fostering dialogue and cooperation on security matters
CATALOGUE 2020
Nowadays we are living in an era of fast technological developments, extraordinary transformations and changes in every aspect of life. The complexity and interconnected nature of contemporary security challenges require very comprehensive and quick answers and adaptation to changes as well as development of a culture of strategic foresight and building of resilience.

Over the past decade Europe and South-Eastern Europe have struggled with how to address the dynamic security paradigm and deal with a very challenging reality.

The internal weaknesses, underdevelopment, corruption, negative demographic trends combined with unresolved issues from the past and the influence of external actors pose significant challenges to the countries of this region. Another fact that has significant security implications on the region are the very diverse dynamics and discouraging developments of integration processes which, combined with the spill-over effects of the turbulences outside the region, additionally challenge the security and stability of this part of Europe.

As we celebrate RACVIAC 20th anniversary this year we have realized that not only security challenges for our region but also RACVIAC itself have evolved tremendously.

We constantly adapt our Programme and develop it both in terms of expertise and security domains in order to reflect the most critical topics in a comprehensive manner.

Remaining true to our mission we will continue to support the SEE countries in developing the required flexibility and capacity to respond to the most pressing security needs and geopolitical challenges thus strengthening trust, collaboration and a safer environment in all of its aspects and accelerating their Euro-Atlantic integration processes.

In partnerships with other partner organizations and initiatives we will persist in finding a most effective, holistic and coordinated approach to unpredictable challenges we face in the 21st century and setting an example for transparent and inclusive security cooperation and dialogue.

We can't change our past - but we can influence our future by advancing international and regional cooperation and dialogue thus creating a better and safer world.

I really hope that our Programme of activities for 2020 will meet your expectations and look forward to meeting you soon at one of our events.

RACVIAC Director
Major General (ret.) Jeronim Bazo
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Introduction

RACVIAC was established in 2000 as the Regional Arms Control Verification and Implementation Assistance Centre with an aim to provide Arms Control training, promote confidence and security building measures and broaden cooperation in South-Eastern Europe (SEE).

With a view to enhancing regional stability the Centre later broadened its scope of activities to comprise a wide range of politico-military issues, including security sector reform and international and regional cooperation with a focus on Euro-Atlantic integration.

Developments and changes in the security environment and the changing needs of the SEE countries necessitated a review of RACVIAC mission, objectives and structure. This led to the signing of a new Agreement on RACVIAC in 2010.

With the Agreement, ratified in December 2011, the Centre obtained the status of an international, independent, regionally owned organization and was renamed to RACVIAC - Centre for Security Cooperation.

Our Mission

The mission of RACVIAC is to foster dialogue and cooperation on security matters in South-Eastern Europe through a partnership between the countries of the region and their international partners.

RACVIAC accomplishes this mission primarily by promoting mutual understanding and building of bridges by providing an independent and impartial platform for dialogue on critical issues related to peace and security.

Guiding principles

- Reliability and Accountability
- Openness and Transparency
- Impartiality and Credibility
- Responsibility and Trust
- Adaptability and Integrity
- Flexibility and Development
- Professionalism and Predictability
Annual Programme

Security dialogue aimed at supporting European and Euro-Atlantic integration processes of SEE aspiring countries and addressing contemporary security challenges, security sector reform, as well as arms control and confidence and security building measures are the core activities of RACVIAC.

In preparing the program of activities, systematic consultations with RACVIAC Members and its main partners such as UN, NATO, EU, OSCE and other bilateral partners are being conducted. RACVIAC also fosters dialogue with the civil society, academia and opinion makers.

RACVIAC continuously explores cooperation with other international and regional partners on such issues as disarmament, non-proliferation, export control, counter-terrorism, combating international organized crime, disaster management, civil emergency planning, and other issues which deserve to be maintained as part of a wider regional security cooperation agenda.

In terms of participation and contribution, RACVIAC activities are open to all MAG Countries (Members, Associate Members, Observers and participants), partners and international organizations and institutions pursuing similar strategic objectives.

With regard to the specified topic and target audience of an activity, RACVIAC brings together subject matter experts, practitioners and academics to share their knowledge, employ various approaches and interactive methodologies to stimulate sharing of experiences, ideas and best practices.

