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Irregular Migration and Its Effects on Security

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Venue Ohrid, (MK)

Background The prevention of and fight against irregular migration, trafficking in human beings and smuggling of migrants, document security, asylum and the effects thereof on security are placed high on the agenda of law makers in various societies. Organized crime/smuggling networks involved in irregular migration and smuggling or trafficking in persons are also very often involved in other related organized criminal activities using already established links and channels (i.e. terrorism, drugs, weapons and vehicle smuggling, corruption, money laundering, etc.) and they pose a high level security threat to state sovereignty and internal security.

In order to successfully prevent and combat irregular migration, organized crime and their effects on security, many different measures and courses of action must be developed and implemented, such as improvements with regard to the following: legislation, co-operation with third countries, particularly the cooperation among neighbouring countries situated along irregular migration "routes", capacity building, exchange of data/statistics, visa policy, integrated border management, travel and identity document security, establishment of a coherent common policy on readmission and return, integration, rules on stay and residence and permanent education and training systems.

In this regard, and with the aim to foster dialogue and cooperation on security matters in South East Europe (SEE), the subject matter of the Round Table on Irregular Migration and Its Effects on Security was recognized both by MARRI and RACVIAC as a platform for strengthening the confidence and cooperation in the SEE region by building a more open, transparent and stable environment in the region as well as by encouraging the exchange of information, views and ideas.

Purpose & Objectives The Round Table is a gathering organised in the framework of the long-term and continuous cooperation between MARRI and RACVIAC on the above-mentioned subject matter aimed at discussing the main challenges the states face in their efforts to tackle complex and diverse phenomena of irregular migration, asylum, trafficking and smuggling of human beings, document security, crime and terrorism and their effects on security.

The objectives are:

- To get an insight into current EU legislative aspects, standards, procedures and decision making processes related to the subject matter;
- To explore the current regional situation through the presentations by the national delegations;
- To survey and promote the current international and regional efforts towards refugees and internally displaced persons;
- To highlight national policies of the SEE countries and the capacities of national institutions responsible for the prevention of and fight against irregular migration, trafficking in human beings and smuggling of migrants and document security;
- To promote intra-agency, inter-agency and international cooperation with third countries, in particular the cooperation among the neighbouring countries situated along irregular migration "routes";
- To identify the gaps and difficulties with regard to the above-mentioned issues and make recommendations for sustainable solutions.



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- Participants** Participants and speakers from RACVIAC MAG / MARRI member countries (officials at the decision-making level and experts representing relevant institutions dealing with the Round Table subject matter), as well as from their observer, associate and partner countries, international organizations and NGOs. The media will also be invited for the opening session.
- Methodology** The Round Table will last for two full days and it will comprise presentations and discussions. The working language will be English.
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