
Conference Overview

“Conference on Security Challenges for Europe” SSR-F2-CF-19

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Venue “The Westin Zagreb” Hotel, Izidora Kršnjavog 1, Zagreb, Republic of Croatia

Background This event presents a continuation of an established series of activities aimed toward enabling open and comprehensive discussions on emerging security challenges for Europe and South East European countries in particular. It is the seventh Conference so far conducted as a result of organizational cooperation between RACVIAC - Centre for Security Cooperation and the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Office in Croatia.

This joint initiative is aimed toward maintaining the regional platform for addressing transformation processes in South East European (SEE) countries in view of the EU and NATO membership responsibilities and institutional readiness, primarily considering the required security sector reform activities within the context of contemporary security challenges.

The academic partner in this event is the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies based in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany.

Purpose and Objectives The purpose of this event is to continue to enable open security policy and academic expert debates on emerging security challenges in the context of ongoing security sector reforms and integration processes of the EU and NATO aspiring countries.

The main Conference objectives are:

- To identify the developing security challenges for Europe in general and SEE in particular;
- To provide a common platform for reviewing the newest geopolitical shifts and resulting national security issues in view of the existing Euro-Atlantic integration processes;
- To provide participants with the opportunity to share national considerations on the current risks and challenges posed by emerging security challenges;
- To support an academic approach in identifying common interests and suggest possible solutions in national security policy development.

Participation The Conference is aimed at bringing together representatives primarily from SEE countries. Approximately a total of 50 participants - senior level national security policy makers and subject matter experts - preferably from the ministries of foreign affairs, ministries of interior, ministries of defence, governmental and non-governmental organizations, and members of the academic community involved in addressing the

contemporary security challenges and policy development processes. Detailed terms of participation and financial arrangements will be specified in the corresponding Conference Invitation Letter and Administrative Information.

Methodology The event is designed as an expert forum and it will be conducted in the form of Conference panel discussions. The Conference working language is English.

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