



CENTRE FOR SECURITY COOPERATION

Supporting regional cooperation on PSSM issues for the benefit of the SEE region as a whole

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OUTLINE

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- RACVIAC Programme
- Capacity Building in PSSM
- Way Ahead



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HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Regional Arms Control Verification and Implementation Assistance Center

- Established in Oct. 2000
- Started as a bilateral project between Germany and Croatia
- 2003 – 2007 Mission Expansion
- December 2011 – New Agreement entered into force
- RACVIAC – Center for Security Cooperation
- Status of a Diplomatic Mission

MEMBERS

9 MEMBERS

Albania
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Croatia
Greece
the former Yugoslav
Republic of Macedonia*
Montenegro
Romania
Serbia
Turkey

14 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

Austria
Czech Republic
Denmark
France
Germany
Hungary
Italy
Netherlands
Norway
Russia
Slovenia
Spain
Sweden
United Kingdom

6 OBSERVERS

Canada
Moldova
Poland
Slovakia
Ukraine
United States of
America

On October 10th, 2014, MAG invited Kosovo to participate on a permanent basis, at all levels and on equal terms in all activities and meetings of RACVIAC/MAG.**

* Turkey recognizes the Republic of Macedonia with its constitutional name

** This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence. (In accordance with Arrangements regarding regional representation and cooperation.)

