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Dr Velizar Shalamanov assumed the post of Director Demand Management for the NATO Communications and Information (NCI) Agency as of 1 July 2012.

In the period August-November 2014 Dr Shalamanov was called for a national service post by the President of the Republic of Bulgaria as the Minister of Defence in the caretaker government, leading the development of the national programme "Bulgaria in NATO and European defence 2020".

Previously, on 17 July 2009, he became the Director Sponsor Account - NATO and Nations at the NATO C3 Agency (NC3A), leading the development of C4ISR projects for NATO Nations and Partner countries, Alliance bodies and other international organizations, providing interoperability, coherence and best value for money in a timely manner.

From September 2001 to July 2009, he held various positions in the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences as advisor on National Security and Defence (NS&D) to the Chairman of the Academy, Director of the C4 Programme in the Center for NS&D Research, Assistant Director in the Space Research Institute, Head of C4 Department and Joint Training Simulation and Analysis Center in the Institute of Parallel Processing. In addition he served as a member of the NATO Science Committee's Human Security Dimension Panel, a member of the International Advisory Board of Geneva Center for Democratic Control of Armed Forces and a member of European Security Research and Innovation Forum (ESRIF), Chairman of Integrated Emergency Management and Critical Infrastructure Protection (CIP) panel of National Civil Protection Scientific Coordination Council. For two years Dr Shalamanov was also a Vice President of the US Management Consulting company "Winbourne and Costas" Inc.

In the period 1998-2001, Dr Shalamanov was Deputy Minister of Defence for Policy, Planning and Integration, responsible for Defence reform and NATO integration. He was a member of the Interagency NATO Integration Council, Security Council of the Government and Head of the Interagency Situation Center established during the Kosovo crisis in 1999 and for other critical security situations in the period. As Deputy Minister he led the Joint Bulgarian – US Defence Reform Study, C4 Study, Joint Bulgarian – UK Defence Management Study and development of the Military Doctrine of 1999 and Defence Reform / Membership Action Plan 2004 as well as serving as a Chairman of the Board of Directors of TEREM Stock Holding Company. He worked on introduction of Planning Programming and Budgeting System (PPBS) and Chief Information Officer (CIO) institution in MoD.

Prior to that, Major Shalamanov served for 14 years in the Armed Forces: eight years in the C4 Institute of the General Staff as the head of Military Intelligent Systems and New Information and Management Technologies departments; two years in the Intelligence and Electronic Warfare Division of the Main HQ of the Land Forces.

Dr Velizar Shalamanov was born in Karlovo, Bulgaria on 24 December 1961. He graduated with gold medal from the Bulgarian Air Force Academy "Benkovsky" (1979-1984), PhD Study in Kiev (1988-1991), Defence Staff College "Rakovsky" (1993-1995), CJTF/Military Operations Other Than War (MOOTW) course (Suffolk, 1996), International Security Course (Kiel, 1997), Programming and Analysis Course (Keesler AFB, 1998), Senior Executive Seminar (Garmisch, 2009).

Dr Shalamanov is a member of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee Member – 15 of AFCEA International.