



CENTRE FOR SECURITY COOPERATION



THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

ARMS CONTROL SYMPOSIUM

Organised by RACVIAC - Centre for Security Cooperation

Dates	04-06 November 2014
Venue	Rakitje, Zagreb, Croatia
Background	<p>Adapting to an ever-changing landscape of security threats in our region, RACVIAC – Centre for Security Cooperation has significantly broadened its scope and developed into an acknowledged regional forum for cooperation and dialogue on a variety of security issues, such as the Cooperative Security Environment (CSE), International and Regional Cooperation (IRC) and Security Sector Reform (SSR). Within the CSE pillar in particular, the key priorities range from conventional arms control treaties, the reduction of security threats from chemical materials to aspects of small arms and light weapons (SALW) and ammunition. Only the elimination of weapons most likely to be used can directly avert the danger of violent crime and terrorism and prevent the escalation of violence – a fact that is clearly reflected in RACVIAC expanded mission.</p> <p>Equipped with its own capabilities and the support of regional and international partners, RACVIAC is well placed to organize the 2014 Arms Control Symposium, building on the success of the 2013 symposium and cementing its position as a centre for training, education and capacity building in the field of arms control.</p> <p>The Arms Control Symposium is a good example of how the organization is meeting the challenges and reviewing the recent developments in the current multilateral arms control negotiations. This new approach has proved to be very resilient to changing political developments, having a strong preventive component and being crisis resistant.</p>
Purpose & Objectives	<p>Reflecting the political ambition to uphold the existing conventional arms control treaties, RACVIAC – Centre for Security Cooperation is organizing a Conventional Arms Control Symposium, which is taking place from 04 to 06 November 2014 on RACVIAC premises.</p> <p>The purpose of this event is to build on the experience of last year's symposium and to present the latest developments in arms control, with the aim to open up new perspectives on confidence-building measures for peace and stability in Europe. The symposium will serve as a platform for discussions on the fundamental role of arms control treaties as a cornerstone of European and SEE security. An important element of its overall aims is the updating of any relevant information regarding arms control issues.</p> <p>The objectives of the symposium are to examine:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>The objectives and instruments of a modern, stability orientated pan-European arms control regime;</i>• <i>The military capabilities in future conventional arms control;</i>• <i>The role of cooperative security and NATO;</i>• <i>The role of arms control in resolving the remaining security issues in Europe;</i>• <i>New Arms Control Requirements from a military perspective;</i>• <i>Future arms control and modern force capabilities.</i>
Participants	<p>The invitation to the symposium is addressed particularly, though not exclusively, to the countries of South East Europe. Three participants (where possible, one of them being the Head of the Verification Centre of the respective countries) from each of the following countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*, Montenegro and Serbia are kindly invited to attend the symposium. Representatives from each of the remaining MAG countries, the OSCE, relevant international organizations and academics will also be invited.</p> <p>Participants should either be representatives of Ministries, political institutions and national authorities, responsible for the implementation of arms control treaties, or experts in the field of arms control.</p> <p>The speakers at the symposium will represent national institutions/agencies or other relevant international organisations.</p>

- Methodology The event will take place in the form of a symposium, followed by a podium discussion. It will last one working day.
The working language of the symposium will be English.
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 year preceding, but with an option and aim to become semi-annual if input and interest of the 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 essay.
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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