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Activity Overview

“Physical Security and Stockpile Management Seminar” CSE-B1-S-17

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Background Surplus of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) and Conventional Ammunition (CA) that has exceeded its shelf life presents a continued threat. For the past 7 years RACVIAC has been promoting the Physical Security and Stockpile Management (PSSM) of arms, ammunitions and explosives in the South East European region. The main purpose of these activities was to train technical personnel to handle national stockpiles, implementing operational procedures and exchanging ideas on potential improvements of security and management, as well as to introduce the best international practices in PSSM. In 2016, together with the Federal Ministry of Defence and Sports of the Republic of Austria, RACVIAC organised a workshop that dealt with experiences and pressing issues in Physical Security and Stockpile Management (PSSM). The 2017 Seminar will be based on checking further possibilities for a comprehensive capacity building programme which aims to raise national capacities and national ownership. The Seminar will provide an opportunity for the countries of the region to discuss individual issues and solutions in capacity building as well as to reveal further possible areas of cooperation. The event will focus on the best practices as well as give examples of some of the bad ones. The introduction to the best practices will be reinforced by a site visit to one of the most advanced, model-like facility of the region.

Purpose and Objectives

- To provide and exchange updated information about the Life Cycle Management of Ammunition;
- To provide information regarding the International Small Arms Control Standards (ISACS) Assessment Tool;
- To bring together professionals and experts in the field, namely SALW experts within the military and national MoDs, Commanders of storage sites, etc.;
- To bring together academics who are experts in physical security, stockpile and material reserve management;
- To present and discuss PSSM practices in different countries, particularly specific issues within those practices and potential solutions;
- To indicate differences and common points in national defence policies with regard to PSSM;
- To have first-hand experiences: raising questions and evaluating possible answers regarding an ammunition store visit.

Participation Approximately 30 participants (employees of governmental organizations and agencies involved in the management of national stockpiles of SALW/CA) are welcome to attend the Seminar (designed for mid- to high-level officials at a managerial level), namely three (3) from each of the following countries: Republic of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republic of Croatia,

the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*, Montenegro, Republic of Serbia and one (1) from the Hellenic Republic, Romania and Republic of Turkey (each). In addition to the above-listed, attendees from invited Associate members, Observers and participants may participate in the activity.

Requirements:

1. The Participants should be at least staff officers and persons who play key roles in the SALW/AC management cycle.
2. They should hold Major to Colonel ranks (O-3 to O-5) and should be able to brief respective decision-makers on SALW/CA matters.
3. Each participant should prepare a short introductory presentation that should include hers/his current position, current responsibilities and expectations regarding this activity.
4. Participants should be prepared to participate in the evaluation of the site visit.

Methodology The duration of the Seminar is two and a half days including one practical day (site visit). The theoretical part will comprise presentations and discussions. During the practical day the participants will have a possibility to visit an ammunition storage site (TBC). The Seminar will provide an appropriate setting and atmosphere to encourage focused discussions. The Seminar's working language will be English (STANAG 3232).

Member States are kindly informed that RACVIAC encourages all lecturers to submit written essays on their area of expertise to be referred to during their presentation at the RACVIAC activity. Most prominent and current essays will then be published in the "RACVIAC Compendium – Assortment of RACVIAC Prominent Lecturers' Insights" that will be issued at least once a year, preferably at the beginning of the year for the year preceding, but with an option and aim to become semi-annual if input and interest of the targeted audience is satisfactory.

Understanding that additional effort and time are needed to be put into the writing of this essay, RACVIAC will stimulate it with an amount of 100 euros per essay.

The essays should comprise at least 1500 words and should be submitted electronically and in the hard copy version to RACVIAC before the actual lecture or presentation is given. The author of the submitted essay should give his/her written permission to RACVIAC to publish the essay in the "RACVIAC Compendium" waiving future claims or compensations towards RACVIAC.

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