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The **Bled Strategic Forum**, in cooperation with the **Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs** and **Trivelis Inštitut**, invites you to attend a **BSF conversation** with **Ambassador (ret) Michael R. Carpenter, USA**

on **Tuesday, 9 June 2026**, at **Center Rog**, beginning at **17:00**.

Conversation will be moderated by Katja Geršak, Head of Trivelis Institute for Defense, Security and Resilience

Europe and the United States remain deeply interconnected through security, trade, technology, and shared political interests—yet growing strategic differences are raising new questions about the future direction of the transatlantic relationship. Europe has found itself in a precarious situation which calls for a greater strategic autonomy, especially when it comes to security and military capabilities.

- Are we witnessing a temporary recalibration of the transatlantic partnership—or the beginning of a more fundamental strategic shift?
- What role will NATO play in an increasingly uncertain geopolitical environment?
- Can Europe strengthen its defence capabilities while remaining closely aligned with the United States?
- How are economic competition, trade tensions, and technological dependencies reshaping relations between allies?

Join us for a conversation with Ambassador (ret.) Carpenter on the future of transatlantic relations in a rapidly changing world.

Registration is required by **Friday, 5 June 2026** at the [link](#). The panel will be conducted in **English**.