



CENTRE FOR SECURITY COOPERATION



RAI - REGIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION INITIATIVE

**Conference on
Building Integrity and Reducing Corruption in Security Sector
- Co-organised with Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative -**

Dates 19th – 20th May 2009

Venue RACVIAC - Rakitje, Stari hrast 53, 10437 Bestovje, Croatia

Background In many countries, corruption has become part of political-administrative everyday life. Bribery, embezzlement or other kinds of corruption have caused damage to economy, politics and society. This has prompted many countries to put a greater emphasis on controlling corruption. Whether in politics, administration or economy, one thing is certain: corruption is spreading like cancer. It undermines democracy and the rule of law, leads to violations of human rights, distorts markets, erodes the quality of life and allows organized crime, terrorism and other threats to human security to flourish.

Transparency and accountability are among the most important prerequisites of efficient democratic governance. A political society can only mobilize its citizens towards coping with the challenges it faces, if it first succeeds in creating an environment of trust, legitimacy and justice in all its sectors.

Thus, RACVIAC in cooperation with RAI – Regional Anti Corruption Initiative, in order to foster dialogue and cooperation on security matters in South Eastern Europe, has decided to engage in this pertinent issue and provide regional countries with an opportunity to exchange valuable information on these new challenges.

Purpose & Objectives The purpose of the conference is to discuss corruption in public institutions with a particular attention to security sector and to foster experience exchange and regional cooperation in preventing the phenomenon.

Objectives are:

- To identify possible causes of corruption;
- To discuss prevention strategies and ways to curb corruption;
- To examine corruption in security sector;
- To debate lessons learned and best practises from regional experiences;
- To present active projects in South Eastern Europe;
- To seek possible way ahead for further cooperation among countries in the region.

Participants Approximately 45 participants, audience and speakers, representing parliamentary security/defence committees, relevant ministries and senior officials (military and civilian), from RAI member countries (3 participants from each: AL, BA, BG, HR, MD, ME, MK, RO and RS) other RACVIAC member countries (1 participant from each), relevant International Organizations, NGOs and media. All participants should be people actively involved in fighting corruption in their respective positions and willing to discuss it openly.

Methodology The conference will last two full days, from 19th to 20th May 2009 and it will comprise speeches by key people in this field. The Conference working language will be English. Certificates of attendance and the conference CD will be issued at the end of conference.

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