



Dr Velizar Shalamanov

**Chairperson, NCI Organisation (NCIO)
Agency Supervisory Board**

Dr Shalamanov is the current Chairperson of the NATO Communications and Information (NCI) Agency Supervisory Board (ASB). The ASB reports directly to the North Atlantic Council and is responsible for the organizational governance of the NCI Agency, aiming to ensure transparency, accountability, and efficiency of the Agency by providing guidance and strategic direction and monitoring its performance.

Dr Shalamanov also serves as Deputy Director of the Institute of Information and Communication Technologies of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, leading - and providing advice on - the Academy's digital endeavour and Bulgaria's e-government programme.

From 2013 to 2017, Dr Shalamanov held the position of Director, Demand Management at the NCI Agency. Between 2009 and 2012, he was in charge of cooperation with the Nations in the NATO Consultation, Command and Control Agency (NC3A), one of the NCI Agency's predecessors.

In 2014, Dr Shalamanov served as the caretaker Defence Minister of Bulgaria. From 1998 to 2001, he was the Bulgarian Deputy Minister of Defence for Policy, Planning and Integration. As a member of Bulgaria's Security Council and the Interagency NATO Integration Council, he supported defence reform, NATO/ EU integration of Bulgaria, and introduced the Chief Information Officer function in the Bulgarian Ministry of Defence. He also held the role of Chairman of the Board of Directors of the TEREM Stock Holding Company.

From 2001 to 2009, Dr Shalamanov held several roles, including Advisor on National Security and Defence to the Chairman of the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Director of C4ISR (Command, Control, Communications, Computer, Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance) Programmes in the Centre for National Security and Defence Research, and Head of Department at the Institute of Parallel Processing.

In 1984-1998, as an officer of the Bulgarian Armed Forces, Dr Shalamanov's assignments included the C4 Systems Institute at the General Staff. As the Head of the Military Intelligent Systems department, and the Intelligence and Electronic Warfare Division of the Main Headquarters of the Land Forces. Dr Shalamanov led projects for the Armed Forces in support of Operations and Intelligence functional areas from strategic to tactical levels.

In 1984, Dr Shalamanov received his Master's degree in Radio Electronics from the Air Force Academy "Georgi Benkovski", in 1991 he defended his PhD thesis on cybernetics in Kiev (Ukraine), and in 1998 he became an Associate Professor in Automated Information Systems. In 1995, he graduated from the Georgi Rakovski Defence College in Sofia with a Master's degree in Organization and Management of Operational and Tactical Intelligence and Electronic Warfare. He has also completed courses in the United States of America (1997-1998, C4 Officer) and Germany (1997, International Security), and at the George Marshall European Center for Security Studies (SES 2009, Global Shift of Power).

Dr Shalamanov co-founded the Sofia and Varna Chapters of the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) and, from 2013-2017, he was a member of its Board of Directors and Executive Committee.

Dr Shalamanov was born on 24 December 1961 in Karlovo, Bulgaria. He and his spouse, Bonka, have a daughter and granddaughter.