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SEE at the gates of the EU. Enhancing Integration Processes

- Dates** 01 – 03 April 2009
- Venue** RACVIAC-Rakitje, Stari hrast 53, 10437 Bestovje, Croatia
- Background** Integration of Southeast European (SEE) countries in the EU is not only one of the most important contributions to peace, stability, sustainable growth and development in Europe but it also provides candidate countries with strong encouragement for political and economic reforms. However, it also imposes a number of challenges for candidate countries.
RACVIAC has a strategic objective to support European and Euro-Atlantic integration processes. As RACVIAC believes that the EU integration process is one of the most powerful policy instruments of fostering regional stability, security as well as economy and prosperity. RACVIAC prepares this seminar as an important opportunity for exchanging views and lessons learned related to the EU Integration process among new EU member states and candidate countries in the region.
- Purpose & Objectives** The purpose of the seminar is to support the EU integration of SEE countries by enabling exchanges of views and lessons learned.
Objectives are:
- 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 from the new member states;
 - To present and to discuss SEE countries' efforts and achievements on their way to EU integration;
- Participants** Up to 40 participants from SEECP countries representing relevant ministries and agencies at lower decision-making or advisers level, NGOs, academia and the media will be invited. Participants must possess an extensive knowledge of the subject decent experience in the integration process and a willingness to discuss integration issues openly.
- Methodology** The seminar will last two full days, 02nd and 03rd April 2009. The seminar working language will be English. CDs with all seminar materials and Certificates of attendance will be issued at the end of seminar.
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