

## Activity Overview

### **Physical Security and Stockpile Management Seminar “Current PSSM Issues and Ammunition Management in Nutshell” CSE-B1-W-20**

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**Background** Surplus of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) and Conventional Ammunition (CA) that has exceeded its shelf life presents a continued threat. For the past 10 years RACVIAC has been promoting the Physical Security and Stockpile Management (PSSM) of arms, ammunitions and explosives in the South East European region. The main purpose of these activities has been to train technical personnel to handle national stockpiles, implementing operational procedures and exchanging ideas on potential improvements of security and management, as well as to introduce the best international practices in PSSM. The previous PSSM Seminar (in 2017) was based on checking further possibilities for a comprehensive capacity building programme which aims to raise national capacities and national ownership. This coming Seminar will provide an opportunity for the experts and policy-makers of the region to get acquainted with the present status quo of the PSSM field, the status of the ongoing projects as well as the main ideas of ammunition management to update their expertise in the field. Participants will also have possibility to share with their colleagues their national status quo and outstanding issues as well as their national plans, needs and expectations.

**Purpose and Objectives** The main purpose of this event is twofold: to present the current status quo and the expectations for the future in the field of PSSM/SALW as well as to provide a brief overview on ammunition management. The objectives are as follows:

- To present the current status quo and the expectations for the future in the field of PSSM/SALW;
- To provide and exchange updated information about the Life Cycle Management of Ammunition;
- To bring together professionals and experts in the field of PSSM/SALW, experts within the military and national MoDs, commanders of storage sites, etc.;
- To bring together members of international organisations and academics who are experts in the relevant fields;
- To present and discuss PSSM/SALW-related issues in different countries, particularly specific issues within those practices and potential solutions;
- To outline common points and differences in national policies with regard to PSSM/SALW and find further possibilities for cooperation.

**Participation** Participants should be either officers/NCOs and civilians who are involved in the SALW/AC national stockpile management/management cycle or representatives of related ministries – foreign affairs, defence, and interior - or other national/international authorities and organisations. Due to technical limitations, altogether up to a hundred (100) participants can register to participate in this on-line Symposium.

**Methodology** The event will take place in the form of an online activity. It will last one working day. The working language of the Seminar will be English.

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