Meeting of the Schengen Integration Task Force
“Preparing Beneficiary States for Schengen Integration”

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Overview

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

Background The meeting of the DCAF Schengen Integration Task Force within the framework of the Border Security Programme will be dedicated to further legislative and technical aspects of Schengen integration, raising awareness of the overarching process under Accession Chapter 24 and preparing for the self-evaluation in the area of Schengen integration with the help of the new software tool.

The participants will be familiarised with the results of the first phase of the Schengen self-evaluation (finalised up to 15 August 2013) from which it will be evident to what extent in general each beneficiary country meets the Schengen criteria regarding the integrated border management and will receive further instructions how to proceed with the evaluation of the second phase/part of the evaluation module which is focused on the evaluation of border crossing points. The objectives and expected outcomes of the results of the Schengen self-evaluation in the e-environment will be elaborated in detail, as well as the operational functional requirements for the e-environment.

The participants will also be introduced to the latest developments in the EU domain, while the beneficiary countries will be familiarised with the current EU legislation and relevant changes as well as with the relevant info-systems for border police works (SIS, VIS, EURODAC). A special emphasis will be put on Frontex’s EUROSUR system, which is designed to support the Member States in their efforts to reduce the number of irregular migrants entering the European Union by improving their situational awareness at their external borders and increasing the reaction capability of their information and border control authorities.
**Purpose & Objectives**
The general objectives of the process is to provide for the good understanding of the current border related security developments in the region, anticipation of possible developments, to enable intelligence led policing in the international environment, common planning, strategic, operational and tactical decision making and coordinated Schengen integration in order to assist beneficiary states to apply the Schengen acquis correctly.

**Participants**
Up to two/three representatives of the competent national services of the ministry of the interior/border police are invited from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia.

**Methodology**
The events will be executed in the course form. The working language will be English.

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