Overview
C-WMD National Strategies – Legal Framework, Implementation Plans, and Strategic Linkages
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Dates 23 – 26 January 2017
Venue RACVIAC, Rakitje, Stari hrast 53, 10437 Bestovje, Croatia

Background In accordance with the agreed Roadmap for the development of national strategies to counter the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, the C-WMD Network in RACVIAC is organising the sixth meeting of the national working / drafting groups in January 2017.

The C-WMD Network welcomes the continuous support from U.S. European Command (USEUCOM), U.S. Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA), and the Republic of Croatia in the planning and execution of this activity.

Purpose & Objectives The purpose of this activity is to further support the development and refinement of C-WMD National Strategies.

The objectives are:

• To peer review progress made in the development of national strategies to counter the proliferation of WMDs
• To revise the main legal challenges in the development of national strategies, such as information sharing and integrated border security management
• To establish the strategic linkage between a C-WMD Strategy and other relevant national strategies
• To discuss implementation / action plans

Participants Approximately 55 participants: 2 - 3 participants already identified as part of the national drafting team /working group, 1 participant in charge of border security issues, 1 participant working on counter-terrorism issues, and 1 participant dealing with import/export control issues. All in all, up to five participants from: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Turkey, Ukraine and Kosovo**.

Methodology The activity will last 3 working days, and it will consist of presentations, panel discussions, and table-top exercises in smaller breakout groups

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