



Conference on



"Regional Security through Regional Ownership: A new Era of Cooperation?"

Co-organised with Turkish SEECP Chairmanship

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Ankara/Turkey

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SEE regional security cooperation initiative is a crucial preventive element in overcoming any future security challenges. In this respect, the Southeast Europe Cooperation Process (SEECP), together with its Turkish Chairmanship is playing a key role in the regional stability improvement process.

Enhancement of regional ownership is accepted as an essential tool to ensure sustainability of the existing regional co-operation networks. It assumes progressive and suitable undertake of the responsibilities over the initiatives and organizations that actively contribute to the peace and stability in the SEE, by the region itself. This is an exceptional endeavour that promotes the idea of the lasting peace, stability and prosperity through cooperation. RACVIAC and Turkish SEECP Chairmanship believe that regional ownership is one of the most powerful political tools in fostering regional stability and security, as well as supporting the economic development of the region. Thus, the Conference should provide SEE countries with the opportunity to discuss this highly important topic within the framework of established Conference purpose and objectives.

The purpose of the Conference is to contribute the enhancement of the synergy in the field of regional security cooperation in Southeast European (SEE) countries by enabling common platform for fruitful exchange of individual views, best practices and discussions on existing challenges, as well as required priorities and possible opportunities.

The Conference objectives are as follows:

- To reach a common understanding of the concept of regional ownership and regional responsibility;
- To examine the existing regional co-operation frameworks for a concerted approach on security and stability in the SEE;
- To discuss challenges, opportunities and priorities with regard to security cooperation in SEE;
- To debate contribution of regional organizations in security area within SEE region;
- To strengthen regional security networking and cooperation in the SEE.

Time	Event	Location
Tuesday, 08 December 2009		
	<i>Arrivals and Accommodation</i>	<i>Swiss ôtel Ankara</i>
17:00	<i>Final Conference Coordination Meeting (organizational)</i>	<i>Swissôtel Ankara</i>
19:00-21:00	Welcome Reception and Dinner Hosted by Turkish SEECF Chairmanship	Restaurant Downtown Ankara (TBD)
Wednesday, 09 December 2009		
09:00-10:15	INTRODUCTORY SESSION	
09:00-09:20	<u>Conference Opening</u>	Istanbul Conference Hall (<i>Swissôtel Ankara</i>)
09:00-09:10	Welcome Remarks by H.E. Selim YENEL , Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey	
09:10-09:20	Welcome Remarks by H.E Ambassador Nikola TODORČEVSKI , Director, RACVIAC-Centre for Security Cooperation	
09:20-09:40	<u>Keynote Speech</u> "Regional Security Cooperation in South Eastern Europe (SEE) as a Complementary Step to Global Security" H.E. Süleyman Demirel Former President of Republic of Turkey (TBC)	
09:40-10:10	<i>Coffee Break Including Group Photo</i>	<i>Conference Hall Lobby</i>
10:10-12:30	SESSION I : THE DEEPER REGIONAL SECURITY COOPERATION IN SEE THE STRONGER EU SECURITY (<i>Chaired by Prof.Dr. Hasan Ünal</i>)	
10:10-11:10	"A New Motivation to Regional Responsibility: Regional Ownership; Principles, Practices"	
	<u>Speakers:</u>	
10:10-10:25	Mr. Pjer ŠIMUNOVIĆ State Secretary ,The Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Croatia (Confirmed)	
10:25-10:40	Mr. Dušan SPASOJEVIĆ, State Secretary for Defence Policy, The Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Serbia (Confirmed)	
10:40-10:55	Mr. Petar ESMEROV, State Secretary, The Ministry of Defence of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia ¹ (Confirmed)	
10:55-11:10	Questions & Answers Session (15')	
11:10-11:30	<i>Break</i>	

¹ Turkey recognizes the Republic of Macedonia with its constitutional name.

11:30-11:45	"Regional Security Networking through Cooperation under A New Security Environment" <u>Speaker:</u>	Istanbul Conference Hall (Swissôtel Ankara)
11:45-12:00	Mr. Arben GAZIONI , Chairman, South East Europe Security Cooperation Steering Group (SEEGROUP) in NATO	
12:00-12:15	"Regional Security Cooperation in Higher Education through an Independent International Institution" Professor Krunoslav PISK , Director General Inter-University Centre Dubrovnik	
12:15-12:30	Questions & Answer Session (15')	
12:30-14:00	Lunch Break	<i>Swissôtel Ankara Dining Hall</i>
14:00-16:30	SESSION II: REGIONAL INITIATIVES AND PRACTICAL COOPERATION IN SEE FOR SYNERGY (<i>Chaired by Regional Cooperation Council - RCC</i>)	
14:00-15:00	"Regional Organizations' Contribution to Security and Stability in South East Europe" <i>Speakers: (Each Speaker will deliver 10-Minutes Speech)</i>	Istanbul Conference Hall (Swissôtel Ankara)
14:00-14:10	H.E. Ambassador Hido BIŠČEVIĆ , Secretary General, Regional Co-operation Council	
14:10-14:20	H.E Ambassador Nikola TODORČEVSKI , Director, RACVIAC-Centre for Security Cooperation	
14:20-14:30	Brigadier General Zyber DUSHKU , Commander, South Eastern Europe Brigade (SEEBRIG)	
14:30-14:40	Mr. Trpe STOJANOVSKI , Director, MARRI Regional Centre	
14:40-15:00	Questions & Answer Session (20')	
15:00-15:30	Coffee Break	<i>Conference Hall Lobby</i>
15:30-16:30	"Regional Organizations' Contribution to Security and Stability in South East Europe" (Continued) <i>Speakers: (Each Speaker will deliver 10-Minutes Speech)</i>	Istanbul Conference Hall (Swissôtel Ankara)
15:30-15:40	Mr. Diman DIMOV , Team Leader, The South Eastern and Eastern Europe Clearinghouse for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SEESAC) (TBC)	
15:40-15:50	Mr. Orhan TOPCU , Head, DPPI SEE Secretariat (TBC)	
15:50-16:00	Questions & Answer Session (20')	
16:00-16:10		
16:10-16:30		
19:00-21:30	Dinner hosted by RACVIAC-Centre for Security Cooperation	<i>Restaurant Çırağan, Ankara</i>
Thursday, 10 December 2009		

