



## RACVIAC CYBER SECURITY PROJECT ROUND TABLE

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**Venue** RACVIAC – Centre for Security Cooperation, Stari hrast 53, Rakitje, 10437 Bestovje, Croatia

**Background** Cyber threat is recognized, both globally and in the SEE region, as a serious security hazard whose weight and gravity are to become even more prominent in the future. All security threats have one dominant characteristic in common – their worrying ability to transform. In the cyber world it is all the more preoccupying given the rapid development of cyber technology and the ability of cyber threats to spread regardless of borders. In this regard, unless our ability to respond is equally adaptable and unless our preparations are future-focused, we risk not being able to cope with it in the future.

Faced with such a complex and multifaceted threat, nations around the world, as well as international organizations, are striving to develop both policies and tools to tackle it. NATO, for example, established its Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence (CCDCOE) in Tallinn (Estonia) in 2008, with the mission to enhance the capability, cooperation and information sharing among NATO, NATO nations and Partners in cyber defence. Similarly, a big part of the overall efforts of the UN Interregional Crime & Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) is dedicated to understanding cyber threats and devising adequate counter measures. In the same light, the European Union established a special agency - European Network and Information Security Agency (ENISA) – as its response to cyber security issues.

Hence, if the common goal is to find and implement an efficient way to deal with this threat, constant attention needs to be paid to its evolving form, with international cooperation forming an integral part of any counter security threat strategy. The SEE region is not and cannot be an exception to this.

**Purpose & Objectives** The purpose of the round table is two-fold. Firstly, it is to bring together cyber security experts from the regional countries and to provide them with an opportunity to exchange relevant information and experience, as well as to expose them to the latest developments in the field, presented by relevant international experts. Secondly, it is to enable all the participants to express their ideas and actively participate in the development of RACVIAC cyber security related activities in the future.

The objectives are:

- To expose regional cyber security experts to the experience of international experts and deepen the cooperation;
- To enable regional cyber security experts to exchange knowledge, experience and know-how, as well as to facilitate networking among them;
- To present RACVIAC cyber security project proposal and to collect inputs from the participants regarding the number and the type of cyber security related activities to be conducted in the future, development of infrastructure, acquisition of equipment and other relevant topics.

**Participants** The total number of participants should be up to 35, with two participants coming from each of the following countries: AL, BA, GR, HR, ME, MK, RO, RS, TK. The participants, civilian or military officials, should be dealing with cyber security issues in institutions of their respective countries and be in position to actively and constructively participate in the discussion on the RACVIAC Cyber Security Project Proposal. Representatives of other MAG countries, relevant international organizations (NATO (NATO HQ Brussels, JFC Naples and CCDCOE), OSCE, UNICRI, ENISA, SECI – SELEC, etc.) and NGOs are also to be invited.

**Methodology** The round table will last two working days and will be conducted as a combination of presentations, speeches and guided discussions. All materials presented or produced during the round table, where appropriate, will be distributed in electronic form on a CD or other befitting media. The official working language is English.

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