

**SOUTH EAST EUROPE
REGIONAL APPROACH TO STOCKPILE REDUCTION (RASR)
OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS AND MUNITIONS, 7TH 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 7th 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’ Lunch¹ 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)

¹ 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

