NATO-RACVIAC Conference on Better Management of Defence Resources: "Defence Procurement Systems and their Transparency"

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Background Defence resources management systems are facing serious challenges in the context of the latest global financial crisis. These challenges more than ever urge for the development of relevant mechanisms of budgeting, control of expenditures and modern procurement systems, while constant budget cuts require continuous improvement and innovations in their management. In this context, integrity building and transparency in government procurement are at the moment probably the most critical issues.

The emphasis is to be put on the feasible solutions in the context of European defence and security system integration processes, which makes the connecting point for all the countries of the region involved in this event, and which should not suffer from the financial contingencies.

Purpose & Objectives The purpose of the Conference is to establish common platform for mutual exchange of views and experiences on major aspects in the area of defence resources management within the context of building integrity in defence institutions, primarily from the perspective of several NATO members and partner countries in Europe.

The Conference objectives are as follows:
- To provide the cross section of actual issues in defence resource management systems in Europe, including SEE region
- To provide overview of some highly specific issues such as modern procurement systems;
- To enable exchange of information on the latest developments regarding ongoing force modernization programmes in SEE countries;
- To initiate informal expert communication between defence resources management proponents in Europe and SEE region;
- To provide common ground for future formal cooperation between individual countries involved in the Conference;
- To discuss possible modalities of future regional cooperation in the field of defence resources management, including NATO contributions.

Participants Number of participants (estimated): 35

Two participants per core member country: AL, BA, BG, HR, MK, MD, ME, RO and RS. Participants from NATO and international organizations with interest in international and regional defence management and integrity building processes.

Participation Criteria: Participants should have extensive experience in the corresponding field of interest, holding middle or high management positions in respective organizations/institutions, and they should be able to identify, share and apply the best practices.

Required English Language Proficiency: NATO STANAG 6001 level 2. Participants are expected to be familiar with the corresponding subject matter terminology.

Methodology The event is designed as an expert forum and it will be conducted as a combination of individual presentations and corresponding discussions. The Conference working language will be English.

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