



NATO-RACVIAC Conference on Better Management of Defence Resources, Including Integrity Building in Armed Forces

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- Dates** 14 - 16/17 September 2009
- Venue(s)** RACVIAC Facilities at Military Barracks "Vitez Damir Martić", Rakitje, Stari hrast 53, 10437 Bestovje, Croatia
- Background** Defence resources management systems are facing serious challenges in the context of the latest global financial crisis. These challenges more than ever urge for the development of relevant mechanisms of budgeting, control of expenditures and procurement, while constant budget cuts require continuous improvement and innovations in their management. The emphasis is to be put on the feasible solutions in the context of defence and security sector integration processes, which makes the connecting point for all the countries of the region involved in this event, and which should not suffer from the financial contingencies.
- Purpose & Objectives** The purpose of the Conference is to establish common platform for mutual exchange of views and experiences on major aspects in the area of defence resources management within the context of building integrity in defence institutions, primarily from the perspective of several NATO members and partner countries in Europe and North America.
The Conference objectives are as follows:
- To provide the cross section of actual issues in defence resource management systems in Europe and North America
 - To provide overview of possible solutions on some highly specific issues in budgeting, procurement and expenditures control;
 - To enable exchange of information on the latest developments regarding ongoing defence and security budget reforms in SEE countries;
 - To initiate informal expert communication between defence resources management proponents in Europe and North America;
 - To provide common ground for future formal cooperation between individual countries involved in the Conference;
 - To discuss possible modalities of future regional cooperation in the field of defence resources management, including NATO contributions.
- Participants** Number of participants (estimated): 35 - 40
Three participants per core member country: AL, BA, BG, HR, MK, MD, ME, RO and RS. Participants from NATO and international organizations with interest in international and regional defence management and integrity building processes.
Participation Criteria: Participants should have extensive experience in the corresponding field of interest, holding middle or high management positions in respective organizations/institutions, and they should be able to identify, share and apply the best practices.
Required English Language Proficiency: NATO STANAG 6001 level 2. Participants are expected to be familiar with the corresponding subject matter terminology.
- Methodology** The event is designed as an expert forum and it will be conducted as a combination of individual presentations and corresponding discussions. The Conference working language will be English.
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