

THE WASHINGTON – LONDON - BUCHAREST AXIS IN PRESIDENT BĂSESCU'S EXTERNAL AND SECURITY POLICIES: 2004 – 2008 – DESIDERATUM AND REALITY -

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Abstract. Stated by the President Traian Băsescu on the 13th of December 2004, and generated by the wake of the strategic Partnership between Romania and USA and the strategic Romanian – British relation, the external and security political strategy named The Washington – London – Bucharest Axis was a priority for the period of his term.

Aiming the Pontic geopolitical space and its security and energetic issues, the strategy did not have the support of an official political – diplomatic document, neither a formal recognition from the USA and Great Britain. The Romanian political establishment did not agree the strategy formula, being throughout its consequences the apparition of a premiere in the Romanian political life – the co-habitation of a presidential administration, obviously atlantist, with a Cabinet declared European. More, it generated, in the Community environment, questions upon the place of the Romanian presidential Administration in the USA – EU strategic relation.

Thus, the strategy had the support of some explicit American gestures and policies. For instance, we are referring to the installation of some military devices into the Dobrogea facilities, the sustaining of the Nabucco energetic project, the Black Sea Form for Dialogue and Partnership – a Romanian initiative, or the lodge of the Black Sea Fund for Regional Cooperation – an American initiative. The concrete effects of the Romanian moves circumscribed to the Strategy of the Axis were significantly limited by its cope with the Pontic policies of the Russian Federation and Turkey's.

Of course, the consequences of this strategy will continue extending, and the debate on the theoretic support's consistency – liberal, and the discrepancy between the presidential politic will and the sub-regional strategic geopolitical reality will film the interest of the politic analysts and historians of the recent history.

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