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**Seminar on**  
**SEE at the Gates of the EU**  
**Enhancing Integration Processes**

The purpose of the seminar is to support the EU integration of Southeast European (SEE) countries by enabling exchange of views and lessons learned.

Objectives are the following:

- To examine the key elements of EU integration;
- To analyze the main challenges on the path to the EU;
- To highlight the lessons learned and experience of the new member states;
- To present and discuss SEE countries' efforts and achievements on their way to EU integration;

| Time   | Event  | Location                                  |
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| <b>Wednesday, 1st April 2009</b>   |  |   |
| -----  | Arrival of the participants/lecturers at RACVIAC   | Hotel<br>"Rakitje"                        |
| 19.00 – 19.30  | <b>Speakers Meeting</b><br><i>The aim of the meeting is to provide moderators and speakers with an appropriate opportunity to get to know each other and to do last checks related to the exchange of CVs and the flow of presentations and panels.</i>  | Staff -<br>Building<br>(Briefing<br>Room) |
| 20.00 – 22.00  | <b>Welcome dinner</b> in Barbara Club organized by RACVIAC<br>Reception, hosted by RACVIAC Director <b>Nedžad HADŽIMUSIĆ</b>   | Barbara<br>Club                           |
| <b>Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2009</b>   |  |   |
| 09.00– 09.20   | <b>Welcome Remarks</b><br><b>Speaker: Ambassador Nedžad HADŽIMUSIĆ</b> , Director of RACVIAC - Centre for Security Cooperation.  | Seminar<br>Room                           |
| <b>SESSION 1 - TOWARDS EU MEMBERSHIP</b><br><b>Moderator: Colonel Ömer Faruk BASTÜRK</b><br><b>Chief Dialogue and Cooperation Division</b> |  |   |
| 09.20 – 09.50  | <b>Keynote Speech: Current EU Enlargement Policy</b><br><i>This presentation, including the moderated Q&amp;A part, will ensure that all seminar participants share a common relevant operational picture of the pre-accession and accession process, accession criteria, negotiations and the ratification process, instruments in the accession process and the national preparation for successful accession to the EU, thus setting the stage for further proceedings of the seminar.</i><br><b>Speaker: PhD Stergios VARVAROUSSIS</b> , Deputy Head of DG Enlargement Unit, European Commission | Seminar<br>Room                           |
| 09.50 – 10.05  | Questions and Answers Session  |   |

| <b>Thursday, 2nd April 2009 (continued)</b>  |  |                      |
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| 10.05 – 10.40  | <b>Group Photograph and Coffee Break</b>   | Foyer                |
| 10.40 – 11.10  | <p><b>Regional Cooperation on the EU road</b><br/> <i>The speaker will present the political, economic, and security dimensions of the cooperation and the Stabilization and Association Process (SAP) in SEE with regard to European Integration.</i></p> <p><b>Speaker: Mr Sorin STERIE</b>, Senior Political Advisor in Security, Defense, Justice and Home Affairs of the RCC Liaison Office in Brussels</p> | Seminar Room         |
| 11.10 – 11.25  | Questions and Answers Session  |                      |
| 11.25 – 11.55  | <p><b>Lisbon Agenda and its relevance to SEE</b><br/> <i>This presentation will provide a short overview of the Lisbon Treaty and highlight its importance for the SEE countries with regard to European Integration.</i></p> <p><b>Speaker: PhD Vladimir PREBILIČ</b>, Head of the Chair of Defense Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Ljubljana</p>                                      | Seminar Room         |
| 11.55 – 12.10  | Questions and Answers Session  |                      |
| 12.10 – 13.45  | <b>Lunch</b>   | Restaurant “Rakitje” |
| <p><b>SESSION 2 - LESSONS LEARNED AND CHALLENGES</b><br/> <b>Moderator: Colonel Ömer Faruk BASTÜRK</b><br/> <b>Chief Dialogue and Cooperation Division</b></p> |  |                      |
| 13.45 – 14.15  | <p><b>Current Challenges in SEE on the road to EU</b><br/> <i>This presentation will provide an overview of the main current challenges in SEE for successful accession to the EU and the further steps in it.</i></p> <p><b>Speaker: PhD Mladen STANIČIĆ</b>, Director of the Institute for International Relations (IMO) in Zagreb, HR</p>   | Seminar Room         |
| 14.15 – 14.30  | Questions and Answers Session  |                      |
| 14.30 – 15.00  | <b>Coffee Break</b>  | Foyer                |
| 15.00 – 15.30  | <p><b>Lessons learned and experience of Bulgaria in the EU accession process</b><br/> <i>The speaker will present lessons learned and experiences from the Bulgarian side in the EU accession process, which may serve as examples for the SEE countries.</i></p> <p><b>Speaker: Mrs. Juliana NIKOLOVA</b>, Director of the European Institute Foundation in BG</p>  | Seminar Room         |
| 15.30 – 15.45  | Questions and Answers Session  |                      |
| 15.45 – 16.15  | <p><b>Lessons learned and experience of Romania in the EU accession process</b><br/> <i>The speaker will present lessons learned and experiences from the Romanian side in the EU accession process, which may serve as examples for the SEE countries.</i></p> <p><b>Speaker: PhD Gabriela DRAGAN</b>, Director of the European Institute of RO</p>   | Seminar Room         |
| 16.15 – 16.30  | Questions and Answers Session  |                      |
| 17.00 – 22.00  | <p><b>Free time in Zagreb (optional)</b><br/> <b>Dinner will be provided at 19.30 in the “Rakitje” Restaurant for the people who do not wish to visit the downtown of Zagreb</b></p>   | Zagreb downtown      |

