Activity Overview

“Vienna Document 2011 Compliance and Verification Course”
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Background In order to facilitate the implementation of the provisions of the Vienna Document RACVIAC has been organizing Vienna Document courses for the countries of the South East European region since 2001.

Purpose and Objectives The purpose of this Course is to provide participants with a theoretical overview of the Vienna Document 2011 (VD ’11) offering a comprehensive analysis of both the theoretical and practical level of the implementation of these activities. It is organized in the spirit and the letters of the VD ’11. The Course objectives are:

• To overview the specified elements of the VD ’11 highlighting the most comprehensive and commonly followed rules and procedures of its execution;
• To focus on the duties and responsibilities of the personnel to be engaged in the implementation of the aforementioned Arms Control document thus demonstrating the real spirit of the confidence- and security-building measures;
• To train the participants employed as visitors/evaluators or escort team members in the subjects related to the planning and conducting of such activities based on best practices;
• To deepen contacts between the representatives of national organizations, agencies engaged in the accomplishment of Arms Control and/or security- and confidence-building measures.

Participation Approximately 20-25 participants, three (3) from each of the following countries: Republic of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republic of Croatia, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Republic of Serbia and one (1) from the Hellenic Republic, Romania and Republic of Turkey (each). In addition, attendees from invited Associate Members, Observers and participants may participate in the activity. Invitation will be extended to Republic of Korea upon their request, furthermore, specific target audience can be invited on request or in case it deems necessary. Participants are expected to have basic knowledge of the VD ’11 and/or other Arms Control Regimes and CSBMs. Lecturers will represent national Arms Control agencies or verification centres.

Methodology The Course is designed as a combination of theoretical lectures planned to be conducted in Hungary and practical activities to be carried out in Hungarian military units. The invited lecturers/experts will cover a wide range of topics, giving a comprehensive and detailed overview of the relevant parts of the VD ’11. The practical part should provide an excellent opportunity for the participants to gain experience in carrying out the formation/unit commanders’ duties as well in receiving a VD ’11 inspection or evaluation visit. The working language will be English.

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