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This report on the activities of the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) Secretariat is submitted by the Secretary General of the RCC to the RCC Board in line with Article 10 of the Statute of the RCC. It covers the period 6 March 2012 – 3 May 2012.

I. Summary of activities

The reporting period was characterized by a continuation of the process of undertaking concrete steps in the context of implementing the RCC Strategy and Work Programme (SWP) 2011-2013, particularly aimed at the efficient and target-oriented, regionally owned and all-inclusive regional cooperation, as well as by intensive consultations of the RCC Secretary General (SG) with a number of RCC members (Annex I: Report on the implementation of the RCC SWP 2011-2013 for the period 6 March 2012 – 3 May 2012, Annex II: List of events and meetings attended by the RCC SG and the RCC Secretariat officials in the period 6 March 2012 – 3 May 2012, Annex III: List of Planned events of the RCC Secretariat in 2012, Annex V: List of Abbreviations).

The sixteenth RCC Board meeting, among other issues, welcomed and acknowledged the RCC Secretariat's Self-assessment Report on the first year (2011) of the implementation of the RCC SWP 2011 – 2013 (henceforth referred to as Self-assessment report); approved the Report of the RCC SG on the activities of the RCC Secretariat for the period 30 November 2011– 5 March 2012, while the eight Coordination meeting between the South East Europe Cooperation Process (SEEC) Troika, the RCC Secretariat and European Union (EU) discussed important issues related to the cooperation of the Serbian SEEC Chair-in-Office (C-i-O) and the RCC Secretariat.

However, the Board meeting was marked by different interpretations about the modalities of the design of the name plate of Kosovo* following the Arrangements regarding regional representation and cooperation reached within the EU facilitated dialogue between Belgrade and Prishtina. Although the RCC Secretariat and Secretary General attempted to find a solution for the concrete reading-design of the name plate that would be acceptable for both parties, the modalities applied, following the interpretation from the EU, were not accepted by the delegation of Republic of Serbia.

The RCC SG, within the permanent dialogue with RCC members, held consultations with the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as with high-level officials from the MFA's of Serbia, Croatia, Slovenia and the European Commission, including the Deputy Director General for enlargement.

The RCC Secretariat completed the Self-assessment report, which provides a detailed analysis of the implementation of the RCC SWP in the course of 2011. It generates conclusions and recommendations pertinent to furthering the implementation of the RCC SWP in the incoming period and should serve as a valuable basis for the discussions on the future of regional cooperation in South East Europe (SEE) and the role of the RCC beyond 2013.

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The RCC Secretariat, and in particular the Deputy RCC Secretary General (DSG) and the Expert Pool, continued to be intensively involved in managerial and steering bodies of different regional initiatives, to provide support in incubating new projects and organizing important events, to prepare Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) with key partner organizations, and to promote Regional Initiatives and Task Forces (RI&TFs).

Following the overtaking of the management of the South East Europe Investment Committee (SEEIC) from OECD, the RCC Secretariat organized the 10th meeting of the Committee on 24-25 April 2012. The meeting, held for the first time in the region and co chaired by Albania and the RCC Secretariat, discussed the new mandate and the reposition of the SEEIC, as the implementation vehicle for South East Europe 2020 Vision, and adopted its Work Programme for the period 2012-2013 and the Rules of Procedure. The transfer of the SEEIC to RCC has been assessed as a major regional achievement which shows trust and reliability of RCC.

Under the auspices of the RCC Secretariat the directors of eight stock exchanges in the region (Banja Luka, Belgrade, Ljubljana, Podgorica, Sarajevo, Skopje, Tirana and Zagreb) have signed a Platform on Joint Action of Southeast European Securities Exchanges on March 27, 2012 in Sarajevo.

The RCC Secretariat continued to be engaged in different activities within the Energy Community and in preparation of important regional activities in the area of air transport, railways and road safety.

In the area of justice and home affairs the Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanism (M&EM), prepared by the RCC Secretariat, was adopted. This is a regional tool for assessing the level of cooperation and the RCC Secretariat has been entrusted to collect the data and periodically report on the progress in the regional JHA strategy implementation.

The RCC Secretariat continued to intensify cooperation of defense structures and intelligence services of the countries of the region, with aim of implementation of the relevant conclusions and preparations of the Fourth SEEMIC and the Second SEENSA Conferences.

The role of the RCC Secretariat has grown in the Building Human Capital related programmes and projects in the region, focusing on the implementation of the Project - Regional Strategy for Research and Development for Innovation for the Western Balkans, supporting the RCC Task Force on Culture and Society and strengthening of the parliamentary cooperation.

The RCC Secretariat continued with its activities related to the freedom of the media in the region, particularly in the field of public broadcasting, with the publication of the Newsletter and the promotion of the RCC's activities and of other important regional events in SEE by preparing and distributing a monthly overview based on its daily press review, as well as by sharing with RCC Board members reports related to different activities with the participation of the RCC Secretariat staff.

The RCC Secretariat's Liaison Office in Brussels contributed to the further development of cooperation with the EU institutions and other relevant Brussels based institutions and stakeholders, resulting in a number of important meetings held.

