Overview

“New Security Challenges for Europe”
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Venue(s) RACVIAC facilities at the "Vitez Damir Martić" military barracks
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Background The subject event presents continuation of the established series of activities aimed toward enabling comprehensive discussions on developing security challenges for the European countries. It is the third RACVIAC’s activity to be developed and organized in a cooperation with the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Office in Croatia, and the Alumni Association of the George C. Marshall Center, Croatia. The key idea is that the process of EU accession of the South Eastern Europe (SEE) countries, aspiring to full membership should be complemented with the necessary steps toward national integration of the key procurements of the existing EU Security Strategy. Thus, looking from a geopolitical point of view, the SEE should define a common political and security outlook vis-à-vis the new security threats that lie ahead, that are already arising or will possibly arise in the near future.

Purpose & Objectives The purpose of this joint event is to continue to address the transformation processes in SEE in the context of the required level of security integration for EU and NATO membership aspiring candidates. The Conference is aimed at bringing together representatives primarily from the SEE countries whose international position is shifting following Croatian entry into the EU. The main Conference objectives are:

- To identify developing security challenges for the Europe in general and SEE in particular;
- To provide participants with the opportunity to share national considerations on the identified security challenges;
- To look into the rationale regarding the implementation of the current EU Security Strategy, especially in the light of a continuous intensification of illegal migrations and the way this process influence the level of terrorist threat within or outside of the European continent;
- To provide participants from NATO/EU member and non-member countries with a common platform to review the current security challenges emerging from the newest geopolitical shifts and resulting issues;
- To discuss the current economy and financial trends within the European Union and to assess how the growing national debts and budget constrains influence the joint security future of the European Union and the membership aspirant countries.

Participation Approximately total of 40 participants, subject-matter experts preferably from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Ministries of the Interior, Ministries of Defence, Ministries of Economy, Ministries of Finance, and members of the academic community. Terms of national participation and financial arrangements will be specified in the corresponding Invitation Letter and Administration Information.

Methodology The event is designed as an expert forum and it will be conducted in the form of conference panels. The Conference working language will be English.

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