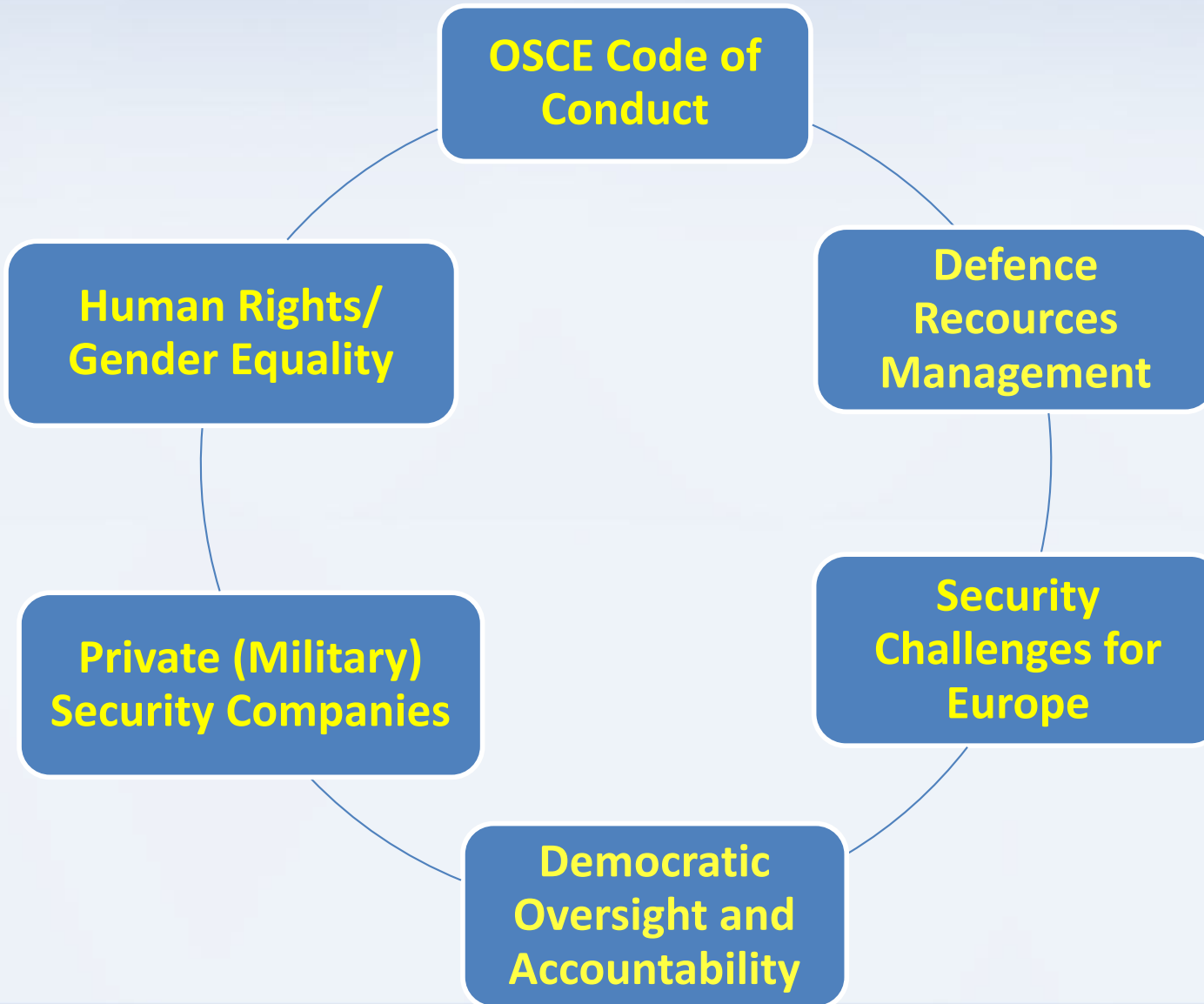
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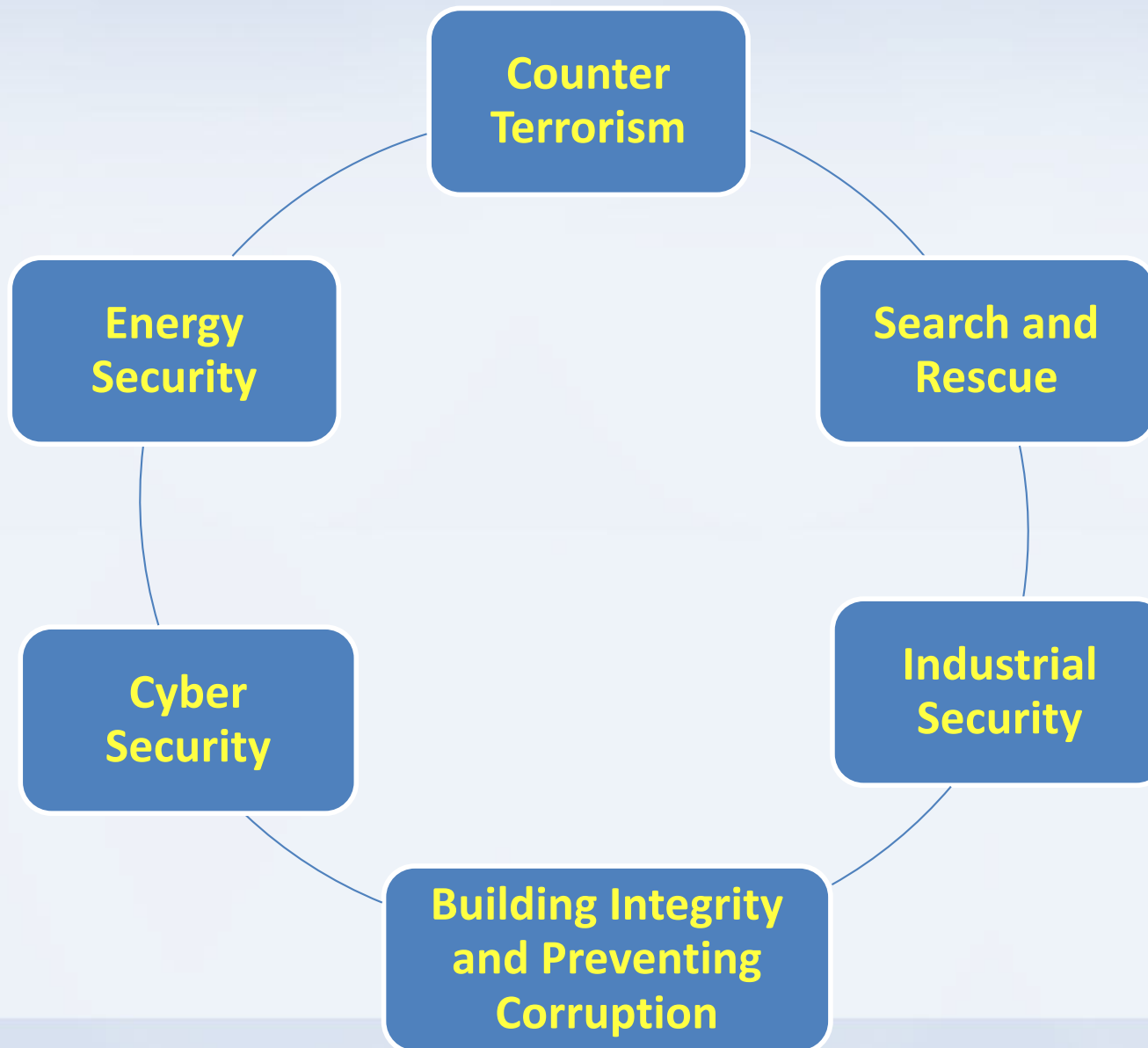


