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## INSARAG Awareness Training Course

### Dates

27–29 April 2009

### Venue

RACVIAC, Rakitje, Stari hrast 53, 10437 Bestovje, Croatia

### Background

From the very beginning of RACVIAC establishment there was a need to bring together people from the SEE region to exchange views, discuss military/politico and other issues. Based on this, the Southeast Europe Security Cooperation Steering Group (SEEGROUP) in close cooperation with the Disaster Preparedness and Prevention Initiative (DPPI) for South Eastern Europe, The Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Coordination Centre (EADRCC), and UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) is offering an International Search and Rescue Guidelines (INSARAG) Awareness Training Course for all SEEGROUP countries.

This course is the first part of the Urban Search and Rescue in SEE (USAR in SEE) project, which aims to encourage SEE countries to develop, at first instance, light USAR teams, which would be self classified through a regional SAR exercise that could be organised as the initiative matures.

The purpose of this train-the-trainers course is to initiate the USAR in SEE project through increasing understanding of the INSARAG Guidelines in the SEE region and encourage South East Europe (SEE) countries to develop light Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) teams.

### Purpose & Objectives of the course

The Course aims to improve the participants' knowledge how to respond to earthquake situations. These trained trainers can train the counties USAR teams according to the INSARAG guidelines and provide expertise in USAR team preparations (equipment, procedures, etc.).

After the course the participants will:

- Understand and be able to use INSARAG guidelines and methodology;
- Understand international USAR response coordination system.

### Participants

Two representatives from SEE countries are invited, either USAR team leaders and experts. Participants are expected to have experience for example in fire and rescue, paramedic or safety of collapsed buildings.

### Methodology

The course is divided into lectures and group discussions. The training is based on a high degree of participant involvement. During the course the participants are expected to actively take part in plenary and group discussions and share their experience with each other. The course language is English.

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