Ensuring personal data protection while securing cyber space
(Case study - Challenges and perspectives for the South East European countries)
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Location
Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Background
Technological development of social networks, smart cards, cloud computing and location based services has brought forth new challenges in view of personal data protection. Disclosing personal data is increasingly becoming a part of modern life and people feel that they give away too much data and that they are not in control of their data.

Differences in the way that each country implements the law of personal data protection have led to uneven protection depending on where an individual lives or buys goods and uses different services.

Having in mind the need for cooperation between the SEE countries, the aims of this event include exchange of information, transfer of knowledge, views and ideas as well as dissemination of international standards regarding data protection. Furthermore, this event aims to identify the key actors and their priorities regarding who, when and where in SEE countries is responsible for the actions needed to organize and conduct effective personal data protection while building a secure cyberspace through prevention and deterring, detection and monitoring, constraint and isolating, maintaining, recovering and adaptation, in order to protect the governments’ and partner nations’ critical infrastructure and civilian population.

Purpose & Objectives
- To facilitate understanding of why ensuring personal data protection constitutes a crucial element in South East European governments’ efforts to secure cyberspace;
- to stimulate a debate in order to provide smart and creative approaches in ensuring better personal data protection and share best practices that will improve the regional South East European efforts in this context;
- to identify academics, pundits and professionals ready to cooperate and contribute to the future efforts to provide effective cyber security and cyber defence throughout the South East European region;
- to conduct a practical exercise in the form of a case study that will present the participants with an opportunity to demonstrate solutions in the form of responses in the national legislatures and practical circumstances related to this topic. The case study will be published at a later date as part of a wider RACVIAC project in the area of Cyber Security.

Participants
The participants should be, (preferably) representatives from their national law enforcement, defense and security sector, judiciary and legislators, public administration and scholars. National delegations are expected to prepare a presentation regarding the Personal data protection and participate in Case study discussions. Representatives of the other MAG countries and relevant organizations are also invited to take part in the conference.

Methodology
The conference will last two working days and will be conducted as a combination of presentations and speeches, case study and Q&A sessions. The official working language will be English.

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