Regional Conference
NATO Integration in SEE:
Developing a Common Transatlantic Vision and Future Perspectives
30 May - 01 June 2010

Draft AGENDA

The aim of the Regional Conference is to contribute to the regional security cooperation in Southeast Europe (SEE) as an important tool for promoting its Euro-Atlantic integration efforts. The Regional Conference will offer a common platform for fruitful exchange of views and experiences over the shared priorities and the existing challenges. This opportunity for strengthening dialog and security cooperation will strongly contribute to enhanced NATO integration efforts in SEE and to promoting regional and global security.

The objectives of this Conference are:

- Promoting cooperation between NATO and SEE Countries
- High lightening the required reforms for fulfilling the membership criteria
- Promoting NATO partnership as incentive for enhanced reform efforts
- Fostering NATO integration efforts in SEE through exchange of views, experiences and best practices and lessons learned
- Discussing challenges and future perspectives for further NATO integration in SEE.
## Sunday, 30 May

**Arrivals and Accommodation**
- **Time:** 20:00-22:00
- **Location:** Hotel Epinal Bitola

**Welcome Reception and Event**
- **Hosted by:** Ministry of Defence (MK)
- **Venue:** tbd

## Monday, 31 May

**Opening Ceremony**
- **Time:** 09:00-09:05
- **Location:** Conference Hall
- **Chair:** Co-Chaired by MoD (MK) and H.E. Amb. Nikola Todorčevski, RACVIAC Director

**Regional Conference Welcome Address**
- **Time:** 09:05-09:30
- **Speaker:**
  - H.E. Mr. Zoran Konjanovski, Minister of Defence (MK)
  - H.E. Mr. Arben Imami, Minister of Defence (AL)
  - H.E. Dr. Ljubica Jelušič, Minister for Defence (SI)
  - H.E. Dr. Selmo Cikotić, Minister for Defence (BA)
  - H.E. Mr. Branko Vukelić, Minister for Defence (HR)

**Note:** Ministry of Defence (MK), as the Regional Conference co-organizer and host, has invited for attendance MAG countries’ Ministers of Defence - Conference Agenda will be modified accordingly upon confirmation of attendance.

**H.E. Ambassador Alexander Vershbow**
- **Time:** 10:15-10:35
- **Role:** Assistant Secretary of Defence for International Security Affairs, US Department of Defence

**H.E. Ambassador Dirk Brengelmann**
- **Time:** 10:35-10:55
- **Role:** Assistant Secretary General Political Affairs and Security Policy, NATO HQ

**"The enlargement policy of NATO towards the SEE"**

**Question & Answer (15')**
- **Time:** 10:55-11:10

**Group Photo and Coffee Break**
- **Time:** 11:10-11:40
- **Venue:** tbd

**Admiral Mark Fitzgerald, U.S. Navy**
- **Time:** 11:40-12:00
- **Role:** Commander Allied JFC Naples

**"NATO Integration Procedures and Perspectives"**

**H.E. Ambassador Bernard Valero**
- **Time:** 12:00-12:20
- **Role:** Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs, Republic of France Director and Spokesman

**"Interrelation of the NATO and the EU Integration Efforts and Perspectives"**

**Question & Answer (15')**
- **Time:** 12:20-12:35
**Tuesday, 01 June**

**SESSION II:** "NATO Role in promoting security environment and setting a common transatlantic vision with the reference of NATO military and political policy in SEE Region"

(Chaired by high representative (tbd))

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<td>Brigadier David Humar (tbd), SMR/COM NHQS&amp;NAT Director</td>
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**SESSION I:** "Regional cooperation and mentorship in SEE – contribution to overall SEE NATO integration efforts and to the regional and global stability"

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11:45-12:05  Prof. Dr Peter Volten,
Director of the Centre for European Security Studies, the Netherlands
"Pointing out the most necessary reforms and experienced challenges towards
meeting the membership criteria"

12:05-12:15  Question & Answer (10')

12:15-13:30  Lunch Break  Main Restaurant

13:30-16:40  SESSION III: "NATO in SouthEastern Europe: National views, challenges and
future perspectives " (Chaired by Ambassador Nikola TODORČEVSKI, Director
of RACVIAC )

13:30-13:45  Presentation by the representative of AL

13:45-14:00  Presentation by the representative of BA

14:00-14:15  Presentation by the representative of BG

14:15-14:30  Presentation by the representative of HR

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14:45-15:00  Coffee Break  Conference Hall Lobby

15:00-15:15  Presentation by the representative of MK

15:15-15:30  Presentation by the representative of ME

15:30-15:45  Presentation by the representative of MD

15:45-16:00  Presentation by the representative of RO

16:00-16:15  Presentation by the representative of RS

16:15-16:30  Presentation by the representative of TU

16:30-16:40  Question & Answer (10')

16:40-17:00  SESSION VI: Closing Remarks
Co-Chaired by MoD (MK) and RACVIAC - Centre for Security Cooperation)

Departure  (In accordance to departure schedules)