

### Black Sea Security: main trends 2030

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A Map of the Black Sea Region (BSR) UKRAINE ANSDNIESTRIA DONETSK MOLDOVA RUSSIA AND LUHANSK ROMANIA CRIMEA **ABKHAZIA** SOUTH **BLACK SEA OSSETIA** GEORGIA AZERBAIJAN **TURKEY** 



- Russia
- •NATO/EU and its Members
- •CPR
- 'Grey zone' countries



- Russia considers the BSR as a core region for its great power policy
- Region for Russia is a Soft Underbelly:
  - Treats of 'Hostile Navy'
  - A 'bridgehead' for force projection to the MENA and Balkans
  - Sea trade and exporting energy resources (Russian BSR ports make 30,7 % of general cargo turnover)
  - Exploiting resources of the BSR
- Russia can protect its interests only by domination in the BSR



Military: Strike Capabilities, A2/AD Zone,
 Navy

#### Political:

- Shape a 'Zone of the Privilege Interest' or at least a 'Grey Zone' (to keep NATO forces out);
- Frozen conflicts
- Games with NATO members

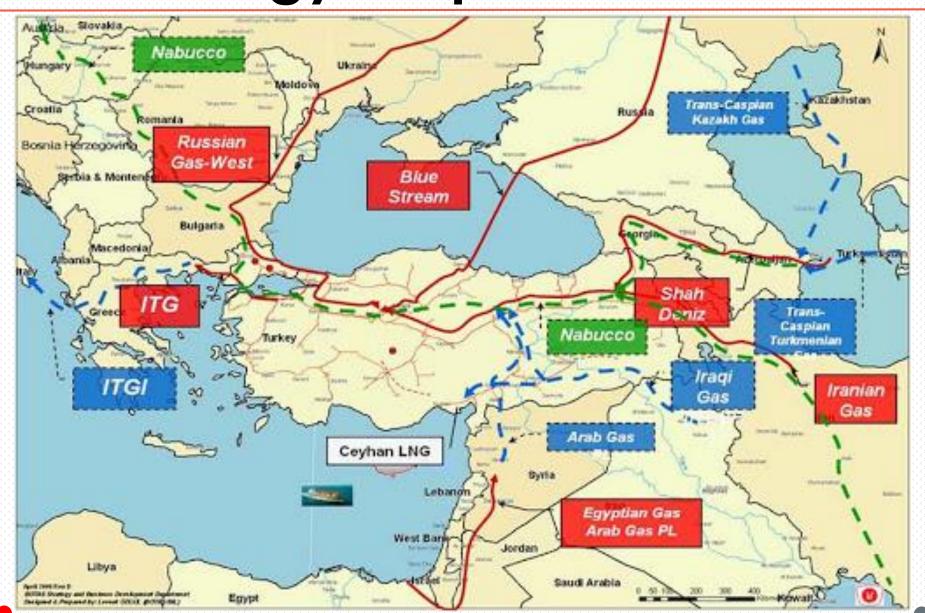
#### Informational:

- Propaganda
- Cyber activities

#### Economy:

- Energy (Streams)
- Trade

# Energy map of the BSR





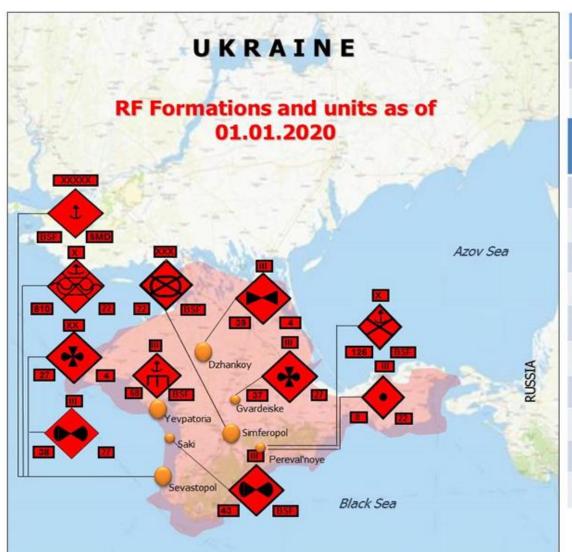
- Crimea is a key point for Russian domination
- Perceived threats to core
   Russian interests were the key
   factor of Russian decision to
   challenge rule-based world
   order by illegal occupation of
   Crimea
- Russia is securing its military presence in Crimea by all means and ready to pay any price

