PHYSICAL SECURITY AND STOCKPILE MANAGEMENT COURSE

in cooperation with
the Federal Ministry of Defence and Sports of the Republic of Austria (host nation),
the Bundeswehr Verification Centre (BwVC) of the Federal Republic of Germany,
the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA), USA

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Background Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) and the existing surplus and shelf life exceeded stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (CA) pose significant hazards to people, the environment and the security of countries. International organizations have addressed this challenge in several initiatives aimed at improving the situation through international cooperation and assistance. One of the main areas where further efforts should be made is Physical Security and Stockpile Management (PSSM).

In order to promote the proper management and security of national stockpiles in the SEE region, RACVIAC, in cooperation with the Federal Ministry of Defence and Sports of the Republic of Austria (host nation), the Bundeswehr Verification Centre (BwVC) of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA), USA, is organizing a PSSM Executive Level Course.

Purpose & Objectives The purpose of the course is to train executive managers to assess national stockpiles, operational procedures, and infrastructure and provide ways for potential improvements to security and management, as well as to introduce best international practices in Physical Security and Stockpile Management (PSSM).

Objectives are:
- To train experts in executing their professional tasks;
- To provide profound experiences to executive authorities;
- To highlight main challenges in stockpile management;
- To deepen contacts between representatives of national organizations and agencies engaged in PSSM.

Participants Participants from RACVIAC core and associated members, employees of governmental organizations and agencies involved (or planned to be involved) in the management of national stockpiles of SALW/CA are particularly welcome to attend the course. This Executive Management Course is designed for mid to high-level officials with management responsibility. Lecturers represent DTRA, BwVC and the Republic of Austria.

Methodology This course will last four days and is designed as a combination of theoretical lectures/presentations and practical exercises.

Briefings and other classroom activities are intended to acquaint participants with international standards and best practices for the storage, transportation, security, and stockpile management of CA and SALW.

At the end of the course a CD will be distributed with materials related to the course. The course working language will be English. STANAG – 3332 level or equivalent knowledge of English is required.

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