“Workshop on Early Warning Messages and Regional Risk Analysis”
under the DCAF Border Security Programme

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Overview

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Location(s) Conference Room in RACVIAC - Centre for Security Cooperation, Rakitje, Zagreb, Republic of Croatia

Background The first meeting / workshop on the Establishment of an Early Warning System and Risk Analyses took place in September 2012 in Ohrid, MK, with the aim to facilitate intelligence-led policing in the Western Balkans pertaining to the areas falling under the responsibility of the border police.

The outcomes of the event include:

- Agreement that the Police Cooperation Convention for Southeast Europe of 2006 and Ministerial Memorandum of 2008 are providing for sufficient common legal platform for non-personal data exchange, but there are no legal provisions for the personal data processing within the common database of all parties; the personal data exchange is only allowed on a case-by-case principle and only between the parties sharing the same operational / case investigative objective;
- Agreed common need for the establishment of a web-based application for data and information management system in order to support the procedures of early warning and analyses of risk;
- Defined data set (entities and attributes) to be jointly collected and shared among the beneficiary countries;
- Prepared model database system with all functionalities to be further developed by IT experts;
- Identified shortcomings of the existing regional risk analyses, defined principles and modalities for the establishment of an Early Warning System.

Based on the outcomes of the Ohrid workshop, DCAF experts have designed a logical structure of the relational database management system, all the necessary code tables and data management processes. This has enabled for the continuation of the work by the information technology company hired by DCAF. IT specialists have provided for the world-wide-web application for the
management of the early warning messages. The working name of the application is “Sentry” and it is ready for the testing and final adjustments. “Sentry” enables on-line data and information input from any point connected to the internet. Access is protected by user name, user password and session code, generated for each and every access to the database (sent to the user to a pre-defined e-mail address). Data input and queries on stored data are user-friendly designed in order to minimize the time needed for user training and search for information.

The second meeting / workshop on the Establishment of an Early Warning System and Risk Analysis under the DCAF Border Security Programme will take place from 8th to 10th March 2013 in Rakitje (Zagreb), Croatia, hosted by RACVIAC (Centre for Security Cooperation). Participants, which should be border police practitioners in the field of early warning and risk analyses, will be trained in the use of “Sentry”, not only technically but also substantially. The discussion will also focus on the criteria under which the national information is to be given the status of the early warning information, important for other participating countries and therefore uploaded to “Sentry”.

Purpose & Objectives
An overall objective of the process is to provide for a thorough understanding of the current border-related security developments in the region, anticipation of possible developments, to enable intelligence-led policing in international environment, common planning, strategic, operational and tactical decision making and coordinated execution of the common operational measures. The project-stage objective is to test the “Sentry” application with real data, to discuss possible changes and to discuss some technical issues (application of the screen text language, information text language, geographical data input, etc.) and to define the starting date of the real-life use of the system.

Participants
Up to three representatives of the competent national services of the ministry of the interior/border police are invited from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*, Montenegro, Serbia and Slovenia, as well as one participant from FRONTEX.

Methodology
The events will be executed in the course form. The working languages will be local, Albanian and (if required) English. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided by DCAF Ljubljana.

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