II. General and institutional aspects of the RCC Secretariat's activities

RCC Board Meeting

The sixteenth RCC Board meeting was held on 15 March 2012. Prior to the adoption of the meeting Agenda, the RCC SG provided an information related to the implementation of the agreement on the terms under which Kosovo* would participate in regional fora. He welcomed the recent Arrangements between Belgrade and Prishtina under the EU facilitation on the modalities of Kosovo* participation in regional fora, expecting and hoping that the new arrangements will resolve difficulties stemming from different positions of the parties and allow for an unimpeded focus on the substance of the regional cooperation. After the agreement was reached, the RCC Secretariat has been preparing this Board's meeting guided by several points: 1) by letter and spirit of the formal information on the Arrangements received from Mr. Robert Cooper in his capacity as the facilitator of the Dialogue between Belgrade and Prishtina; 2) by the additional clarifications from the involved EU institutions, in particular related to the one aspect of the Arrangements that should have clearly defined the design of the nameplate so as to avoid misinterpretations; 3) by the EU documents and the way the EU institutions started to implement the Arrangements. He noted that different interpretations regarding the nameplate became more than evident, making it hard for the RCC to find some interim solution. These differences and opposing interpretations called for the definite, authentic clarification from the relevant EU facilitating services regarding the design of the nameplate and the RCC Secretariat was informed that the Arrangements reached in Brussels allow for the nameplate in front of Kosovo* delegation in the form used at this meeting, with the explanatory footnote applied in the revised Agenda and other documents. The representative of Serbia requested a change on the name plate in front of the delegation from Prishtina, stating that the agreement reached between Belgrade and Prishtina on 24 February 2012 - Kosovo* and a footnote reading ("*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and ICJ opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence*") should be on the name plate. The RCC SG repeated that the name plate for this meeting was designed following the interpretation the RCC Secretariat received from the EU as facilitator of the dialogue between the parties. Following this notification, the delegation of the Republic of Serbia has left the meeting. The RCC SG, echoing the discussion of some Board members on this issue, the day after the Board meeting has addressed a letter to the EU facilitator of the Belgrade-Prishtina dialogue requesting an official interpretation of the agreed modalities regarding their practical implementation. Taking into account the importance of the principle of all-inclusiveness as a ground rule for the RCC and in light of the forthcoming RCC meetings, the RCC SG and the RCC Secretariat will continue to adhere to this principle by searching and proposing solutions that would provide an all-inclusive cooperation as that was the case in the period from the last RCC Annual meeting in June 2011 until this RCC Board meeting.

The RCC SG presented the RCC Secretariat's Self-assessment Report underlining that it will contribute to the implementation of the next phases of the RCC SWP, to the role of RCC beyond 2013 and will facilitate the preparation and programming of a successor strategy covering the period 2014-2016. He also presented the Report on the activities of the RCC Secretariat for the period 30 November 2011 – 5 March 2012, briefed on the results of the Coordination meeting between the SEECF Troika, the RCC Secretariat and the EU, on the current activities related to

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the implementation of the RCC SWP, on the activities of the RCC Secretariat planned until the end of 2012 and on his intention to continue holding regular consultations with RCC members in view of raising the awareness and importance of further enhancing regional cooperation and the role of RCC.

The RCC Board members welcomed and commended the Self-assessment report, in particular the analysis, conclusions and recommendations made.

In the context of the transfer of the SEEIC from OECD to RCC, the RCC DSG unveiled the activities already initiated within the SEEIC project, introduced the project staff and kindly appealed to the RCC Board to approve the Decision regarding the payment of bank charges related to the implementation of the project. She summarized the latest results obtained in the process of implementing the second phase of the RCC SWP and the activities planned in each priority area.

The RCC Board meeting reached the following decisions and conclusions: welcomed and acknowledged the RCC Secretariat's Self-assessment Report; approved the Report of the RCC SG on the activities of the RCC Secretariat and on the implementation of the RCC SWP; approved the Decision regarding the allocation of additional funds to the bank charges budget line of the Budget of the RCC Secretariat and the Decision on the dates/frequency of the RCC Board meetings.

The 8th meeting of the Financial Sub-Committee to the RCC Board, held on 19 April 2012 in Sarajevo, focused on issues of the financial results of the year 2011 and the 2011 Audit Report, on the incorporation in the Financial Management Manual of the guiding conclusions, recommendations and decisions of the Financial Sub-Committee in the period 2009 – 2011, as well as on the Budget 2012 situation update / revision. The participants have thoroughly examined the information presented by the RCC Secretariat and the audit company, expressing high assessment to the RCC Secretariat for the implementation of the requirements and recommendations of the Financial Sub-Committee at its previous meetings. The meeting of the Financial Sub-Committee decided to recommend to the RCC Board: a) to approve the Financial Report of the RCC Secretariat presented in the Audit Report for 2011; b) to adopt the Amendment of the Budget of the RCC Secretariat for 2012, and c) to adopt the Addendums to the Financial Management Manual of the RCC Secretariat.

Coordination between the SEECP and the RCC

The Coordination meeting of the SEECP Troika – Montenegro, Serbia and The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia - the RCC Secretariat and the EU (representative of the European Commission and the representative of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy) took place on 14 March 2012.

The meeting audited information presented by the RCC SG on RCC Secretariat's Self-assessment Report, on the most important recent and future activities related to the priorities of the Serbian SEECP C-i-O and of the RCC, as well as exchanged views on the dates/frequency of the RCC Board meetings in 2012. Further steps in the process of streamlining regional taskforces and initiatives in SEE were also discussed.

The conclusions of the Coordination meeting, among the other, welcomed and appreciated RCC Secretariat's Self-assessment Report and reiterated the importance of the deliberations about the future forms of regional cooperation, already ongoing within the SEECP, and the possible impact

the establishment of the Wise Men Group (WMG) could have on the future shape of SEECP and RCC.

The RCC SG, the DSG/Head of Expert Pool and other RCC Secretariat officials continued also with very intensive consultations with high officials of the MFA of Serbia and other ministries and institutions of the Serbian SEECP C-i-O, thus further improving the mutual cooperation and coordination, in particularly in the light of the preparations started for the organization of the high level SEECP events and the RCC Annual meeting in Belgrade in the period 12-15 June 2012.

