator for Joint Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (JISR) and the Chair of the NATO Geospatial Board (NGB). He was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General on 1st December 2013.

In his role as the NATO Senior Military Coordinator for JISR, he ensured senior-level, cross functional coordination across the International Military Staff, Strategic Commands and NATO Agencies for this high visibility project and was instrumental in achieving the Initial Operational Capability for NATO JISR.

On 2nd September 2016, he was appointed as Deputy of the State Secretary and Chief of the Defence Policy and Planning Department in the Romanian Ministry of National Defence and on 1st December 2016 he was promoted to Major General. He retired in August 2017 after 34 years of military service.

During his career and after retirement he has been actively attending the activities organized by the Royal United Services Institute and the Chatham House (London, UK). Since 2017 he has also organized and moderated panels on Security and Defence subjects in Romania.