## The Stronghold 'Crimea'



#### Deployment of the Russian forces in Crimea





#### Combat units as of 01 Jan 2014

810th Separate Naval Infantry Brigade

7058th Aviation base

#### Combat units as of 01 Jan 2020

22nd Army Corps

810th Separate Naval Infantry Brigade

126th Separate Coastal Defense Brigade

8th Artillery Regiment

68th Separate Naval Engineering Regiment

27th Composite Aviation Division

37th Composite Aviation Regiment

38th Fighter Aviation Regiment

39th Helicopter Regiment

43rd Separate Naval Assault Aviation Regiment

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#### Frozen and Protracted Conflicts

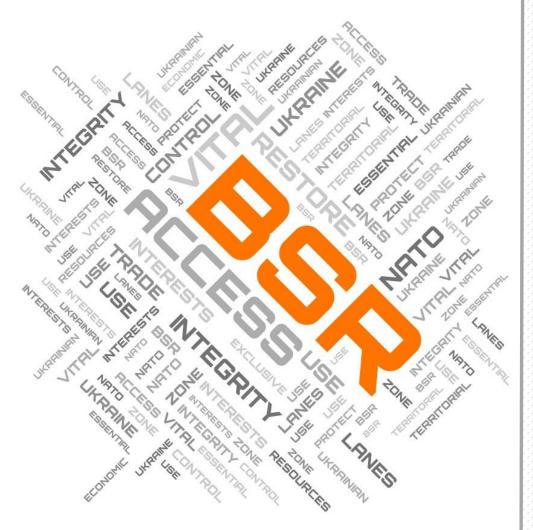
 Means of Russian security policy as buffer zones and tools on:

-Georgia: South Ossetia, Abkhazia

-Ukraine: temporary occupied territories in Donetsk and Luhansk regions

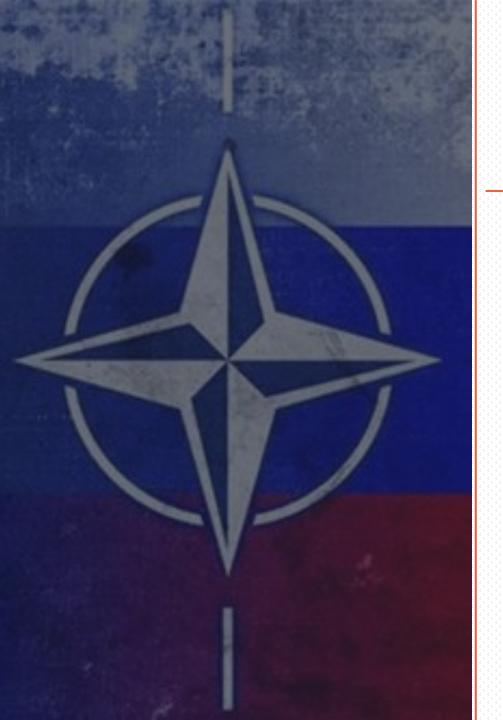
-Moldova: Transnistria

 Russia would prefer at least to maintain status-quo in zones of conflicts



#### Ukrainian interests in the BSR

- Vital to protect access to sea trade lanes (cargo turnover of Ukrainian ports – 160 million ton)
- Essential Interests:
  - to restore territorial integrity of Ukraine
  - to guaranty control over exclusive economic zone and to use its resources (over 30 % of total oil and natural gas reserves of Ukraine are there)
- The best way is to join NATO and the EU



# NATO Measures to Deter Russia in the BSR: Only a Limited Success

- Strengthening the South-Eastern flank of NATO has been decreasing a probability of Russian provocations against NATO members in the BSR
- Russia has shaped a «grey security zone» with blurred rules and constant risks of escalation which could affect NATO states



- Main corridor of 'One Belt, One Road' comes throw the territory of Turkey.
- The interest of the NATO and CPR is preventing major escalation in the BSR



- Stable instability` in the BSR could be protracted
- Vicious Circle: Insecurity-Underdevelopment -Insecurity
- Risks of unintentional escalation



- The best scenario Ukraine and Georgia become NATO members after complex reforms in the frame of a Membership Action Plan implementation. *This process could trigger Russian overreaction.*
- To shape NATO Enhanced Opportunity Partnership with Ukraine and Georgia as useful tool for stabilizing the BSR
- Security cooperation
- Constant NATO air and naval presence
- 'Measures of trust' with Russia



- Improving of interoperability of Ukrainian forces with deterrence effect
- Regular joint exercises on Ukrainian and NATO members territories in the BSR
- Protection of critical infrastructure
- Informational exchange
- To continue cooperation in addressing non-military threats especially so-called «Hybrid»