



Overview

“Security Sector Reform (SSR) in the context of Peace Support Operations (PSO), top down approach”

Annex A

Dates 12-15 December 2011

Venue Camp Butmir, Sarajevo

Background The initial idea of co-organising the seminar entitled “*Security Sector Reform (SSR) in the context of Peace Support Operations (PSO), top down approach*” was launched in December 2010 by RACVIAC– Centre for Security Cooperation and the Peace Support Operations Training Centre (PSOTC), Sarajevo. During the preparation process, the co-organisers have also developed operational collaboration with the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Belgrade Centre for Security Policy (BCSP). This seminar has been envisaged as a pilot event for a long-term project addressing principal aspects of SSR in the context of participation of the South East Europe (SEE) countries in Peace Support Operations (PSO). The co-organisers believe that seminars of this kind can enhance the understanding of and the involvement in the execution of SSR activities in the PSO mission area on the one hand, as well as the understanding of SSR and SSR related activities by state structures deploying personnel in the international PS Operations, on the other.

Purpose & Objectives The seminar aims at providing participants with insights into planning and implementing an SSR programme in a PSO environment, with the specific objectives of:

- reaching an understanding of its theoretical and conceptual underpinnings, especially in regard to the whole of governance (WoG) approach;
- recognizing the context and the background, challenges and key facets, drivers and spoilers of reform;
- mapping the key actors of reform, including non-statutory ones;
- drafting an action plan for implementing an SSR programme in a post-conflict environment;
- setting the ground for the regional support for co-operation in the area of SSR within the context of PSO;
- supporting PSO capacity and integrity building in the context of alignment of national structures, policies and practices, both at the national and the international level.

Participants Target audience / seminar participants:
Military OF-4 - OF-6 and civilian equivalents from Ministries of Defence (civilian and military components), Foreign Affairs and Internal Affairs.
The following countries are invited to nominate three (3) participants each: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia and Turkey.
The OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina will cover travel costs for two (2) participants from AL, BG, ME, MK, RO and RS while RACVIAC will cover the travel costs for the remaining third participant from funding eligible countries.
Travel costs will not be covered for the following countries: Croatia, Greece, Slovenia and Turkey.
Bosnia and Herzegovina is entitled to nominate 8 participants.
Total number of participants: Approximately 30 - 35.

Methodology Presentations by BCSP researchers will be founded on comparative studies, discourse analysis, focus group discussions and in-depth interviews, and implemented as case studies and simulations of decision-making process.
The seminar will also comprise regional good practise presentations on the outcomes of SSR activities.
The seminar working language will be English.

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