Overview

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Parliamentary Oversight:
Annual meeting of Regional Parliamentary Defence and Security Committees

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Venue
RACVIAC, Facilities of the Military Barracks “Vitez Damir Martić”, Rakitje, Stari hраст 53, 10437 Bestovje, Croatia

Background
The idea of this Conference is to continue the longterm cooperation between RACVIAC- Centre for Security Cooperation and the Joint Committee on Defence and Security of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina. All previous events, regional, inter-parliamentary and bilateral ones, between RACVIAC and the Joint Committee on Defence and Security of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina have been unanimously assessed as important and beneficial forums of parliamentarians and experts from the countries of South-East Europe (SEE) responsible for the oversight of the defence and security sector. Thus, understanding of the oversight instruments and the ultimate purpose of parliamentary oversight is crucial for parliamentary members and staffers when exercising their executive powers.

Purpose & Objectives
The main purpose of this Conference is to give a broad introduction on the mechanism and practices of regional parliamentary defence and security committees, enabling the participants to discuss parliamentary procedures, challenges and oversight mechanisms in the field of defence and security.

The main objectives of the Conference will be focused on:

- Transnational Security Challenges
- Transnational Organized Crime/Illegal Trafficking
- Countering Violent Extremism
- Countering Corruption
- Cyber Security
- Energy Security
- Problems with SALW
- Economy and Problems
- Best Practices

Participants
The event targets 2 Members of the Parliament and 1 expert official from the Defence/Security Parliamentary Committees from the following countries: AL, BA, HR, MK, ME, RS and SI as well as 1 representative of the Parliament from RO and TR each.

Methodology
The Conference will comprise speeches and presentations given by committee members, committee experts and international experts, followed by a discussion and a moderated best practice session at the end of each working day.
The working language will be English. Simultaneous interpretation will be provided courtesy of the Joint Committee on Defence and Security of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

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