

**SOUTH EAST EUROPE  
REGIONAL APPROACH TO STOCKPILE REDUCTION (RASR)  
OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS AND MUNITIONS, 7<sup>TH</sup> WORKSHOP  
12-15 May 2014, Sofia, Bulgaria**

**AGENDA**

**Monday, 12 May 2014**  
(Hotel Hilton Sofia, *Terrace*)

**1930 – 2100** Welcome Reception for all participants  
Hosted by Small Arms Survey

**Tuesday, 13 May 2014**  
(Hotel Hilton Sofia, Conference Room *Moussala 1*)

**0830 – 0900** **Registration**

**0900 – 0930** **Opening of the 7<sup>th</sup> RASR Workshop**  
Welcome by Small Arms Survey (Chair of RASR)  
Opening Remarks by **Permanent Under Secretary of Defense  
Dr. Dobromir Totev**, Bulgarian MoD  
Welcome by **U.S. Ambassador Marcie B. Ries**

**0930 – 1045** Session on international/regional training offered (overview)  
IO presentations, 15 minutes per presenter (SAS, ITF, RACVIAC, NSPA,  
SEESAC)  
*Chaired by ITF*

**1045 – 1115** Coffee and tea

**1115 – 1230** Session on national PSSM training experiences (strengths/weaknesses/needs)  
(1 of 3) National presentations, 20 minutes per presenter: Albania, Bosnia and  
Herzegovina, and Bulgaria.  
**Q&A 15 minutes**  
*Chaired by RACVIAC*

**1230 – 1345** Photo shoot **and lunch**



- 1345 – 1500** Session on national PSSM training experiences (strengths/weaknesses/needs) (2 of 3) National presentations, 20 minutes per presenter: Croatia, FYR Macedonia, and Montenegro.  
**Q&A 15 minutes**  
*Chaired by NSPA*
- 1500 – 1530** Coffee and tea
- 1530 – 1645** Session on national PSSM training experiences (strengths/weaknesses/needs) (3 of 3) National presentations, 20 minutes per presenter: Romania, Serbia, and Slovenia.  
**Q&A 15 minutes**  
*Chaired by SEESAC*
- 1645 – 1745** Session on major common themes, challenges and concerns – RASR website on training capacities  
*Chaired by SAS (Chair of RASR)*
- 1745 – 1800** **Closing for Day 1**
- 1930 – 2130** Cocktail Dinner hosted by the Bulgarian MOD  
Lozenetch residence, Milin kamak Street 70/  
(transport/buses provided by Bulgarian MoD)

**Note on national presentations:** Nominated government representatives will give a brief presentation (20 minutes maximum) focusing on their country's **PSSM training capacities and curriculum**, in accordance with the following presentation outline:

1. Introduction: Status and figures of remaining surplus weapons and ammunition stockpile (5 minutes maximum)
2. Main body of the presentation will touch upon one (or several) of the following issues:
  - National logistics/ammunition schools and courses (feedback on RASR webpage <http://www.rasrinitiative.org/events-courses.php>);
  - PSSM training gaps and needs;
  - Experience with foreign-supported training [answering questions: What has worked well (and why)? And what has worked less well (and why)?];
  - Evaluation of "train-the-trainer" approaches; and/or
  - Issues concerning retention and career advancement within the ranks for skilled staff.

According to previous practice, PPT presentations will be uploaded to the RASR website post-workshop.



**Wednesday, 14 May 2014**  
***(Lovech ammunition depot and museum  
Transport courtesy of Bulgarian MoD)***

- 0730 – 1000** Travel by bus from Hilton Hotel in Sofia to Lovech.  
(There will be a 20 min coffee break in Pravets)
- 1030 – 1100** Presentation by depot commander  
(Q&A; break into groups)
- 1100 – 1145** Visit of ammunition depot  
(Pictures NOT allowed)
- 1145 – 1230** Visit of ammunition museum  
(Pictures allowed)
- 1230 – 1400** ‘No host’ Lunch<sup>1</sup> in selected restaurant + free time in town  
(transport provided by Bulgarian MoD)  
Return to depot/Conference room
- 1415 – 1445** Presentation (in English) by the National Military University - *Training of specialists in weapons and ammunition at the National Military University - Opportunities and Prospects*
- 1445 – 1515** Presentation (in English) by Dunarit Corp. – *Demilitarization of ammunition*
- 1515 – 1545** RASR Initiative: Workshop wrap-up and next steps  
*Chaired by SAS (Chair of RASR)*
- 1600 – 1830** Drive back to Sofia  
(There will be a 20 min coffee break)

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<sup>1</sup> Local currency - BGN (lev).



**Thursday, 15 May 2014 (OPTIONAL – FOR NON-COMMERCIAL  
ORGANIZATIONS ONLY)**  
*(Expal demilitarization plant in Gabrovo  
Transport courtesy of EXPAL)*

**07:30 – 10:30** Sofia – Gabrovo

**10:30 – 11:00** Welcome coffee and presentation of EXPAL demilitarization capacities

**11:00 – 12:30** Plant visit (break-up into groups): storage, dismantling operations, explosive and WP extraction, inertization

**12:30 – 13:00** Lunch (factory cafeteria, food from a catering service)

**13:00 – 13:30/14:00** Recovery, Recycle and Re-use

**14:00 – 17:00** Gabrovo – Sofia

