Defence Resources Management: “Transition of Military Education Systems in SEE II”  
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Overview

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Background During the past several decades reform processes in SEE countries were based on Euro-Atlantic integrations (partnerships with EU and/or NATO). This included the improvement of civil-military relations and SSR of defence systems. At the same time, the military systems were transformed from the conscript to the fully professional concept in virtually all SEE countries. As a consequence, the military education systems had to be harmonised with the new military goals whereby new civil-military education standards were established (the Bologna Process). The quality of education, training and advanced training is gaining in importance in both the European Union and the Alliance. Increased integration and transparency of educational institutions are blurring the boundaries and lines of division between the public and military educational institutions. There are substantive differences between the two while the common objective is being developed.

It has been apparent for some time now that there is a constant decrease in the educational resources in the broader sense which calls for an increase in the quality of education and better utilization of the internal potentials on the one hand and practical implementation of the principles of Pooling&Sharing or Smart Defence external (international) potentials on the other hand.

Purpose & Objectives The main purpose of the second seminar on the Transition of Military Education Systems in SEE, organised by RACVIAC and Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Slovenia is to address the different aspects of the evolving process of military professionalization and its impact on civil-military relations in the past, present and future.

The main seminar objectives are to elaborate on:
• Update on: Changes in CMR in the last two decades, the Euro-Atlantic integration process and impact on the Military;
• military professionalization versus the conscript system;
• contemporary challenges in military education in the world and the ways to resolve them - national examples in SEE;
• integration of military education systems in the public sphere;
• the Bologna Process – between theory and reality;
• legal aspects of the status of the professional military and impacts on the educational system;

Participants  Representatives of respective national services of the Ministry of Defence, civil colleges (i.e. public universities), parliamentarians from Defence Committees and NGOs from the Republic of Albania, Republic of Austria, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republic of Croatia, Greece, Hungary, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*, Montenegro, Romania, Republic of Slovenia, Republic of Serbia and Republic of Turkey. Experts from the EU (Military Erasmus Initiative), NATO and the Baltic Defence College are also invited to attend the seminar. In addition to the above-listed, attendees from all other associate members, observers and participants are invited to attend the course.

Methodology  The event will be executed in seminar form with discussions. The working language will be English.

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