RACVIAC annual Programme of activities is structured around three main themes:

- Cooperative Security Environment with a focus on Arms Control
- Security Sector Reform
- International and Regional Cooperation with a focus on Euro-Atlantic Integrations.

RACVIAC annual Programme includes up to 30 diverse activities throughout the year: seminars, training courses, workshops, conferences, meetings and a number of other extracurricular activities.

In numbers:

In its 19 years of existence RACVIAC has organized more than 400 activities and hosted over 15,000 participants and lecturers.
Administrative Information

Methodology

RACVIAC Programme activities are practice and project-oriented, combining expert presentations, analyses of case studies and interactive exercises. The focus is on the review and sharing of practical experience in order to make conclusions operational.

Participation in the activities

- Participation in Programme activities organized by RACVIAC - Centre for Security Cooperation is by invitation only according to RACVIAC policy on participation quota.
- All participants who are national representatives of our Members have to be nominated through national Points of Contact.
- Additionally, depending on the activity's purpose and content, national representatives of RACVIAC Associate Members, Observers, participants, as well as representatives of International governmental and non-governmental organizations and institutions, are also invited to participate.
- The application form has to be submitted through a registration link provided for each activity NLT than the date quoted in the invitation.
- Participants are provided with detailed administrative information prior to each activity.
- Most of the activities take place on RACVIAC premises while a few of them are organized outside of RACVIAC or hosted by our Members and Associate Members.

Updated information

Please note that the dates of activities may change. An updated calendar of our activities is available on our website:
http://www.racviac.org
Cooperative Security Environment with a focus on Arms Control (CSE) Pillar is one of RACVIAC domains with the longest tradition. Arms Control implementation obligations triggered the foundation of the Centre in 2000, and even after the transformation into the “Centre for Security Cooperation” the obligations and demands of the many Arms Control regimes in place continue characterizing and dominating all activities of this Pillar.

The identified spectrum of regional needs in the said domain ranges from pure training inspections and training of trainers for the implementation of legally and politically binding Arms Control treaties on the one hand to identifying possible contributions of the most relevant, well-functioning Arms Control regimes in regional stabilization in e.g. crisis situations, on the other hand.

CSE Pillar is continuously providing practical and theoretical knowledge to governmental institutions, verification centres, and political and administrative structures in all areas of confidence and security building.

CSE Pillar focuses mainly on:

- Arms Control treaties and agreements
- Implications and role of Arms Control policy aimed at confidence and security building
- Regional aspects of Arms Control in SEE
- Physical security and stockpile management, and
- Non-proliferation.

Contact: cse@racviac.org
Chemical Weapons Convention Workshop

**OBJECTIVE:**
To discuss relevant issues related to the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) and provide a broad overview of the CWC implementation procedures.

**TARGET AUDIENCE:**
Senior/junior military or civilian recommendation-makers dealing with CWC issues and responsible for escorting inspections.

**PARTNER:**
OPCW

**REMARK:**
_The Workshops focusing on different provisions of the Chemical Weapons Convention have been organized annually in partnership with the OPCW since 2004._
Agreement on Sub-Regional Arms Control (Dayton Article IV) - Orientation Course

Date: 16-21 March 2019
Venue: Montenegro

OBJECTIVE:

To educate and train individuals to perform their duties as inspectors and/or escorts pursuant to the Agreement on Sub-Regional Arms Control and to establish a common understanding of the Agreement.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Mainly military officers/NCOs dealing with the execution of Arms Control inspections pursuant to the Agreement.

PARTNERS:

BA, HR, ME, BwVC DE, OSCE

REMARK:

This Course has been organized by RACVIAC since 2001 and it is aimed at fostering mutual trust and confidence as well as transparency during the performance of inspections of the Agreement on Sub-Regional Arms Control pursuant to the General Framework Agreement for Peace in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Annex I-B, Article IV.
Open Skies Treaty (OST) Aerial Observation Course

Date: 29-31 March 2020
Venue: RACVIAC
(theoretical part)

Theoretical part:
To give an overview of specified elements of the OST, highlighting the most comprehensive and commonly followed rules.

Practical part:
To provide training on the procedures of the execution of the OST.

Target Audience:

Theoretical part: Military personnel, members of verification agencies/MoDs and other ministries/civilian agencies that should be introduced to the theoretical aspects of the provisions of the OST.

Practical part: Military personnel of verification agencies/MoDs and other OSCE/UN members, upon their request.