Consultations of the RCC Secretary General with RCC members

The RCC SG, within the permanent dialogue with RCC members, held consultations with the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, as well as with high-level officials from the MFA's of Croatia, Slovenia and the European Commission, including the Deputy Director General for Enlargement.

At these meetings, the RCC SG shared his assessment of the overall situation in the region and underlined the importance of the continuation of the EU enlargement policy as an instrumental tool for the reform processes, the stability in the Western Balkans and for regional cooperation. He noted the urgency to deal with the open issues in the region and emphasized that the regional approach in the area of infrastructure could have substantial impact on the regional recovery and development. Furthermore, he reiterated that the principle of all-inclusiveness remains a fundamental one for regional cooperation and, welcoming the Arrangements on regional representation reached, within the EU facilitated dialogue, between Belgrade and Prishtina, and underlined the difficulties in the practical implementation of the Arrangements. The RCC SG presented the main achievements of RCC in the implementation of the SWP, informed that the RCC Secretariat finalized its self-evaluation report on the implementation of the RCC SWP for 2011, stressed the need to upgrade the regional ownership in regional cooperation to regional responsibility and reiterated that RCC should remain a regionally owned organization with strong attachment to the EC, thus benefiting from both pillars (SEECP and EC).

The counterparts from the aforementioned RCC members reiterated their support to the activities of the RCC Secretariat, reflected on the value of the RCC in promoting regional cooperation, expressed an interest in supporting the process of consolidating regional cooperation in SEE and noted the importance of aligning further the work of the RCC with the EC enlargement package.

At the consultations with the high level officials of the European Commission, the RCC SG elaborated on the overall environment in which the activities of the RCC were carried out in 2011, emphasizing that, in spite of the existent fluctuation at the regional level, the RCC Secretariat succeeded to implement smoothly its SWP, to profile RCC as a key regional organization and to raise a greater awareness of regional cooperation. The high-level EC officials stressed the importance of further increasing the synergy between RCC and SEECP which would further develop the priorities in the region and subsequently provide the RCC with additional operational leverage.

In the discussions at all meetings, also the issue of the continuity of the RCC senior management until the end of 2013 has been discussed with understanding of the need to be appropriately addressed in view of finalising the implementation of the RCC SWP 2011-2013.

Participation of the RCC Secretary General in other regional meetings and events

The RCC SG participated at the SEECP Defence Ministers meeting held in the framework of the SEECP Serbian C-i-O. He reflected, inter alia, on the need for better national and regional coordination among several initiatives in the region related to the small arms and light weapons as well among the donors and beneficiaries, and offered to use the advantages of RCC Secretariat in identifying the best solutions.

At the Annual Council of Ministers of Culture of SEE held in Belgrade, the RCC SG welcomed the joint efforts in creation of the Regional Film Fund and the cooperation among the national museums in SEE, as potential regional projects, and expressed strong support the RCC Secretariat in their realization.

The RCC SG took part at the EPC Policy Dialogue on regional cooperation in the Balkans “Time for a new boost” which included the Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy and a Member of the European Parliament. In his address the RCC SG pointed out the importance of preserving the dynamics of the enlargement process in order to ensure lasting stability and enhanced regional cooperation which would be less dependent on the oscillating nature of the domestic politics. Praising the Arrangements regarding regional representation and cooperation reached within the EU facilitated dialogue between Belgrade and Prishtina, he noted the difficulties in its application (due to different interpretation of the parties) already reflected at the RCC Board meeting in March 2012 and the possible difficulties at the forthcoming RCC Annual meeting in June 2012 in Belgrade. The RCC SG presented the most important RCC achievements and the overall progress attained in the regional cooperation in the last four years, stressing the need for its further consolidation and assuming greater regional responsibility.

The RCC SG participated, as a keynote speaker, at the 13th Bled Forum on Europe Foresight Conference: Europe beyond Smart–Inclusive-Sustainable throughout Cloud Computing Decade, focusing on the current economic situation in the region and presented the results of the RCC Secretariat in the field of economic and social development, science and infrastructure, which have a role in alleviating the precarious economic conditions currently experienced by SEE.

Cooperation with the EU and other Brussels based institutions

The RCC Liaison Office (LO) in Brussels continued with its contribution in the implementation of the RCC SWP 2011-2013, in particular by further enhancing and intensifying cooperation with the EU institutions and other relevant Brussels based institutions and stakeholders, primarily the European Commission (EC), the European Parliament (EP), the European External Action Service (EEAS) and NATO.

The RCC LO organized and/or took active part in several important high level meetings and consultations of the RCC SG, namely with the Commissioner of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, the Director General and the Deputy Director General for enlargement, a briefing with the Working Group on the Western Balkans of the Foreign Policy Committee of the European Parliament and participation of the RCC SG as a key note speaker in the EPC high level public debate on regional cooperation.

The meetings served as platform to discuss the overall situation in the region and its development needs, regional cooperation and the role of RCC, the implementation of the RCC SWP and the lessons learnt in the context of the need to further enhance regional cooperation and the role of RCC and strengthen its links with the enlargement agenda.

The RCC LO organized and participated in a meeting of the RCC Deputy SG with the Head of Regional Cooperation and Programs Unit and the Head of Institution Building, Taiex, Twinning Unit, focused on the preparations of the IPA MB Coordination meeting, exchanging views also on the implementation of the SWP and the future role of the RCC. The IPA MB coordination meeting discussed the priorities for regional cooperation and programming of IPA post 2013, in the light of the experience gained in the current programme cycle and in particular in the JHA area.

