



Annex A

Activity Overview

„Annual Meeting of the Representatives of Defence and Security Committees from SEE Parliaments” SSR-E1-CF-17

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Venue Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina,
Trg BiH 1, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Background Understanding the oversight instruments and the ultimate purpose of parliamentary oversight are the crucial prerequisites for parliamentary members and staffers in exercising their executive powers in the defence and security sector. The idea of this Conference is to continue the cooperation between RACVIAC - Centre for Security Cooperation and the Defence and Security Committees from SEE Parliaments. All previous events, regional, inter-parliamentary and bilateral ones, between RACVIAC and the Defence and Security Committees from SEE Parliaments, have been unanimously assessed as important and beneficial forums of parliamentarians and experts from the countries of South-East Europe (SEE). The Conference will be organised by RACVIAC – Centre for Security Cooperation in cooperation with the Joint Commission for Defence and Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina and DCAF - Geneva Center for Democratic Control of Armed Forces. The conference will be supported by the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina and NATO Headquarters Sarajevo. The Conference is sponsored by the Federal Ministry of National Defence and Sports of the Republic of Austria.

Purpose and Objectives The main purpose of this Conference is to give a broad introduction on the mechanism and practices of the regional parliamentary defence and security committees, enabling the participants to discuss parliamentary procedures, challenges and oversight mechanisms in the field of defence and security.

The Annual Meeting in 2017 will be focused on the contemporary security challenges in the South-Eastern European region.

Participation Parliamentarians, members of defence and security committees, expert staff of the defence and security committees and relevant ministries.

Methodology The Conference is designed as a series of speeches and presentations given by committee members and experts, high level speakers from international and national organisations and ministries, followed by discussion and expert consultations. The working language will be English. Simultaneous translation into Bosnian, Croatian and Serbian will be provided courtesy of the Joint Committee on Defence and Security of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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