09:00-12:00	SESSION III: CHALLENGES, RESPONSIBILITIES AND PRIORITIES IN THE PROCESS OF SECURITY COOPERATION THROUGH REGIONAL OWNERSHIP (Chaired by Doç. Dr. İbrahim Kaya- USAK-ISRO ,International Strategic Research Organization)	
09:00-09:30	"Parliamentary Involvement and Responsibilities in the Process of the Security Cooperation through Regional Ownership" Mr.Valeriu OSTALEP , former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova	Istanbul Conference Hall (<i>Swissôtel Ankara</i>)
09:30-10:30	" Regional Security Cooperation - Challenges, Priorities and Opportunities" <i>Speakers:</i> 09:30-10:00 H.E. Ambassador Prof. Dr. Lisen BASHKURTI , President of the Albanian Diplomatic Academy 10:00-10:30 Prerequisites for Enhancement of Regional Security through Regional Ownership" Lieutenant General (Ret) Stergios PAPOTIS , Former Director of RACVIAC-Centre For Security Cooperation	Istanbul Conference Hall (<i>Swissôtel Ankara</i>)
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break	<i>Conference Room Lobby</i>
11:00-12:00	" Regional Security Cooperation - Challenges, Priorities and Opportunities" 11:00-11:30 Brigadier General Reinhard TRISCHAK , Director, Military Policy Division Federal Ministry of Defence and Sports of the Republic of Austria 11:30-11:45 " Regional Security Cooperation - Challenges, Priorities and Opportunities" Colonel Hamza VISCA , Head, International Cooperation Branch, J5, Joint Staff AF Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina 11:45-12:00 Questions & Answers Session (15')	Istanbul Conference Hall (<i>Swissôtel Ankara</i>)
12:00-13:30	Lunch Break	<i>Swissôtel Ankara Dining Hall</i>

13:30-14:40	SESSION IV : BEST PRACTICES AND CHALLENGES: PROPOSALS FOR A CONCERTED APPROACH ON SECURITY AND STABILITY - SOUTH EAST EUROPE PREVIEW (<i>Chaired by RACVIAC - Centre for Security Cooperation</i>)	
13:30-14:40	"Best Practices and Challenges: Proposals for a Concerted Approach on Security and Stability - SEE Preview" <i>(Speakers: (Each Speaker will deliver 10-Minute Speech)</i>	Istanbul Conference Hall (<i>Swissôtel Ankara</i>)
13:30-13:40	Presentation by the representative of the Republic of Albanian	
13:40-13:50	Presentation by the representative of Bosnia and Herzegovina	
13:50-14:00	Presentation by the representative of the Republic of Bulgaria	
14:00-14:10	Presentation by the representative of the Republic of Croatia	
14:10-14:20	Presentation by the representative of the Hellenic Republic	
14:20-14:30	Presentation by representative of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	
14:30-14:50	Questions & Answers Session (20')	
14:50-15:20	Coffee Break	Conference Hall Lobby
15:20-16:30	"Best Practices and Challenges: Proposals for a Concerted Approach on Security and Stability - SEE Preview" (Continued) <i>(Speakers: (Each Speaker will deliver 10-Minute Speech)</i>	Istanbul Conference Hall (<i>Swissôtel Ankara</i>)
15:20-15:30	Presentation by the representative of the Republic of Moldova	
15:30-15:40	Presentation by the representative of Montenegro	
15:40-15:50	Presentation by the representative of the Republic of Romania	
15:50-16:00	Presentation by the representative of the Republic of Serbia	
16:00-16:10	Presentation by the representative of the Republic of Turkey	
16:10-16:25	Questions & Answer session (15')	
16:25-16:45	SESSION VII: CONCLUSIONS AND LESSONS LEARNED (<i>Co-chaired by Turkish SEECF Chairmanship and RACVIAC - Centre for Security Cooperation</i>) A summary of the conclusions of the four previous sessions including follow-up proposals.	Istanbul Conference Hall (<i>Swissôtel Ankara</i>)
18:00	Dinner (<i>in accordance with departure schedules</i>)	<i>Swissôtel Ankara Dining Hall</i>