The RCC LO, accompanied by the RCC Secretariat Chief of Staff, participated for the first time in a DG Enlargement meeting between the country coordinators, respective Task Managers from DG Enlargement Unit D3 and line-DGs to discuss the Project identification Fiches (PIFs) that have been prepared for the IPA Multi-beneficiary Programme 2013, including the RCC 2013 PIF and the EC reflections regarding its contribution to the RCC Secretariat budget for the period 2014-2016.

The RCC LO had a number of meetings with the representatives of the EC, including with the Head of Regional Cooperation and Programme Unit of DG Enlargement and of the EEAS, in particular with the Director on the Western Balkans and the Desk officer for RCC, with several MEPs working on the Western Balkans, including with the EP first Vice-President. The main topics discussed were the current state of implementation of SWP, the preparation of the RCC Secretariat Self-assessment report, the EU enlargement dynamics and the usefulness of further aligning the RCC role with the EC Enlargement agenda, the initiatives of organizing RCC briefings for COWEB capitals and COWEB Brussels etc.

The RCC LO has also organized and took active part in a number of meetings of different experts and other staff of the RCC Secretariat (security, building human capital, media, etc.) held with representatives of different EU and NATO services in Brussels. RCC LO Advisor presented the SWP and its first year of implementation to the project coordinators from FES offices in Zagreb, Belgrade, Prishtina, Tirana, Skopje, Istanbul and Sofia and also continued to meet with the participants of the EU visitor's programme.

Regional cooperation in the field of media

In line with the conclusions of the international seminar South East Europe 20 Years On: Transformation from State to Public Broadcasting, co-organized in November 2011 by the RCC Secretariat and the EC Enlargement Directorate-General, with support of the European Association of Public Service Media in South East Europe and the European Broadcasting Union, the Secretariat continued activities to foster freedom of the media in the region, particularly in the field of public broadcasting.

The RCC Secretariat took part in a meeting of the Association's leadership to present ongoing joint activities: the component 'How do I see my neighbour' of the 'Strengthening the RCC Secretariat' project with CEI, to be implemented by the Association; start of an academy on media law with Article 19 and the Association, and with support of the OSCE and the Friedrich

Ebert Foundation; conference on investigative journalism and data protection to be co-organized together with the RACVIAC, the Association and the Croatian Radio-Television; and initiative to improve media culture across the region – all of which have been endorsed by the Association. The Secretariat also outlined the modalities of application for the EC's Civil Society Facility call to the Association representatives. Further on, the Secretariat held meetings with representatives of OSCE, Friedrich Ebert Foundation, the Association, ARTICLE 19, CEI and RACVIAC, in the course of preparing the joint activities.

Communication activities

The RCC Secretariat has continued to advance the organization's mission of promoting mutual cooperation and European and Euro-Atlantic integration of South East Europe in order to inspire development in the region to the benefit of its people, through various means of communication. The goal of the communication efforts was to deepen the understanding and awareness of what the RCC does, as well as raise and maintain support for its activities. The Secretariat interacted with the media on a regular basis to increase awareness of RCC activities and generate public interest. It continued to work in developing relationships and positioning the RCC as a key regional player through conducting permanent outreach among politicians, opinion-makers, think-tanks, diplomats, public officials, academia, students, business community, etc.

The 4th anniversary of the RCC was marked in Sarajevo on 14 March 2012 with a panel discussion "From ownership to responsibility: Regional cooperation in South East Europe and EU membership". Presentations were delivered by: the RCC Secretary General, the Head of the EU Delegation to Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs of Serbia, the Member of the Board of the Southeast Europe Association and former director of the World Bank Programme for South East Europe, and the Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina/Professor at the Faculty of Economy in Sarajevo. The event discussed prospects for strengthening regional cooperation, including the necessity to assume greater responsibility, also in relation to requirements of the EU enlargement policy in this part of Europe and the future role of the RCC in that respect. It gathered some 100 representatives of public administration, diplomatic community, international organizations, business community, academia and the media.

In the reporting period, and to the knowledge of/available to the RCC Secretariat, 299 articles, interviews and statements on the RCC were published in South East European and international media, bringing the total to 3,605 available articles published since the beginning of operations of the RCC Secretariat. The same period witnessed 692,856 hits, 177,226 page views and 22,427 visits of the website, bringing the total to some 10,907,908 hits, 4,004,899 page views and 328,018 visits over the past three and a half years since the website statistics has been gathered. The RCC currently also has 138 tweets and 132 followers at its Twitter account. The 19th issue of the RCC Newsletter was published and it was circulated to an audience of over 2,600 subscribers. It focused on the research and innovation and new skills for new jobs initiative with contributions of 15 prominent regional stakeholders.

Evaluation of general and institutional aspects

The reporting period was characterized by a continuation of the process of undertaking concrete steps in the context of the implementation of the RCC SWP 2011-2013, particularly aimed at the efficient and target-oriented, regionally owned and all-inclusive regional cooperation. In order to maintain the momentum of the development of regional cooperation and continue with the

affirmation of the principle of regional ownership as well as highlighting the importance of moving towards regional responsibility, the strategic character of relations between the SEECP and the RCC remains pivotal. Drawing on the successful cooperation with the previous as well as incumbent SEECP C-i-O, the regular Coordination meetings of the SEECP Troika and the RCC Secretariat with the participation of the EU proved to be a very useful tool in providing guidance and enhancing overall coordination.

