



CENTRE FOR SECURITY COOPERATION

## **Open Skies Treaty Aerial Observation Course**

*in cooperation with*

*Canada, the Republic of Croatia, the Federal Republic of Germany, and Hungary*

<b>Dates</b>	26 March - 05 April 2012
<b>Venue</b>	RACVIAC – Centre for Security Cooperation
<b>Background</b>	Since 2002 RACVIAC has been organizing courses on the Treaty on Open Skies (OST). These courses have become one of the most distinctive RACVIAC products, in which the synergy of several institutions comes into play. In 2012 RACVIAC is cooperating closely with the Croatian Verification Centre and the MoD of the Republic of Hungary in order to provide another successful course, sponsored by Canada and the Federal Republic of Germany.
<b>Purpose &amp; Objectives</b>	<p>The purpose of the course is to train personnel from SEE countries to plan, organize and execute an Aerial Observation Mission based on the provisions of the Treaty on Open Skies (OST), thus increasing the administrative capacity in the field of security cooperation.</p> <p>The objectives of the course are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• to overview the specified elements of the OST, highlighting the most comprehensive and commonly followed rules and procedures of its execution;</li><li>• to provide the participants with information about the current situation in the development and implementation of the OST;</li><li>• to carry out a training Aerial Observation Mission, thus providing practical experience;</li><li>• to deepen contacts between representatives of national organizations and agencies engaged in the accomplishment of arms control and/or security- and confidence-building measures;</li><li>• to set an example of security cooperation on national, regional and international level.</li></ul>
<b>Participants</b>	Up to 16 military personnel, members of Verification Agencies who are involved (or planed to be involved) in the execution of OST Missions. Lecturers will represent national authorities, arms control agencies, and verification centers of CA, DE, HR and HU.
<b>Methodology</b>	This course is designed as a combination of theoretical (lectures/presentations) and practical activities. The lecturers will present a comprehensive and detailed overview of the relevant parts of the OST. A short questions and answers session will follow the presentations. During the practical part of the course, an Aerial Observation Mission will be planned and carried out over the territory of the Republic of Croatia using the Open Skies aircraft, the AN-26 of the Republic of Hungary. At the end of the course, participants will receive an official certificate of participation. A CD will also be distributed with relevant materials related to the course. The course working language will be English (STANAG – 3332 or equivalent).
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