



CENTRE FOR SECURITY COOPERATION
**PHYSICAL SECURITY AND
STOCKPILE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP**

*in cooperation with
The Federal Ministry of Defence and Sports of the Republic of Austria and the Bundeswehr
Verification Centre (BwVC) of the Federal Republic of Germany.*

Dates	18-20 February 2014
Venue	Rakitje, Zagreb, Republic of Croatia
Background	<p>Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) and existing surplus stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (CA) that have exceeded their shelf life pose significant hazards to people, the environment and security of countries. The importance of this issue has been recognized on a political level in the region of South Eastern Europe (SEE), as well by international organizations. One of the main areas where further efforts should be made is Physical Security and Stockpile Management (PSSM).</p> <p>In order to promote the proper management and security of national stockpiles in the SEE region, RACVIAC, in cooperation with the Federal Ministry of Defence and Sports of the Republic of Austria and the Bundeswehr Verification Centre (BwVC) of the Federal Republic of Germany, is organizing a PSSM Workshop. This workshop will be the basis for a possible course in the second half of the year on SALW/CA matters.</p>
Purpose & Objectives	<p>The purpose of the workshop is to train executive managers to assess national stockpiles, operational procedures and infrastructure, and provide ways for potential improvements to security and management, as well as to introduce best international practices in Physical Security and Stockpile Management.</p>

The workshop objectives are:

- To train experts in executing their professional duties;
- To analyse main challenges in stockpile management and find ways for improvement;
- To specify necessary requirements for a possible course on SALW/CA matters in the second half of the year with the same participants;
- To increase participants' capabilities in organizing, planning and conducting PSSM workshops, courses;
- To raise awareness of the whole complex issue in the region and to enhance regional/national ownership.
- To evaluate the real needs of the countries in the region regarding the issue of PSSM.
- To strengthen the commitment of relevant decision makers and experts from political and military sides.

Participants Approximately 25 participants from RACVIAC member states, employees of governmental organizations and agencies involved in the management of national stockpiles of SALW/CA are welcome to attend the workshop that is designed for mid to high-level officials with management responsibility.

Participating requirements:

1. The Participants should be at least staff officers and persons who play key roles in the SALW/AC management cycle.
2. They should hold Major to Colonel ranks (O-3 to O-5) and should be able to brief respective decision-makers (Generals) on SALW/CA matters.
3. Each participant should prepare a short presentation that should include their current position, their current responsibilities and expectations for this activity.
4. Each country (SNR) should give a briefing on the SALW/CA management cycle in the country; Lecturers will represent OSCE, SAS, MSAG, and the MoD and Verification Centres of the Federal Republic of Germany and of the Republic of Austria respectively.



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Methodology The workshop will last for *two days* and will comprise theoretical lectures / presentations, discussions and parallel syndicate work, which is intended to get the participants acquainted with international standards and best practices for the safe storage of SALW/CA, with an emphasis on physical security.

On the second day, there will be a possibility for parallel syndicate work, where each participant will give a briefing on the most relevant issues, previous and actual problems and discuss further necessary steps that they will propose to respective decision-makers.

At the end of the workshop a CD will be distributed with materials related to the workshop.

The workshop's working language will be English. STANAG 6001 – 3.3.3.2 level or equivalent knowledge of English is required.

Member States are kindly informed that RACVIAC encourages all lecturers to submit written essays on their area of expertise to be referred to during their presentation at the RACVIAC activity. Most prominent and current essays will then be published in the "RACVIAC Compendium – Assortment of RACVIAC Prominent Lecturers' Insights" that will be issued at least once a year, preferably at the beginning of the year for the previous year but with an option and aim to become semi-annual if input and interest of targeted audience is satisfactory.

Understanding the additional effort and time needed to be put into writing this essay, RACVIAC will stimulate it with an amount of 100 euros per essays.

The essays should comprise at least 1500 words and should be submitted electronically and in the hard copy version to RACVIAC before the actual lecture or presentation is given. The author of the submitted essay should give his/her written permission to RACVIAC to publish the essay in the "RACVIAC Compendium" waiving future claims or compensations towards RACVIAC.

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