III. Priority areas of the RCC Activities

Activities of the Deputy Secretary General and Head of the Expert Pool

In the reporting period the RCC Secretariat undertook several new responsibilities among which the most important were: the transfer of managerial responsibilities for the SEE Investment Committee from the OECD to the RCC; demanding developments related to Social Agenda 2020 for the Western Balkans (addressing new areas and deepening the initiated debate on social economy and regional labour market); deepening of RCC's activities in the area of air and railway transport; adoption and beginning of the implementation of the Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanism (M&EM) as the regional tool to annually assess the level of cooperation in justice and home affairs area, with the RCC Secretariat being entrusted to collect, centralize and periodically report on the progress in regional JHA strategy implementation; intensified cooperation of defence structures in the region including intelligence services; growing role of (increased expectations towards) the RCC in BHC related programmes and projects in the region; strengthening of the parliamentary dimension of the RCC activities; and growing effective support of the RCC to development of the Civil Society in the region.

The RCC Secretariat was intensively involved in different activities organized in the SEECP framework, in particular in preparing a number of sectoral meetings organized by the Serbian SEECP C-i-O and related to the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013 (parliamentary dimension, ministries of defence).

The dialogue with the DG Enlargement continued to be regular and substantial, as well as with CEFTA and OECD Investment Compact. Consultations have been regularly held with other donors interested in regional projects (UNDP, OSCE, IBRD, SDC, SIDA, FES, GIZ, HBS, US AID etc.) Furthermore, RCC Secretariat intensified contacts with other DGs in the EC (DG REGIO, DG MOVE, DG Research, Innovation and Science, DG Education and Culture, DG International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response, etc) as well as with the specialised units within the External Action Service for security cooperation area. The RCC Secretariat is further strengthening cooperation with other regional structures in SEE and the Western Balkans as it is shown in detail per each priority area.

A permanent dialogue continued with different stakeholders from the region: private companies and associations, NGOs and NGO related organizations (TACSO team, Eco-Social Enterprises Network from SEE, BFPE, ICDT, SEE Change Net etc), operating RI&TFs and newly established regional networks (SEE Public Private Partnership Network, Regional Network of Investment Promotion Agencies etc.) discussing the issues and modes of cooperation and developing common activities. The dialogue further widened to include think tanks from the region and beyond (i.e. LSE Network of SEE researchers, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana) developing and coordinating joint programmes, financial institutions (presidents of the securities regulators and directors of the stock exchanges from Southeast Europe), as well as

other EC and IFIs partners. RCC was also represented at the different events relevant for the development of regional cooperation – from think-tank and academic conferences to the EC dialogue with civil society in the region. The RCC Secretariat established and deepened working contacts with regional Civil Society networks in different areas (National Councils of the European Movement from SEE, WB Social Entrepreneurs Network, SEE Public Broadcasting Agencies Network, JHA related NGOs networks etc.) and extended regional coordination with CSO structures.

The RCC DSG organized regular brainstorming on issues related to preparing the next cycle of the RCC multi-annual strategy development, strengthening RCC's capacities and upgrading the relations with other RI&TFs on the programme and project basis through coordinated programming and defining legal framework for joint actions. Coordination and streamlining of the RCC Secretariat activities have been further advanced and an open debate on prioritizing its activities regularly held. The RCC Expert Pool took part and contributed in preparing events of general importance for the RCC (with EC, SEECF C-i-O, RCC Board members, individual donors etc). The implementation of the CEI-led project "Improving Cooperation in South-East Europe by Actions for Strengthening the Regional Cooperation Council" has started in the reporting period as a valuable tool supporting the implementation of ongoing RCC SWP.

1. Economic and Social Development

The RCC Secretariat has worked with its partners on implementing important actions in the areas related to the improvement of investment climate, social development and information society development. A number of were held renewing existing commitments and setting the new ones for regional cooperation in economic and social development.

Investment and Business Enabling Environment

Following the overtaking of the management of the South East Europe Investment Committee (SEEIC) from OECD, the RCC Secretariat organized the 10th meeting of the Committee on 24-25 April 2012. The meeting, held for the first time in the region and co chaired by Albania and the RCC Secretariat, discussed the new mandate and the reposition of the SEEIC, as the implementation vehicle for South East Europe 2020 Vision, and adopted its Work Programme for the period 2012-2013 and the Rules of Procedure. SEEIC agreed on priority areas for determining the South East Europe 2020 targets and reviewed possible actions in fostering regional value chains and planning joint investment promotion efforts. The transfer of the SEEIC to RCC has been assessed as a major regional achievement which shows trust and reliability of RCC. Also, in an effort to position SEEIC firmly into the IPA programming exercise, the working group on private sector development IPA programming was held within the SEEIC meeting. Apart from reviewing the IPA supported actions planned for 2013, the SEEIC concluded that the SEE 2020 Vision could be a good basis for providing significant inputs to IPA programming. The next SEEIC meeting is scheduled for autumn of 2012, in order to prepare for the Ministerial meeting planned to take place later in 2012.

The RCC Secretariat, together with the OECD and European Commission, organized a coordination meeting on Western Balkans Enterprise Development and Innovation Facility (EDIF). In the set-up phase of the technical assistance component of EDIF, the OECD is currently conducting a mapping of donor activities and projects in the region, the objective of which is to get an overview of donor activity as well as domestic reforms in key policy areas related to innovative and high growth SMEs. The aim of the meeting was to have key

stakeholders and NIPACs represented so as to provide an overview and insight into technical assistance projects concerning private sector development and SMEs that are being conducted in the Western Balkans.

The RCC Secretariat took part in the GIZ Forum on Improving the Legal System in Transition Economies where it presented the link between the legislative and institutional frameworks and economic growth. Further consultations with GIZ were held to explore cooperation in the next stage of GIZ Open Regional Funds for South East Europe.

In the context of the project “Women Entrepreneurship – a job creation engine for SEE”, the RCC Secretariat coordinated the inception reports of the two implementing organizations, SEE Centre for Entrepreneurial Learning and Gender Task Force. The outcome of the inception period was a better understanding of the current situation in each of the target countries, built synergies between implementing agencies and an outline of future actions in the framework of the project. At the meeting organized with SIDA, the donor agency, and implementing organizations, participants discussed the achievements and conclusion of the inception report of the project and agreed on the next steps in the implementation that started in April 2012.

