



CENTRE FOR SECURITY COOPERATION

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

BETWEEN

RACVIAC - CENTRE FOR SECURITY COOPERATION

AND

THE NATO SCHOOL

1. Background

The NATO School, Oberammergau, Germany, is the NATO's key training facility on the operational level, providing short-term, multidisciplinary training tailored to military and civilian personnel from NATO, Partners and "contact countries".

RACVIAC- Centre for Security Cooperation (RACVIAC), Zagreb, Croatia, 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 cooperation by entering into this MOU.

2. Objectives and Areas of Cooperation

NATO School and RACVIAC envisage cooperation 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 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 politico-military and arms control issues.

3. Means of Cooperation

In order to achieve the objectives, it is envisaged to:

- Exchange information on current and planned activities of both Organisations, 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 NATO School 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 NATO School 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 NATO School 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

RACVIAC and NATO School 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

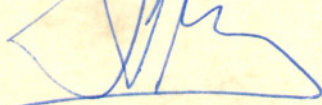
RACVIAC and NATO School shall nominate Points of Contact (POC). Contact information as well as any change of POC shall be notified accordingly. However, for individual projects, the responsible project coordinators shall be in charge of ensuring the proper cooperation.

7. Entry into Force, Duration and Modification

This MOU shall enter into force on the day of its signature by the competent authorities of RACVIAC and NATO School and shall remain in force for the term of four years. However, either Institution can, at any time propose a modification of the Memorandum. Changes to the MOU must be agreed upon by both Organisations.

This document shall be signed in two original copies of which each Organisation shall keep one.

For RACVIAC:

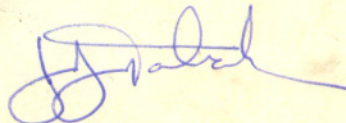


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