



Geneva Centre for Security Policy
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CENTRE FOR SECURITY COOPERATION

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

BETWEEN

RACVIAC - CENTRE FOR SECURITY COOPERATION

AND

THE GENEVA CENTRE FOR SECURITY POLICY (GCSP)

1. Background

The Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) has gained substantial expertise in the provision of expert training in comprehensive international peace and security policy for mid-career diplomats, military officers, and civil servants from foreign, defence, and other relevant ministries, as well as from international organisations.

The Regional Arms Control Verification and Implementation Assistance Centre, Centre for Security Cooperation (RACVIAC), has accumulated considerable experience and expertise in South Eastern Europe (SEE) in the fields of arms control, security sector reform, promoting confidence and security building measures (CSBM), public awareness in security policy related issues, and other related areas.

Both organisations are convinced that their activities are complementary and, therefore, have decided to strengthen their co-operation by entering into this MOU.

2. Objectives and Areas of Co-operation

GCSP and RACVIAC envisage co-operating in assisting **security sector and defence reform (SSR)** and **defence institution building (DIB)** of South-East European countries, in particular with the following objectives:

- To provide support to the reform of the armed forces in SEE;
- To train personnel as Defence Attaché and/or as national representatives in international organisations;
- To assist in institutional capacity building of civilians and the military engaged in security sector reform;
- To promote confidence and security building measures at the regional level; and,
- To support the role of civil society and the media in creating public awareness on political military and arms control issues.

3. Means of Co-operation

In order to achieve the objectives, it is envisaged to

- Exchange information on current and planned activities of both Centres, which may be of mutual benefit, to identify possible areas for joint projects.
- Planning and implementing of joint projects in SEE or for individual countries such as courses or seminars.
- Seeking each other's expertise concerning the respective activities where appropriate.

4. Procedures for implementation

RACVIAC and GCSP shall consult regularly on matters of common interest for the purpose of realizing their respective objectives and facilitating their respective activities.

When appropriate, consultation shall be arranged at the required level between representatives of RACVIAC and GCSP, to plan and agree upon the output of joint activities and to optimize the use of their mutual resources in compliance with their respective mandates.

Arrangements shall be made for reciprocal representation at RACVIAC and GCSP meetings convened under their respective auspices and dealing with issues in which the other is interested or has technical competence. The costs will be borne by each party.

5. Special arrangements

The competent bodies of RACVIAC and GCSP shall delegate their respective representatives to adopt special arrangements as may be necessary for the purposes of implementation of joint projects on matters of common interest.

All special arrangements shall be written and designated to a person responsible, according to the procedures for participation of each organization in such projects.

6. Points of Contact (POC)

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However, for individual projects, the POC will remain with the responsible project coordinator.

7. Entry into Force, Duration and Modification of the MOU

This MOU shall enter into force on the date of signing by the competent authorities of RACVIAC and GCSP and is concluded for the duration of four years upon signature. Either Centre can, however, at any time propose a modification of the Memorandum. Changes to the MOU must be agreed upon by both organisations.

Four original copies of this document will be signed, of which each Centre will keep two.

For GCSP:

For RACVIAC:

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Ambassador Nedžad Hadžimusić
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