Access to finance

The RCC Secretariat continued its efforts on initiating consolidation of the regional capital markets. Following up on the similar agreement reached by the securities regulators during 2011, the directors of eight stock exchanges in the region (Banja Luka, Belgrade, Ljubljana, Podgorica, Sarajevo, Skopje, Tirana and Zagreb) have signed a Platform on Joint Action of Southeast European Securities Exchanges on March 27, 2012. The Platform, signed under the auspices of the RCC, is envisioned as a framework document to guide further efforts in regional capital market consolidation. The RCC Secretariat is partnering with USAID on this effort to provide a technical proposal on possible market linkages that would be agreed upon by all markets and transposed into a detailed technical assistance proposal. With the financial assistance of the USAID, a study tour of the Baltic countries for the regulators and stock exchanges is planned with the aim to explore this successful example of regional capital market integration.

The RCC Secretariat has been engaged in co-organizing, with USAID, an access to finance conference planned to take place on June 2012 in Sarajevo with aim to review the current avenues for equity finance in the region, and showcase some of the new mechanisms, such as the Enterprise Development and Innovation Facility and EBRD’s Venture Capital Investment Programme.

Social Development

With the support of Friedrich Ebert Foundation, the RCC Secretariat is currently preparing a follow-up workshop on the topic of new skills for new jobs in the Western Balkans. A special attention will be dedicated to identifying and setting the ground for regional action in the area of skills gap analysis and capacity building among national administrations. In relation to this, the RCC Secretariat participated at the meeting of the working group on human capital development in the context of the Regional Competitiveness Initiative project supported by the EU and implemented by OECD. The participants agreed on the need to establish processes that will contribute to match skills demand and supply in our region with a particular focus to identifying relevant priority sectors for conducting a regional skills gap analysis.

The RCC Secretariat participated at the 8th regular high level meeting of the SEE Trade Union Forum, in which issues of modernization and reforming of trade unions were discussed. There was common agreement of the need to strengthen the role of trade unions in the EU accession process.

The RCC Secretariat participated at the Energy Community's workshop on the study on social dialogue in the Western Balkan countries. The workshop aimed to promote social dialogue in the framework of the Energy Community and to contribute towards strengthening social dialogue mechanisms in the Western Balkan countries.

The 28th meeting of the SEE Health Network discussed the preparation of a concrete action plan for the implementation of the Banja Luka pledge. The participants also encouraged the finalization of the procedures for the establishment of the network secretariat in Skopje. In light of the Health in All Policies initiative, RCC will coordinate sharing information and exploring joint action between SEEHN and other relevant regional initiatives in the areas of ICT, environment, education, transport etc.

Information Society Development

The RCC Secretariat has initiated consultations with the electronic SEE initiative Secretariat and electronic SEE initiative members as a follow up to the high level conference for Information Society Development. While regional cooperation in the area of ICT received strong political support by members' countries and the eSEE Agenda+ provides an important framework for ICT development, the RCC Secretariat is encouraging members of the initiative to work towards identifying concrete regional projects that can contribute towards the implementation of the eSEE Agenda+.

On the international Girls in ICT day, the RCC Secretariat partnered with the Ministry of Communications and Transport of Bosnia and Herzegovina and other stakeholders to co-organize a conference that brought together female high school students and successful ICT professionals from governments, academia and private sector to discuss the importance of ICT education for girls.

2. Energy and Infrastructure

Energy

The RCC Secretariat continued to monitor the Energy Community developments and took part at two events co-organized by the Energy Community Secretariat (ECS). The RCC Secretariat proposed to the ECS common complementary activities to promote ``bottom-up`` approach and inter-sectoral cooperation as well as the resumption of the jointly organized tailor-made workshops for the parliamentary committees responsible for energy issues in the region of SEE. Taking into account the RCC Secretariat's role in preparing and launching the initiative on creating the Regional Energy Strategy adopted by the Energy Community Ministerial Council, the RCC Secretariat was invited to participate in the Regional Energy Strategy Task Force (RES TF) where it has presented its positions and contributed to drafted documents relevant for the preparation of the strategy. Additionally, the RCC Secretariat started activities on mobilizing the Network of Associations of Local Authorities in SEE (NALAS) and relevant regional CSOs and networks as the main ``bottom-up`` approach implementers.

The RCC Secretariat also started preparatory activities for the joint organization, with the Regional Education and Information Centre for Sustainable Development in SEE (REIC), of the

round table ``Best Available Techniques for Large Combustion Plants in SEE``. The purpose is to complement the endeavours of the Energy Community in implementing the Directive on Large Combustion Plants, which is the most challenging requirement within the Annex 2 of the Treaty establishing the Energy Community.

The second meeting of the Sustainable Energy Development Regional Initiative (SEDRI) Task Force, organized by the CEI, the RCC Secretariat and the Serbian Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy (SMIE), ensured the support of IPF Country Office from Bosnia and Herzegovina and particularly from EBRD for improving project proposals from regional inventory of small scale sustainable energy projects. In addition, INOGATE Technical Secretariat expressed its readiness to support SEDRI beneficiaries from the EU Neighbourhood Policy in improving project proposals from inventory. The CEI project on strengthening the RCC Secretariat's capacity is expected to provide additional room for the SEDRI implementation and in that respect, preparatory activities on organizing the third SEDRI Task Force meeting started.

