



CENTRE FOR SECURITY COOPERATION



## ***“Search and Rescue” - Basic Aeronautical SAR Course***

Dates: **02-04 April 2017**

Venue: RACVIAC – Centre for Security Cooperation, Rakitje, Zagreb, HR

Background: The course will build up on earlier efforts in this direction conducted over the course of the preceding years by RACVIAC – Centre for Security Cooperation (hereinafter: RACVIAC) and is intended as a capacity building endeavour for new generation of experts involved in the subject of search and rescue. This event will be organized jointly by RACVIAC and National Protection and Rescue Directorate (NPRD) of the Republic of Croatia.

Based on the assessment of current situation and the constant need for capacity building and improvements in the specific fields of expertise (Search, Rescue and Protection), RACVIAC and NPRD have committed themselves to developed a set of tailor made activities (Basic/Introduction Aeronautical Course, SAR operation Course and On-Scene Coordination Course) that will address certain issues in this direction, as a part of wider cooperation in SEE region in monitoring and implementation of civil emergency measures.

Search and Rescue (SAR) refers to the search for and provision of aid to the citizens who are in emergency situation or imminent danger. In order to ensure successful Search and Rescue operations, close coordination and cooperation among different institution is crucial.

RACVIAC has recognized the importance of efficient SAR structures, national and regional alike, as one of the security issues that should be further discussed and explored. In that regard, this event will bring together regional representatives with the knowledge of and experience in supporting the SAR capacity building in the SEE countries, *thus providing a necessary expertise and best practices delivered by Joint Aviation Authorities Training Organization (JAATO).*

Purpose: The purpose of the course is to encourage further development of regional cooperation on Search and Rescue issues and to promote enhancement of the existing national SAR structures through the exchange of information and sharing of available training opportunities and relevant SAR exercises.

- Objective:** The objective of this activity is to increase the capacities of relevant public institutions in civil emergency response as well as to further enhance the cooperation among homologue institutions in South East Europe. More specifically, *the activity will focus on the ways how to explore concrete needs of each participating SAR institution related to aeronautical SAR, in order to launch a comprehensive regional SAR development actions.* In addition, this activity will also focus on identifying and listing the potential needs of the countries (e.g. education, exercise, coordination) and encourage and develop possible regional and cross border cooperation through SAR operations.
- Outcome:** The event is envisaged as an active forum that will provide an opportunity to exchange experiences and best practices, but also to address the common challenges. The activity will be utilized to explore potential future steps in the field of Protection and Rescue in South East Europe and *initiate the establishment of a regional Search and Rescue Functional Network with the aim to enhance mutual assistance among Search and Rescue services* and optimize the use of Search and Rescue resources in case of disasters.
- Participants:** The Course will include mid-level representatives (civilian or military) of relevant institutions from South East Europe dealing with Search and Rescue activities: Defence/Armed forces, National RCC authorities, National Directorates for Protection and Search, Civil Aviation Authorities, Ministries of the Interior, Civil Emergency Management Authorities, etc.
- Methodology:** The event will last three working days and will comprise lectures, presentations and discussions. The working language will be English.
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