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### Seminar on ESDP Southeast Europe in the Evolution of European Security Structure

<b>Dates</b>	12 <sup>th</sup> - 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2009
<b>Venue</b>	RACVIAC - Rakitje, Stari hrast 53, 10437 Bestovje, Croatia
<b>Background</b>	<p>Security and defense is the area in which the EU has mostly advanced in recent years. A principal element of this process is the rising number of military and civilian crisis management missions. EU Security strategy is being implemented and its missions are conducted in the framework of the European Security and Defense Policy (ESDP). The ESDP has become an inherent part of the European integration and one of the most important issues of interest for the international security stage today. The enlarged EU will continue to actively spread cooperative security philosophy through the SEE region in accordance with integration processes.</p> <p>With this seminar RACVIAC tries to serve as a forum that helps in building and developing a common understanding on the implementation of European Security Strategy and its evolving shape under ESDP in SEE Region.</p>
<b>Purpose &amp; Objectives</b>	<p>The purpose of this seminar is to enhance understanding of ESDP in the SEE community. Objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To acquaint the audience with the information on ESDP role, evolvement and current state of affairs;</li><li>• To enlighten both the global and regional prospects of ESDP;</li><li>• To deepen networking within SEE security policy community;</li></ul>
<b>Participants</b>	Approximately 35 participants, audience and speakers, three per each country: AL, BA, HR, MD, ME, MK and RS, representing relevant ministries and actively involved in ESDP issues in their respective positions. One representative from each of the other MAG countries, relevant International Organizations, NGOs and media will be invited.
<b>Methodology</b>	The seminar will last one full day, 13th October 2009 and it will comprise lectures and discussions. The seminar working language will be English. Certificates of attendance and the seminar CD will be issued at the end of the seminar.
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