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Annex A

Meeting of DCAF Course Alumni under the Auspices of the DCAF Border Security Programme

SSR-04-C Overview

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- Dates** 27th– 29th October 2014
- Location(s)** Conference Room in RACVIAC - Centre for Security Cooperation in SEE, Rakitje, Zagreb, Republic of Croatia
- Background** The DCAF Border Security Programme has been contributing to education and training in the area of border security and management since 2005. This component remains a high priority under the renewed Programme (led by DCAF Ljubljana since early 2012) for the Programme Beneficiary Countries from the Western Balkan region, and contributes to further capacity-building and to the fulfilling of requirements under the EU integration process.

RACVIAC and DCAF both recognize the importance of dialogue and fostering regional cooperation in the area of border security, where the countries of the Western Balkan region are working to tackle the diverse challenges to regional and European border integrity. Based on the “Exchange of Letters” signed between RACVIAC and DCAF Ljubljana in February 2014, the meeting that will take place on 27th–29th October 2014 is being prepared and executed in cooperation between the two parties and hosted by RACVIAC.

During 2005–2011, the Courses executed under the auspices of the DCAF Border Security Programme (International Course for Regional Commanders – ITCRC and the International Course for Station Commanders – ITCSC) represented a novelty in the area of border police education and training in the European sphere and gained wide recognition. Their elements were applied in the most recent design of the EU Master’s for Border Guards owned by Frontex. The Courses combined some of the most modern teaching methods (incl. e-learning) and were aimed at professionalization of the border security services and included several modules focused on important aspects of border guarding, such as global security, management and leadership and border management. Overall, the Courses represented a high investment on the part of DCAF into individual border security professionals from the region, and contributed to regional standards in border policing.

Purpose & Objectives

The meeting will bring together the alumni from the Western Balkan countries, Croatia and Slovenia, who have concluded either the 1st or the 2nd generation of the DCAF International Training Course for Regional Commanders (ITCRC) between 2005–2011. The meeting represents a timely effort to assess the added value of border police education and training for regional border policing as well as future prospects to utilise the gained knowledge and competences, in line with the strategic guidelines of the relevant regional programmes in the area of border security.

Main objectives:

- To evaluate the DCAF Courses' added value for contemporary border policing in the Western Balkans and organisational development;
- To contribute to the overall assessment of the contribution of border police education and training to achieving the strategic goals of the Beneficiary Countries;
- To raise awareness of the new developments in regional border security, EU-level border management and good practices from other European regions.

Outcomes:

- Identification of the Courses' short-term and long-term impact(s) perceived in the sending countries and organisations;
- Assessment of what improvements/changes the newly gained competences have brought to their working environments and to organisational development;
- Assessment of possible further contributions for the professionalization of border services in the Western Balkans, including through DCAF regional programmes;
- Re-establishing of professional and personal contacts between Course alumni;
- Agreement on follow-up to be undertaken under the auspices of the Border Security Programme and raised to the ministerial level.

Participants

National representatives of the competent national services of the Ministry of the interior/border police (Course alumni from the Beneficiaries, Croatia and Slovenia, who have concluded the DCAF International Training Course for Regional Commanders (ITCRC) and who are still actively engaged in the area of police) from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia¹, Montenegro, Serbia and Slovenia.

Methodology

The events will be executed in Course form. The working language will be English.

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