MANDATE

„To foster dialogue and cooperation on security matters in South-Eastern Europe through partnership between the Members and their international partners.”

RACVIAC PROGRAMME







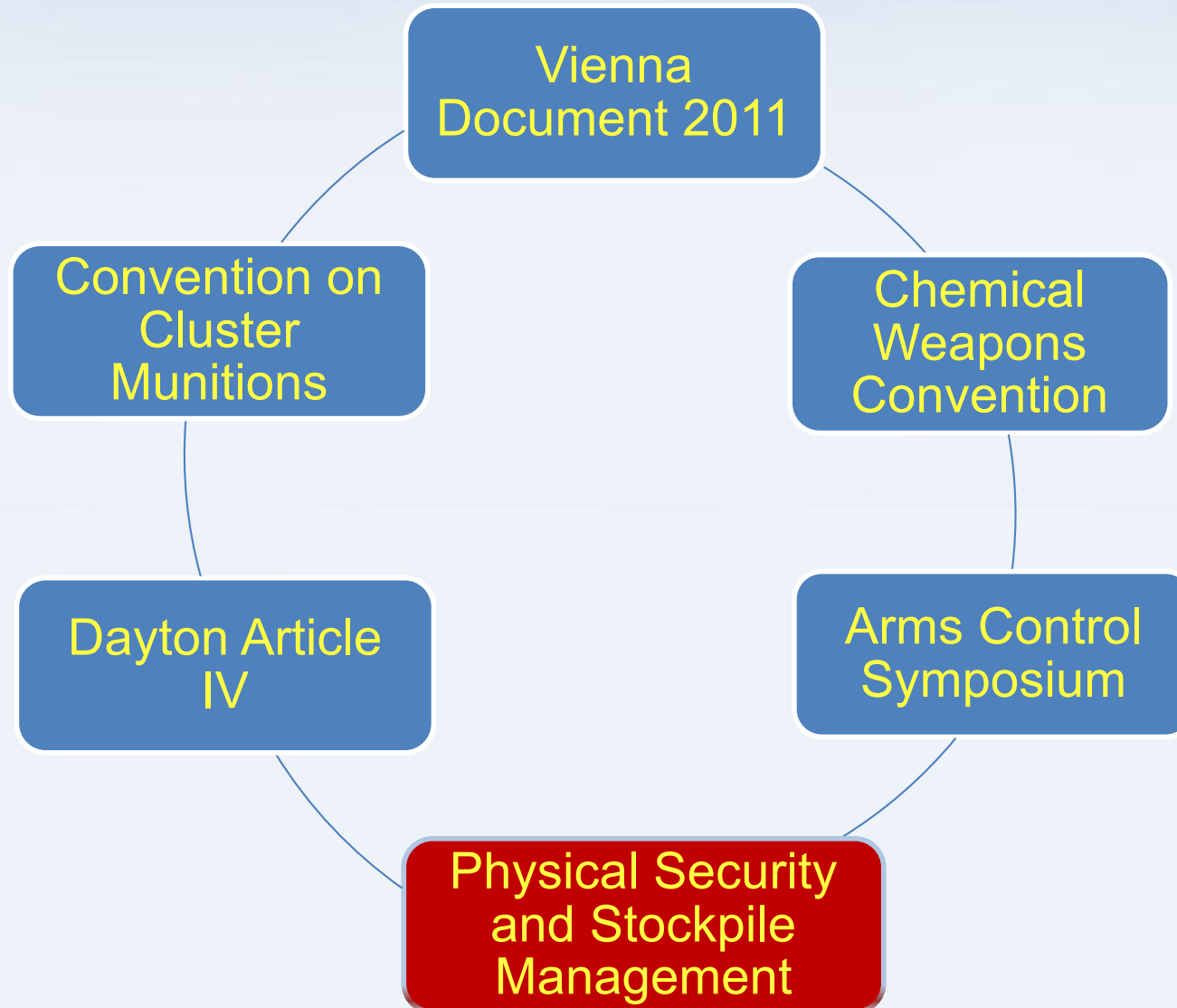
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RACVIAC PROGRAMME

