Regional Search and Rescue
SAR Mission Coordinator Course

Dates
08/09 – 12/13 September 2013

Venue
Mountain TARA, Serbia

Background
RACVIAC – Centre for Security Cooperation and its Members have recognized the importance of efficient SAR structures, national and regional alike, as one of the security issues that should be discussed and explored.

The subject activity is part of RACVIAC Regional Search and Rescue project, while the event is a continuation of a series of activities organized on this topic. The initial event was held in May 2011 in Belgrade, Serbia, followed by a fact-finding conference held in RACVIAC in November 2012 and Basic SAR Course in April 2013, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

During the last regional SAR event the countries of South-Eastern European region signed an important SAR Letter of Intent aimed at promoting and strengthening further regional cooperation on search and rescue. The signing of the SAR Letter of Intent will support upgrading and development of national and regional search and rescue systems and promote their importance.

The aim of the SAR Mission Coordinator Course is to continue with the positive practices and provide a successful platform for security cooperation in the region, designed to support the countries in reaching their common goals in the field of search and rescue.

Purpose & Objectives
The purpose of this SAR Mission Coordinator (SMC) Course is to inform and educate designated persons from national institutions selected to direct and coordinate operation of a specific search and rescue mission.

The objectives are:
- To outline the role and responsibilities of the SMC;
- To obtain the knowledge and best practices that are needed in order to manage the RCC staff, as well as make key decisions and generate plans for the management of response and rescue;
- To learn about the IAMSAR processes guiding the response to and coordination of every SAR Mission.

Participants
The event will include participants from each of the RACVIAC Agreement signatory countries, civilian or military officials at decision-making levels and experts representing relevant national institutions dealing with SAR issues: Defence/Armed Forces, national RCC authorities, national Directorates for Search and Protection, Civil Aviation Authorities, Ministries of the Interior, Civil Emergency Management Authorities, Medical Trauma Centres, etc. Representatives of other MAG countries and relevant international organizations, NGOs and the media will be invited.

Methodology
The event will last for five days and will comprise lectures and discussions. The working language will be English.

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