Activity Overview

“Open Skies Treaty Aerial Observation Course”
(CSE-A4-C-20)

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Venue Online

Background Since 2002 RACVIAC has been organizing courses on the Treaty on Open Skies (OST). These courses have become some of the most distinctive RACVIAC products in which the synergy of several institutions comes into play. In 2020 RACVIAC is cooperating closely with the Ministry of Defence of Hungary and the MoDs of some other members/associate members in order to execute yet another successful Course. The Federal Republic of Germany will also support the event with the provision of lecturers and financially.

Purpose and Objectives The purpose of the Course is to train personnel from SEE countries to plan, organize and execute an “Aerial Observation Mission” based on the provisions of the OST and thus increase the administrative capacity in the field of security cooperation.

The objectives of the Course are:

- to provide an introduction to participants concerning Arms Control in general;
- to recall the historical background and the development of the OST as well as to put it into the wider context of Arms Control;
- to provide the participants with information about the current situation in the development and implementation of the OST;
- to overview the specified elements of the OST, highlighting the most comprehensive and commonly followed rules and procedures of its execution;
- to enable participants to prepare and conduct mission planning (in accordance with the OST);
- to deepen contacts and build trust and confidence between the representatives of national organizations and agencies engaged in Arms Control and/or security- and confidence-building measures;
- to increase transparency in the field of security cooperation among SEE countries.

Participation Participation in the Course will be in accordance with the RACVIAC 2020 Programme.

Methodology This year the Course will address the issue of OST from a theoretical point of view but will include some practical planning aspects as well. The lectures during the course will provide a comprehensive and detailed overview of the relevant parts of the OST as well as of arms control issues in the wider context. The working language will be English.

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TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR USING ON-LINE PLATFORM “CISCO WEBEX”

For optimal experience users should use desktop or laptop PC, with video camera and headphones (with microphone).

Devices based on mobile platforms (iOS and Android) can be used but experience will be limited. Stable internet connection is required.

Requirements for PC:

Supported Microsoft Windows Operating Systems
• Windows Vista (32-bit/64-bit)
• Windows 7 (32-bit/64-bit)
• Windows 8 (32-bit/64-bit)
• Windows 8.1 (32-bit/64-bit)
• Windows 10 (32-bit/64-bit)

PC Hardware Requirements
• A minimum of Intel Core2 Duo or AMD CPU 2.XX GHz or higher processor.
• A minimum of 2 GB of RAM is recommended.

Supported Windows Browsers
• Edge (Windows 10 only) 42 and 44
• Firefox Version 59–70
• Google Chrome Version 65–78
• IE: 11.0.9600

Requirements for Mac:

Supported Mac OS:
• Mac OS 10.13
• Mac OS 10.14
• Mac OS 10.15

Supported browsers:
• Firefox 52 and later is fully supported in Mac OS X. Firefox 51 and earlier versions are not supported. Users receive a message stating this when they attempt to join or start a meeting with these browser versions.
• Safari 11 and later
• Chrome latest 32-bit/64-bit

Mac Hardware requirements:
• JavaScript and cookies enabled
• Intel CPU-based (2 GB of RAM minimum)

Compatibility (for PC and MAC) can be tested at www.webex.com/lp/jointest/