

AGENDA



10TH WORKSHOP OF THE REGIONAL APPROACH TO STOCKPILE REDUCTION (RASR) OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS AND MUNITIONS

9-11 October 2018, Tirana, Albania (Hotel Rogner)

TUESDAY, 9 OCTOBER 2018

- 1700 **MEETING OF THE RASR STEERING COMMITTEE**
(for Steering Committee members only)
- 1930 – 2100 **WELCOME RECEPTION AND COCKTAIL DINNER**
for all meeting participants (hosted by SEESAC)

WEDNESDAY, 10 OCTOBER 2018

- 0830 – 0900 **REGISTRATION**
- 0900 – 0930 **OPENING OF THE 10TH RASR WORKSHOP**
 - Welcome Remarks by Mr Petro Koçi, Deputy Minister of Defence of Albania.
 - Opening Statement by Ms Monika Bylaite, Head of Political Section, EU Delegation Albania.
 - Opening Statement by Mr Zoran Popov, Political Advisor, Regional Cooperation Council.

Chaired by Ms Bojana Balon, SEESAC Coordinator
(FAMILY PHOTO)
- 0930 – 1100 **SESSION I – PHYSICAL SECURITY AND STOCKPILE MANAGEMENT (PSSM)- PROGRESS, CHALLENGES AND PRIORITIES**

The purpose of this session is for RASR members to inform their colleagues regarding the current situation of ammunition and armament stockpiles, progress on surplus reduction, safety and security challenges of the stockpiles as well as priorities and identified needs in these areas.

RASR members' presentations **(15-20 minutes per presentation)**.

Discussion
Chaired by Ms Sabina Beber Boštjančič, Deputy Director, ITF Enhancing Human Security
- 1100-1130 **COFFEE BREAK**
- 1130-1300 **SESSION I (CONTINUED) - PSSM PROGRESS, CHALLENGES AND PRIORITIES**

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 - International Ammunition Technical Guidelines (IATG) on the safeguarding of ammunition and some practical examples -
Briefing by Mr Alain Lapon, SEESAC Chief Technical Advisor.

Discussion
Chaired by Mr David Towndrow, Partnership for Peace Section, NATO Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA)

1300-1430

LUNCH

1430-1600

SESSION II –NEW DEVELOPMENTS – STOCKPILE MANAGEMENT/DISPOSAL

This session will aim at sharing information on new projects and/or initiatives related to stockpile reduction and disposal or capacity building in South East Europe.

- Roadmap for a sustainable solution to the illegal possession, misuse and trafficking of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) and their ammunition in the Western Balkans by 2024 – *Presentation by Ms Juliana Buzi, SEESAC Regional Cooperation Coordinator.*
- Life-cycle Management of Ammunition (LCMA) in BiH–*Joint presentation by Ms Dr Jovana Čarapić, Associate Researcher, SAS and Mr Martin Träschler, Special Adviser, EUFOR.*
- UN Safeguard Expert Validation process and Ammunition Management Advisory Team- *Presentation by Mr Andrew Grantham, Advisor for Ammunition Operations, GICHD.*
- Any other update from current work of organizations in the region in this area.

Discussion

Chaired by Lt.Col (OF-4) Servet Aya, Programme Manager, RACVIAC

1600

CLOSURE OF THE FIRST DAY

1900

DINNER HOSTED BY SEESAC ON BEHALF OF THE RASR SECRETARIAT

THURSDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2018

0900 – 1030

SESSION III - ADDRESSING SAFETY ASPECTS OF AMMUNITION/ARMAMENT DISPOSAL

The session will focus on highlighting challenges and good practices in the disposal of large calibre ammunition as well as highlight some of the environmental aspects in the disposal of surplus ammunition.

- Industrial disposal of large calibre ammunition– *Presentation by Mr David Towndrow, Partnership for Peace Section NSPA.*
- Environmental aspects of ammunition disposal - *Joint presentation by MoD Slovenia and ITF Enhancing Human Security.*
- Challenges and good practices from ammunition disposal in BiH – *Presentation by Mr Tarik Učanbarlić, EU STAR Project Manager*

(20 mins per presentation)

Chaired by Dr. Jovana Čarapić, Associate Researcher, Small Arms Survey

1030 - 1100

COFFEE BREAK

1100-1200

SESSION IV - DIVERSION OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS AND MUNITIONS STOCKPILES TO THE CIVILIAN MARKETS

Several recent incidents in Europe have proven that there are serious gaps in the legislation or control over transfers from military or law enforcement ammunition/armament stockpiles to the civilian market. As such, this session will aim to provide information on additional risks deriving from these transfers.

• *Joint Presentation by Mr Alain Lapon SEESAC Chief Technical Adviser and Dr Jovana Čarapić, Associate Researcher, Small Arms Survey*

Chaired by Ms Juliana Buzi, SEESAC Regional Cooperation Coordinator

1200-1230

SESSION V - WORKSHOP WRAP-UP AND THOUGHTS ON STOCKPILE MANAGEMENT

*The aim of this wrap-up session is to summarise and discuss the progress and challenges presented in the region on ammunition stockpile management and **highlight the needs/opportunities for international assistance and cooperation**. The session will summarise issues related to the capacity of ammunition management and surplus disposal, as well as discuss the priority needs identified on core aspects of PSSM, to accomplish Goals 6 and 7 of the jointly adopted regional Roadmap (including Life Cycle Management of SALW and their ammunition);*

Facilitated by Mr David Towndrow, Partnership for Peace Section, NSPA

1230-1240

WORKSHOP CONCLUSIONS

Chaired by SEESAC (RASR Secretariat)

1240-1330

LUNCH

1330 – 1700

Field Visit - Showcase of Albania's Armed Forces current efforts in clearing the hotspots contaminated with remnants of unexploded ordnance in Jube-Sukth, Durres as well as a practical example of civil-military cooperation. *(Separate Agenda will be distributed in advance of the meeting)*

