



CENTRE FOR SECURITY COOPERATION

## PHYSICAL SECURITY AND STOCKPILE MANAGEMENT COURSE

*in cooperation with  
the Federal Ministry of Defence and Sports of the Republic of Austria, the Bundeswehr  
Verification Centre (BwVC) of the Federal Republic of Germany  
and the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA), USA*

<b>Dates</b>	05-09 November 2012
<b>Venue</b>	RACVIAC
<b>Background</b>	<p>Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) and the existing surplus stockpiles of Conventional Ammunition (CA) that have exceeded their shelf life pose significant hazards to people, the environment and the security of countries. The importance of this issue has been recognized at the political level in the region of South Eastern Europe (SEE), as well by international organizations. As a matter of fact, at the SEECP defence ministerial meeting held in Belgrade in April 2012, the issue was given the highest importance and RACVIAC was recognized as a regional organization to deal with the issue. One of the main areas where further efforts should be made is Physical Security and Stockpile Management (PSSM).</p> <p>In order to promote the proper management and security of national stockpiles in the SEE region, RACVIAC, in cooperation with the Federal Ministry of Defence and Sports of the Republic of Austria, the Bundeswehr Verification Centre (BwVC) of the Federal Republic of Germany and the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA), USA, is organizing a PSSM Technical Level Course.</p>
<b>Purpose &amp; Objectives</b>	<p>The course is aimed at training technical personnel to handle national stockpiles, implementing operational procedures and exchanging ideas on potential improvements of security and management, as well as at introducing best international practices in Physical Security and Stockpile Management.</p> <p>The objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To train experts in executing their professional duties;</li><li>• To provide profound experiences to technical personnel;</li><li>• To analyze main challenges in stockpile management;</li><li>• To exchange information and introduce national laboratory procedures.</li></ul>
<b>Participants</b>	<p>Approximately 25 participants from RACVIAC member states, employees of governmental organizations and agencies involved in the management of national stockpiles of SALW/CA are welcome to attend the course. This Technical Level Course is designed for personnel involved in the in-service surveillance of all types of conventional ammunition, particularly the employees of national laboratories.</p> <p>The lecturers will come from the Republic of Austria, DTRA and the Verification Centre of the Federal Republic of Germany.</p>
<b>Methodology</b>	<p>The course will last for five days and is designed as a combination of theoretical lectures /presentations and practical exercises. Briefings and other classroom activities are intended to acquaint the participants with international standards and best practices for the safe storage, in-service surveillance of SALW and CA, with an emphasis on the life cycle management, assessment and testing techniques/procedures.</p> <p>The practical exercise will allow the participants to evaluate testing procedures and techniques. A CD containing relevant materials will be distributed to the participants at the end of the course. The working language of the course will be English. STANAG – 3332 level or equivalent knowledge of English is required.</p>
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