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Overview

Seminar on the Basics of SSR concept, introducing PSO related aspects

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Venue(s)	RACVIAC' facilities at Military Barracks "Vitez Damir Martić", Rakitje, Stari hrast 53, 10437 Bestovje, Croatia.
Background	The necessity for the implementation of various aspects of Security Sector Reform (SSR) in SEE countries was recognised years ago. Apart from the work done at national levels, a number of supporting seminars, courses and conferences in the field of SSR have also been organised by RACVIAC. Issues such as conversion of military bases, transition of military personnel, parliamentary control of armed forces, human resources management, defence procurement systems and their transparency are only a portion of these activities. The SSR concept is not a disposable, one-time matter. Contrary to that, its proper implementation permanently improves the overall status of security of societies, as well as the countries' effectiveness, efficiency and accountability. Having this in mind, this seminar serves as the provider of SSR basics to military, parliamentary and governmental staff dealing with or being engaged in Peace Support Operations (PSO), both on the national (preparatory) level and upon deployment of personnel in the mission area. The whole-of-government aspect of SSR will, therefore, be addressed and related to national PSO efforts. This seminar can also be considered as the ground level activity for the future, regional, PSO-specific SSR course which will combine academic SSR knowledge with practical implementation in field operations.
Purpose & Objectives	<p>The aim of the seminar is to provide the necessary knowledge of SSR to higher military officers and parliamentary and governmental officials engaged at any point of their respective country's participation in PSO.</p> <p>The Seminar provides an insight into basic definitions of SSR and into basic documents inaugurating the concept of SSR, with a special emphasis on PSO-related SSR aspects. Participants should be able to understand the concept of SSR (its origins, aims and means of execution) and to apply the acquired knowledge in PSO-related SSR matters.</p>
Participants	<p>Number of participants (estimated): 20 - 25</p> <p>The Seminar is intended for 2 or 3 participants from AL, BA, HR, ME, MK and RS, who are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- government/parliament officials dealing with their respective country's participation in PSO and consequent deployment of personnel abroad;- military officers with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel/Colonel or their civilian equivalents who are on duty in MoD/AF elements engaged in policy and deployment drafting documents within the sphere of national participation in PSO and consequent deployment of personnel abroad. <p>Representatives of inter-governmental organisations related to SSR from other member countries are most welcome to participate.</p>
Methodology	Seminar comprises interactive lectures and open discussions. Participants must be able to use the English language in a way that enables them to understand most of the delivered lectures and to communicate therein contained ideas and concepts. Materials presented or produced during the seminar will be distributed in the form of a CD.
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