**Developing a National
WMD Counterproliferation
Strategy**

**Nuclear Security
Detection Architecture**

RACVIAC PROGRAMME



PSSM-related activities:

- November 2010 – PSSM Executive Management Course, HR
- November 2011 - International Agreements and Emergency Planning, AT
- November 2012 - PSSM, Technical Level Course, HR



CAPACITY BUILDING IN PSSM

- **February 2014 – Best international Practices in PSSM, HR**
- **March 2015 – Common ground for regional cooperation in the SEE region regarding PSSM, HR**
- **May 2016 – Safe, secure and sustainable stockpiles management, HR**



CAPACITY BUILDING IN PSSM

- The main objectives of these activities are:
 - To raise awareness of this complex issue in the region and enhance regional/national ownership;
 - To train experts in executing their professional tasks;
 - To analyze the main challenges in stockpile management and find ways for improvement;
 - To strengthen the commitment of relevant decision makers and experts from political and military domains;
 - To promote the proper management and security of national stockpiles in SEE;
 - To set the path for future projects in SEE based on the lessons learned and best practices.

The main topics discussed:

- Physical Security Measures and Ammunitions Surveillance, Marking, Storage, etc.;
- Emergency Planning and Response;
- Risk Management;
- Laboratory Testing Methods;
- SALW Proliferation Threats;
- Unplanned Explosions at Munition Sites.

CAPACITY BUILDING IN PSSM

- Conversing in the same language;
- Importance of regional cooperation;
- Pooling and sharing of the resources;
- Database of the experts in the region;

CAPACITY BUILDING IN PSSM

Trained in total (2010-2016):

- 93 participants from 13 countries (AL, BA, HR, MK, HU, BU, RS, TR, ME, RO, MD, RU, SI).
- 36 lecturers from AU, BwVC, DE, NATO, DTRA, SEESAC, ITF, SAS, UK, USA, OSCE, UNODC, HR, EUFOR ALTEA, BE, HALO Trust, MSIAC NATO, etc.

CAPACITY BUILDING IN PSSM

PSSM activity in 2017 (6 – 9 November):

The main topics to be discussed:

- Life Cycle Management of Ammunition (LCMA)
- National defence policies with regard to PSSM.

Needs assessment to be conducted in the region defining the current capacities and new challenges in the area of PSSM



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