The RCC Secretariat continued to back the network of schools for political studies from the region, led by the Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (BFPE), in implementing the Project on Strengthening Public Dialogue on Sustainable Energy Use in the SEE currently financially supported by the GIZ and Visegrad Fund. The RCC Secretariat committed to support the network of CSOs led by the SEE Change Net in developing and promoting the Western Balkan Sustainable Energy Strategy.

Transport

The RCC Secretariat continued to be engaged in the preparatory activities related to the seminar on road safety audits and inspection, to be organized with the Association of Consulting Engineers of Bosnia and Herzegovina (ACE BiH) and BiH Ministry of Communications and Transport, as a follow-up of the Second Conference on Road Infrastructure Safety Management. The issue was also discussed with the South East Europe Transport Observatory (SEETO) about the possibility to involve SEETO as a partner in organizing the event with the aim to avoid overlaps and join capacities, thus facilitating implementation of the SEETO Development Plan 2012-2016.

Furthermore, the RCC Secretariat is involved in the preparation of the Third Congress on Roads, which will be organized together with (ACE BiH) and BiH Ministry of Communications and Transport. The Conference will provide a platform to discuss the road safety issues, infrastructural planning, environmental protection, new systems of road management as well as assess the current development in respect to the construction of motorways in the region, especially on the Corridor V-c.

The RCC Secretariat is exploring the possibility to organize a high-level expert meeting on the rehabilitation of the railways in SEE within the SEECF framework, bearing in mind that some of the SEE countries expressed interest to have the RCC involved in development of the regional railway infrastructure. The aim is to reach an agreement between the countries in order to start working at regional level towards modernization of the SEE fragmented railway system.

Environment

The RCC Secretariat supported the realization of the seminar, organized by the European Parliament – Challenges in the Field of Environment and the Way Forward. The event sought to contribute to a better cooperation between parliamentarians, to raise the awareness concerning the need to adopt the necessary environmental requirements and standards, to facilitate the law

making process and to raise the parliamentarians' abilities to oversee their governments' activities. The RCC Secretariat presented its activities in aligning climate change and sustainable development objectives towards low carbon economy.

The RCC Secretariat continued to contribute to the implementation of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EU SDR), in particular by promoting "bottom-up" approach and assisting other institutions and initiatives relevant for EU SDR implementation. Taking into account the RCC Secretariat's role in initiating the mapping of regional climate change adaptation activities and strengthening cooperation between the major regional players in this area, the RCC Secretariat is invited to and will support the establishment of the SEE Forum on Climate Change Adaptation.

3. Justice and Home Affairs

Strategic coordination

The RCC Secretariat has been continuously engaged with the regional organizations, the existing networks for regional cooperation and national judicial and police administrations in the implementation of the Strategic Action Plan in the JHA Priority Area as well as in providing support to better harmonization of regional activities and increase of the regional ownership.

In the reporting period there were two priorities in particular focus of JHA Unit. The first was to prepare terms of reference and public procurement procedures for the design, development and implementation of the database for the Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanism, and to contract provider for the listed activities through the tendering procedure. The second was to organize meetings of the Experts teams for International Cooperation and Legal Assistance in criminal, civil and commercial matters. Fundraising for listed activities remains in focus of the JHA Unit and its work.

The RCC Secretariat took an active part at the DCAF Ninth Annual Ministerial Conference on Cooperation in the Field of Border Security in Southeast Europe which provided a strategic review of progress in the border security in Southeast Europe 2002-2012 during the implementation of the Border Security Programme, including its impact and challenges. EU accession was also discussed, striving to identify synergies in further development of Integrated Border Management in the region and proposals for enhancing regional operational cooperation to be implemented by 2015 through Regional Action Plan 2013-2015, further enhancement of administrative and operational capacities for the implementation of Schengen requirements, common and coordinated measures in crime prevention, fight against illegal migration and organised crime in the area of responsibility of border police, further development of the network of education and training establishment in the region responsible for border police professionalism, importance of implementation of the Police Cooperation Convention in SEE which is in line with the efforts of Border Police to maximize effects of cooperation, operational reports on current status of affairs and plans for 2012, legislative changes necessary for further promotion of EU integration as well as legal and operational framework for regional cooperation (signing of bilateral agreements, opening of regional centres for exchange of information, joint patrolling, etc), monitoring of the visa free regime, transformation of the border police in line with Schengen requirements and suppression of illegal cross-border activities.

Migration, Asylum and Refugees

The Serbian Presidency-in-Office of the MARRI and MARRI Regional Center organized the MARRI Regional Forum which summarized results of the P-i-O including implementation of current priorities-management of legal migrations and fight against trafficking in human beings. The Forum particularly underlined regional cooperation as *conditio sine qua non* for the states, having positive impact in all spheres including economy and EU accession process. Participants were informed on the main activities and results in the implementation of the MARRI Strategy and Action Plan, briefed about current state of play in the implementation of MARRI projects as well as project proposals for incoming period. Meeting took note on difficult situation MARRI is faced due to unpaid membership fees partially from 2011 and fully for 2012. In the end, the Belgrade Declaration was adopted and P-i-O was handed over to Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The Commissariat for Refugees of the Republic of Serbia and European Commission, Directorate General Enlargement (TAIEX Instrument), organised a multi-country workshop on Managing Perceptions: Reception of Asylum Seekers on the Local Level. The purpose of this event was to gather high level Asylum Service officials from Western Balkans countries and Turkey in order to exchange knowledge, best practices and experiences with regard to the reception of asylum seekers on the local level. Representatives from EU Member States shared their experiences regarding organising and managing asylum reception centres and, in particular, explaining practices in decreasing tensions between local community and asylum seekers.

