



Overview

Annex A

“The 4th RACVIAC/KAS Annual Conference on Security Challenges for Europe”

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Dates	06-08 December 2016
Venue	Hotel "Westin Zagreb/Hotel "Dubrovnik" Izidora Kršnjavog 1., Zagreb / Gajeva 1, Zagreb, the Republic of Croatia
Background	<p>The subject event is a continuation of the established series of activities aimed towards enabling open and comprehensive discussions on emerging security challenges for the European countries. It is the fourth annual activity to be conducted as a result of fruitful cooperation between RACVIAC and the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Office in Croatia.</p> <p>This joint initiative is aimed towards the establishment and sustainment of the regional platform for addressing the transformation processes within the countries of South East Europe (SEE) in view of the EU and NATO membership responsibilities and institutional readiness, primarily considering the required Security Sector Reform activities in the context of contemporary security challenges. Thus, looking from a geopolitical point of view, the SEE should define a common political and security outlook vis-à-vis the new security challenges and threats that lie ahead, that are already arising or will possibly arise in the near future.</p> <p>From this year onward, the intention is to increase the level of participation and the quality of the content by strengthening the event's scientific dimension and enhancing the involvement of the RACVIAC Members' academic community primarily. With this aim in mind, the Faculty of Political Sciences of the University of Zagreb has been engaged as the principal Conference academic partner.</p>
Purpose & Objectives	<p>The purpose of this event is to continue to enable open expert debates on common security challenges in the context of the initiated Security sector reforms and the required level of security integration for EU and NATO membership aspiring candidates, chiefly as cause-effect related processes. The main Conference objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ To identify the developing security challenges for Europe in general and SEE in particular▪ To facilitate a common platform for reviewing the newest geopolitical shifts and resulting national security issues in view of the existing EU foreign and security policy▪ To provide participants with the opportunity to share national considerations on the recognized challenges and to foster dialogue and cooperation▪ To support a scientific approach in developing national security policies
Participation	<p>The aim of the Conference is to bring together primarily the representatives of SEE countries. Approximately a total of 40 participants - senior level national security policy makers and subject matter experts, preferably from the ministries of foreign affairs, ministries of the interior, ministries of defence and ministries of economy, governmental and non-governmental organizations, and members of the academic community involved in addressing 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.</p>
Methodology	<p>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.</p>
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