Partners:
DE, HR, HU

Remark:
The Course is divided into two parts: the theoretical and the practical part. The practical part is designed for military personnel only.
Effective Response to Global Threats in the Area of Non-Proliferation of WMD (UNSCR 1540)

OBJECTIVE:

To address the topics related to the UNSCR 1540 such as national implementation, status of the implementation, progress made and future objectives.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

National officials and representatives of intergovernmental organizations who take part in the implementation of the Resolution 1540.

PARTNERS:

BA, UNODA, OSCE, UNODC

Date: 25-28 May 2020
Venue: RACVIAC
Arms Control Symposium

**OBJECTIVE:**

To analyze future trends, latest developments and main challenges in the implementation of Arms Control treaties, as well as the latest developments and tendencies in the area of non-proliferation.

**TARGET AUDIENCE:**

Personnel from ministries - foreign affairs, defense, interior - political institutions and national authorities responsible for the implementation of Arms Control treaties or experts/policy-makers in the field of non-proliferation.

**PARTNERS:**

BA, HR, BwVC (DE)

**REMARK:**

*This is CSE Pillar's flagship event aimed at reviewing the most recent developments in the field of Arms Control.*
Physical Security and Stockpile Management Project

**OBJECTIVE:**
To train personnel and share experiences about compliance inspections of propellants and chemical stability of ammunitions.

**TARGET AUDIENCE:**
Mainly officers/NCOs and civilians who are involved in the SALW/AC management cycle.

**PARTNERS:**
BA, BwVC (DE), ITF (TBC), SEESAC (TBC)
Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction (C-WMD) Network is a project launched in 2015 at the request of the RACVIAC Members with the aim of facilitating the development of national strategies to counter weapons of mass destruction and enhancing cooperation in this field among SEE countries.

Eight countries joined the process of strategy development and there are some more who participate as observers.

At this point most of the Participating States have either completed or are in the process of completing their national WMD counter-proliferation strategies and are validating them through national table-top exercises.

Currently, the project is in Phase two: developing the mechanisms and projects for future regional cooperation.

C-WMD Network organizes several events per year that focus on various aspects of strategy development such as:

- Multilateral cooperation
- Contemporary threat environment
- Proliferation security
- Biological and nuclear security, etc.

Contact: cse@racviac.org
C-WMD Project tier 1- Nuclear Material and Security

OBJECTIVE:

To discuss topics connected to Nuclear Material and Security and recent trends and emerging technologies in WMD proliferation as well as to exchange information on risk atlas development and biological threats thus enhancing regional cooperation.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Previously identified national working/drafting teams' representatives who were engaged in the development and implementation of a national CWMD strategy during phase 1 of the project.

PARTNERS:

HR, US EUCOM, DTRA

REMARK:

With this activity the C-WMD Network project enters its second phase focusing more specifically on the mechanisms and tools for further enhancing regional cooperation.
C-WMD Project tier 2 - Bio Security Workshop

OBJECTIVE:

To support regional cooperation and officially launch the enhanced tool for cooperation - RACVIAC C-WMD Network Portal.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Previously identified national working/drafting teams' representatives who were engaged in the development and implementation of a national CWMD strategy during phase 1 of the project.

PARTNERS:

HR, US EUCOM, DTRA

REMARK:

C-WMD Network Portal, administered by RACVIAC, will further foster regional cooperation, exchange of information and enhance networking.
International and Regional Cooperation with focus on Euro-Atlantic Integrations (IRC) Pillar focuses its scope of activities mainly on regional security cooperation issues but also broader politico-military issues of European and Euro-Atlantic integrations, NATO and EU security and transnational security threats.

IRC Pillar's activities revolve around subjects dealing with the SEE countries’ efforts in their Euro-Atlantic and EU integration processes as the main driving force behind their reforms and development. The Pillar's main objective in these activities is to emphasize the need for ever closer cooperation at regional and broader international levels.

Regional cooperation represents an added value in countering transnational security threats in the SEE countries as well as an important complementary mechanism aimed at contributing to the advancement of the countries from the region towards EU or NATO.

Further regional cooperation in the area of defence and security is a necessity and, therefore, this Pillar's focus is on various security related topics:

- Counter terrorism
- EU CSDP
- Anticorruption
- Cyber security
- Natural disasters, etc.

