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**Seminar on NATO Integration:
Next Enlargement and its Implication in SEE**

Dates	1 st – 2 nd December 2009
Venue	RACVIAC - Rakitje, Stari hrast 53, 10437 Bestovje, Croatia
Background	<p>During the last decade the enlargement of NATO has been principally directed towards Central and Eastern Europe and has constituted one of the most important developments in the SEE region. The process of accession to NATO has served as a catalyst for the substantial political, economic, administrative and structural reforms in the acceding/aspiring countries. At the same time, NATO membership has meant that a country has become a part of a large security area and has cemented its status of a mature, vibrant democracy and market economy.</p> <p>Despite the tangible progress achieved, there are still substantial challenges on the path of the Western Balkan countries in completing all the Membership Action Plan cycles for the accession to NATO.</p> <p>Therefore, RACVIAC has prepared this seminar with an aim to inform the SEE countries on the role of NATO and prospects for the region with regard to its enlargement. The seminar will also serve as an opportunity to exchange views and lessons learned related to NATO Integration process among the NATO member and candidate countries from the region.</p>
Purpose & Objectives	<p>The purpose of this seminar is to support the integration process of SEE countries to NATO.</p> <p>Objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To discuss short-term and mid-term political developments in the region and beyond;• To examine regional prospects of NATO enlargement;• To promote NATO partnership and accession tools (IPAP, MAP) as means for enhancing the reform activities;
Participants	Approximately 35 participants, audience and speakers, three per each country: AL, BA, HR, MD, ME, MK and RS, both civilian and military officials at decision-making level, representing all the relevant ministries dealing with NATO integration, as well as one representative from each of the other MAG countries. Representatives of relevant International Organizations, NGOs and media will also be invited.
Methodology	The seminar will last one full day, 2nd December 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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