Overview

“Defence Resources Management: “Transition of the Military Educational Systems in SEE III”

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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 organizations were transformed from the conscript to the all-volunteer force concept in virtually all SEE countries. As a consequence, the military education systems had to be harmonised with the newly established objectives 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.
Thus, the main purpose of the third seminar on the Transition of Military Education Systems in SEE 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. One of the major topics of the 2016 seminar will be the process of modernization of the military education process and particularly the introduction of distance learning solutions or “e-learning” and the Erasmus Programme.

Purpose & Objectives The activity aims to provide an overview of the transition processes in the SEE in view of the transformation of compulsory into all-volunteer Armed Forces during the last two decades, its impacts on military educational systems and to enable the exchange of experiences and practices regarding the legal aspects of integrating military education systems into the national educational systems in the SEE region.

Participation Approximately 35 participants - subject matter experts from the military education institutions and partner civilian education institutions responsible for the reform of the military education systems in the SEE region and beyond.

Methodology The event is designed as a seminar and it will be conducted as a series of individual expert consultations and group discussions. The seminar working language will be English.

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