Contact: irc@racviac.org
Building Integrity and Preventing Corruption - Workshop

OBJECTIVE:

To facilitate additional knowledge sharing and networking among experts and policy makers who will develop mechanisms for building institutional integrity based on best practices.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Officials at a decision-making level and experts from governmental institutions, agencies, international and regional organizations who are dealing with the subject matter.

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS:

RAI, UNODC

REMARK:

This Workshop is a continuation of a series of activities previously organized by RACVIAC in cooperation with the Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative.
WMD Counter Proliferation Finance Investigation Course

OBJECTIVE:
To educate the law enforcement authorities in the financial techniques to pursue transnational investigations related to weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and dual-use material.

TARGET AUDIENCE:
Mid-level law enforcement officials, national police investigators, prosecutors, analysts, customs and border enforcement officials, and selected government financial sector personnel. Knowledge of financial systems is desired.

PARTNERS:
US DTRA, FBI, GDIT, OFAC

REMARK:
This Course is organized in order to address the needs of RACVIAC Members identified during a series of events organized within the C-WMD Network.
Energy Security Seminar

Date: 15-19 June 2019
Venue: Romania

OBJECTIVE:
To facilitate additional knowledge-sharing and networking among experts and policy makers by promoting a transparent dialogue on energy security as well as to develop resilient capacities to protect critical energy infrastructure.

TARGET AUDIENCE:
Senior level officials and experts from governmental institutions and agencies, relevant international and regional organizations, and selected experts in the field of energy security.

PARTNER:
RO

REMARK:
This Workshop, as a follow-up activity to a series of events initiated in 2015, is still pending confirmation by Romania, as the leading nation in this project, that it will host and sponsor the activity.
NATO European Security Cooperation Workshop

OBJECTIVE:
To increase interoperability and collaboration between NATO and European security agencies while building confidence and mutual trust among officers and defence civilians of NATO, EU, and PfP.

TARGET AUDIENCE:
Military officers (OF-1 through OF-5) and military non-commissioned officers (OR-8 through OR-9) or civilian equivalents assigned to ministries of defense or foreign affairs or military headquarters and agencies working at the strategic level.

PARTNER ORGANIZATION:
NATO School Oberammergau (TBC)

REMARK:
This Workshop is a pilot activity that has to evolve to a training course in the upcoming period.
Floods Prevention and Protection Workshop and Field Study

**OBJECTIVE:**

To inform RACVIAC countries about the implementation of the EU supported joint project among AT, CZ, and SI as well as to present real examples in the field.

**TARGET AUDIENCE:**

The participants should be either civilian or military officials at a decision-making level and experts representing relevant national institutions dealing with flood-protection related issues.

**PARTNERS:**

AT, MK

**REMARK:**

*This Workshop is a follow-up activity to previously conducted activities on the topics related to natural disasters.*
Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP) Orientation Course

**OBJECTIVE:**

To provide basic knowledge about EU CSDP's institutions and instruments, a comprehensive approach to EU crisis management, civilian and military capability development, CSDP missions and operations and horizontal issues.

**TARGET AUDIENCE:**

Military and civilian personnel from governmental security institutions, ministries and agencies that are dealing with EU policies, missions and/or operations.

**PARTNERS:**

ESDC, National Defence Academy of Austria.

**REMARK:**

This is the first activity that RACVIAC organizes as an Associated Network Partner to the European Security and Defence College.
Foreign Terrorist Fighters Workshop

**OBJECTIVE:**
To intensify closer cooperation on the domestic, regional and international levels as emphasized by UNSCR 2178.

**TARGET AUDIENCE:**
The officials/experts from relevant governmental institutions, ministries, agencies and regional organizations dealing with the subject.

**PARTNERS:**
RCC (TBC), OSCE Mission in BA (TBC)

**REMARK:**
This is the sixth event in a series of activities organized previously concerning different aspects of the implementation of UNSCR 2178 and related resolutions.
Cyber Security Workshop/Course

OBJECTIVE:
To address the national and regional changes in the area of cyber security.

TARGET AUDIENCE:
The cyber security experts from the SEE region's governmental institutions and agencies.

