



CENTRE FOR SECURITY COOPERATION

Open Skies Treaty Orientation Course
In cooperation with Federal Republic of Germany, Bulgaria and Republic of Serbia
Sponsored by France

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| Dates | 29 th June – 10 th July 2009 |
| Venue | RACVIAC and the Republic of Serbia (Practical part will be held in the Republic of Serbia, exact venue tbd). |
| Background | Since 2002 RACVIAC has been organizing a Course on Treaty on Open Skies (OST) based on explicitly expressed need of SEE countries. The Course has become one of the most distinctive RACVIAC products, in which the synergy of several institutions comes into play. In 2009 RACVIAC is cooperating closely with the German Verification Centre, MoD of the Republic of Serbia, Bulgarian MoD and others to provide yet another successful Course, sponsored by generous contribution of France. |
| Purpose & Objectives | <p>The purpose of the Course is to train personnel from SEE countries in planning, organizing and executing an Aerial Observation Mission based on the provisions of the Treaty on Open Skies, thus increasing the administrative capacity in security cooperation field.</p> <p>The objectives of the Course are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To overview the specified elements of the OST, highlighting the most comprehensive and commonly followed rules and procedures of its execution;• To provide the participants with information about the current situation in the implementation of the OST;• To deepen contacts between representatives of national organizations, agencies engaged in the accomplishment of arms control and/or security- and confidence-building measures;• To set the example of security cooperation on national, regional and international level. |
| Participants | Up to 16 military personnel, members of Verification Agencies who are involved (or planned to be involved) in the execution of OST Missions. The following countries will take part: AL, BA, HR, MK, MD, ME, RS, and SI. Five lecturers will represent national authorities, arms control agencies, and verification centers of DE, BG and HR. |
| Methodology | This course is designed as a combination of theoretical (lectures/presentations) and practical activities with an Aerial Observation Mission planned to be carried out in the Republic of Serbia. The lecturers will present a comprehensive and detailed overview of the relevant parts of the Treaty. A short discussion (“questions and answers”) will follow the presentations. At the end of the course the participants will receive an official certificate of participation. A CD will also be distributed with relevant materials related to the Course. The course working language will be English (STANAG – 3332 or equivalent). |
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