| <b>Friday, 3rd April 2009</b>  |   |                         |
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| 09.15 – 09.30  | <b>RACVIAC Presentation</b><br><b>Speaker: 1st Lt Igor SKENDEROVIĆ</b> , PR Officer   | Seminar Room            |
| <b>SESSION 3 - PROGRESS MADE AND THE WAY AHEAD</b><br><b>Moderator: PhD Stergios VARVAROUSSIS</b><br><b>Head of DG Enlargement Unit, European Commission</b> |   |                         |
| 09.30 – 11.30  | <b>Achievements and Priorities in front of Candidate Countries</b><br><i>Representatives of Delegations of EC and National representatives in Candidate countries will present the achievements that have been already accomplished and the conditions that are yet to be fulfilled from each country to become a member of the EU.</i>                     | Seminar Room            |
| 09.30 - 10.00  | <b>Speaker: Mrs Nilgün Arisan ERALP</b> , Head of National Programme Department, EU Secretary, TR   |                         |
| 10.00 – 10.30  | <b>Speaker: Mr. Erol AKDAG</b> , Task manager for Human Rights, Minorities, Civil Society and De-mining; Delegation of the EC to Croatia  |                         |
| 10.30 – 11.00  | <b>Coffee Break</b>   | Foyer                   |
| 11.00 – 11.30  | <b>Speaker: Mr. Zoran POPOV</b> , Depute Head of EU Department, MFA, MK   | Seminar Room            |
| 11.30 – 12.00  | Questions and Answers Session   |                         |
| 12.00 – 13.30  | <b>Lunch</b>  | Restaurant<br>"Rakitje" |
| 13.30 – 15.30  | <b>Achievements and Priorities in front of Potential Candidate Countries</b><br><i>Representatives of Delegations of EC and national representatives in potential candidate countries will present the achievements that have already been accomplished and the conditions that are yet to be fulfilled from each country to become a member of the EU.</i> | Seminar Room            |
| 13.30 – 14.00  | <b>Speaker: Mr. Milisav RASPOPOVIĆ</b> , Secretariat for European Integration, ME   |                         |
| 14.00 – 14.30  | <b>Speaker: Mrs Lara SCARPITTA</b> , Political Adviser, EC Delegation to B&H  |                         |
| 14.30 – 15.00  | <b>Coffee Break</b>   | Foyer                   |
| 15.00 – 15.30  | <b>Speaker: PhD. Tanja MIŠČEVIĆ</b> , Faculty of Political Sciences at the University of Belgrade   | Seminar Room            |
| 15.30 – 16.00  | Questions and Answers Session   |                         |
| 16.00 – 16.15  | Closing Remarks and provision of the Participation Certificates   |                         |