PARTNERS:
DE (TBC), UK (TBC), MK Military Academy

REMARK:
This activity also aims to provide a basis for creating a new topic for an advanced Cyber Course 2021.
The necessity of permanent adaptation of solutions in the security sector to new security challenges is the main characteristic of the scope of activities in this specific Programme domain. The main efforts of the Security Sector Reform (SSR) Pillar are focused on the implementation of SSR-related activities through effective cooperation with RACVIAC partner organizations as well as with the Members.

SSR Pillar is focused on promoting different aspects and principles of security sector reform in the fields of defence resources management, democratic oversight and accountability, civil-military relations, human rights/gender perspectives and crisis management.

The scope of activities of this specific programme domain is characterized by the adaptation of security sector reform solutions to changing security challenges and needs of the countries from the region by putting in place the mechanisms and systems for an effective, accountable and civilian-controlled security sector.

The SSR Pillar focuses on:

- Parliamentary oversight over the security sector
- Human rights & gender equality
- Crisis management
- Human resources management
- Politico-military aspects of security.

Contact: ssr@racviac.org
Crisis/Disaster Management Seminar

Date: 17-19 February 2020
Venue: TBD

OBJECTIVE:

To examine security risks and vulnerabilities of national security systems related to crisis management by analyzing the role and concepts of emergency preparedness, critical infrastructure protection, civil protection, resilience and interagency cooperation.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Crisis/disaster management and civil protection experts from relevant governmental institutions.

PARTNER:

HR, AT
Human Resource Management - Change Management Workshop

Date: 23-26 March 2020
Venue: RACVIAC

OBJECTIVE:
To build leadership skills in dealing with human motivation and behavior during the process of change and to provide a useful and practical framework for understanding the role of the leader in a change process.

TARGET AUDIENCE:
Heads/managers at middle and higher level positions from the ministries of defense, foreign affairs and interior.

PARTNER:
AT, Flame Consulting

REMARK:
This event is a continuation of a previously conducted human resources management Workshop.
Civilian Crisis Management Capabilities Development Workshop

**OBJECTIVE:**
To enhance availability and participation of national experts in civilian CSDP missions thus contributing to the implementation of the Civilian CSDP Compact.

**TARGET AUDIENCE:**
Managers/experts from the national ministries of foreign affairs, defense and interior dealing with missions and operations abroad and EU CFSP/CSDP.

**PARTNER:**
AT, ESDC (TBC)
Gender Training of the Trainers Course

OBJECTIVE:
To increase the implementation of the UNSCR 1325 and related resolutions in the security sector and to enable trainers to successfully plan and conduct education, training and exercises with an integrated gender perspective within their own functional area of expertise. The Course also provides frameworks and guidelines on regulating gender in military operations with practical examples and best practices.

TARGET AUDIENCE:
Military personnel, police officers, and civilian personnel from security sector institutions responsible for human rights protection and gender perspective.

PARTNERS:
HR, NCGM, CAF, AT (TBC), DE (TBC)

REMARK:

The Course is NATO-certified and conducted in accordance with the curricula of the NATO Department Head for Gender Education and Training - Nordic Centre for Gender in Military Operations.
Annual Meeting of the Representatives from Defense and Security Committees from SEE Parliaments

OBJECTIVE:

To stress the importance of the standards of parliamentary oversight over the security sector and the democratic control of Armed forces in SEE focusing on the current security challenges in the SEE countries.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Parliamentarians, members and staffers in defence and security committees, civilian and military personnel from the ministries of defence and interior, and security sector professionals from governmental and non-governmental organizations.

PARTNERS:

AT, DCAF (TBC)
Strategic Communication Course

Objective:
To contribute to the improvement of a coherent institutional approach aimed at raising public awareness, understanding and countering hostile influences.

Target Audience:
Experts from governmental institutions responsible for strategic communications and public and media relations.

Partners:
AT, MPSOTC GR
Conference on Security Challenges for Europe

OBJECTIVE:

To identify the developing security challenges for Europe in general and SEE in particular and to provide the participants with the opportunity to share national considerations regarding the identified security challenges.

TARGET AUDIENCE:

Senior level national security policy makers and Subject Matter Experts from the ministries of foreign affairs, defence, interior and other relevant ministries, but also members of the academic community and civil society.

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS:

AT, HR, KAS, GCMC (TBC), UNODC

REMARK:

This Conference is the eighth event organized in partnership with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation Zagreb Office that enables a review of the most recent developments in the security domain in Europe and SEE region in particular.
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