Fighting organized crime

The VII Expert Working Group of PCC SEE discussed Working Programme for 2013, the establishment of a Thematic Working Group on JIT Expert Network within PCC, Thematic Working Group on Surveillance Expert Network for Southeast Europe (SENSEE), Thematic Working Group on Harmonisation and Improvement of Telecommunications among the Contracting Parties, results of the Thematic Working Groups on Technical, Logistical support and Forensics, Exchange of Information regarding Forged and Fake Travel Documents and Police Education, and Training. In that occasion, necessary drafts of the decisions for Committee of Ministers Meeting were adopted.

Southeast Europe Police Chiefs Association (SEPCA) and International Association of the Chiefs of Police (IACP) organized Cyber Crime Conference dedicated to the global challenges imposed by cyber crime. Issues discussed included nature of computer crime, experience of law enforcement agencies, digital evidence, technology trends, operational challenges and emerging tools to combat this type of crime. The Annual General Assembly of SEPCA, marked with jubilee-10 Years Anniversary of the Association, was opened by the Prime-Minister of Montenegro. The meeting discussed statutory changes, developments of different projects, cooperation in the area of fight against organized crime, in particular illicit drug trafficking and prevention of terrorism. New Executive Board of the Association was elected.

Working level meeting on the “Treptower Group” introduced new members of the Group-Bulgaria, Interpol, PCC SEE and Federal German Police (BuPol). All partners presented their scope of development aid in the Western Balkans. European Commission presented IPA MB 2013 Programme and development of EU web based Matrix while RCC Secretariat presented Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanism for Justice and Home Affairs, its technical aspects and implementation. Meetings discussed preparations for the High Level Meeting which will be held in mid May 2012 where potential partnerships in certain police projects will be decided.

Anti-corruption

The RCC Secretariat held several meetings with the representatives of the Secretariat of Regional Anticorruption Initiative (RAI) regarding preparation of the launching event of the Southeast Europe Judicial Training Network under the project "Establishment of Framework for Integrated Anti-corruption Legal Education in South-Eastern Europe" which is financed by the US State Department. Planned event was organized in partnership with the National Institute of Justice of Bulgaria, in Sofia from 24-25 April 2012.

The RCC Secretariat was as key speaker the Conference "Counter Corruption – Promoting Transparency and Accountability with the Judiciary" organized by George C. Marshall Association Romania and European Centre for Security Studies George C. Marshall and US Department of State.

Strengthen judicial and prosecutorial cooperation in criminal matters

The RCC Secretariat held meetings with representatives of the International Association of Prosecutors and ASSER Institute upon the invitation of The Hague based organizations. The consultations with IAP targeted the development of Prosecutors' Network in SEE, the measures enhancing prosecutors' protection against threats and improper influences, and organization of the SEE Prosecutor's General Meeting. The conclusions of recent researches and the case law on the implementation of the mutual recognition in criminal matters, and ASSER participation in SEELS were discussed with ASSER Institute. Opinions have been expressed on modalities to regionally progress from classical mutual legal assistance instruments to mutual recognition and direct cooperation in criminal matters based on EU models.

Cooperation in civil and commercial matters

The RCC Secretariat held a meeting with representatives of GIZ in order to explore potential cooperation in the development of cooperation in civil and commercial matters. It was agreed to co-organize meetings of the Expert teams for International Cooperation and Legal Assistance in civil and commercial matters, as well as in criminal matters. Having in mind that countries have already designated experts to the teams, meetings will be organized in May 2012 in Bucharest and will be used to draft Convention similar to Lugano Convention.

4. Security Cooperation

The RCC Secretariat participated in several meetings organized or co-organized with international and regional partners and continued the consultations with the RCC members from SEE related to the implementation of the conclusions of the 2012 1st WG SEEMIC meeting in Sofia and the preparation of the 4th SEEMIC Conference, the conclusions of the 2012 2nd SEENSA WG meeting in Sofia and the preparation of the 2nd SEENSA Conference, with the aim of obtaining support for the security cooperation activities.

Facilitate and support development of regional mechanisms for security cooperation

The RCC Secretariat met the Bulgarian MoD DIS (MI) representatives in order to continue the dialogue on future implementation of SEEMIC and the organization of the first Assessment WG meeting and the 4th SEEMIC in 2012 in Sofia. Consultations on the parliamentary dimension of SEEMIC were made with relevant partners of Bulgaria, Serbia, Romania, Slovenia, Croatia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Moldova. At the WG held in March 2012, the first common regional intelligence assessment was produced. The RCC Secretariat in cooperation

with the Bulgarian DIS presented a draft for the “Terms of Reference of SEEMIC Conference”. The document is expected to be endorsed by the 4th SEEMIC.

Consultations were held with the Bulgarian NSA on the second WG of SEENSA, with the State Secretary of the Ministry of Defence on the Civilian Experts Regional Meeting, with the Ministry of Defence/Military Intelligence on the first WG of SEEMIC in 2012 and the Defence Policy Director of the MoD on the SEEDPD meeting.

The second SEENSA WG, co-chaired by the Bulgarian State Commission on Information Security and the RCC Secretariat, adopted the Scope of SEENSA Cooperation which will be submitted to the SEENSA meeting for endorsement. The RCC Secretariat presented a Non Paper produced after intensive consultations with NOS and the Office of Security of the General Secretariat of the Council of the EU on the possibilities of introducing Administrative arrangements on the security information exchange in multilateral format. Further extensive consultations are needed for those countries where the military classified information system is not administrated by the NSA.

Consultations for initiating the SEE Counter-Intelligence Chiefs Forum (SEECIC) have been launched with SEE Members of RCC, the first one being Serbia (Head of the Military Counter-Intelligence), as C-i-O of the SEECP, followed by consultations in Slovenia, Moldova, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Romania.

Consultations with the MoD high level representatives of Romania, Croatia, Slovenia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Moldova, were conducted for the SEEMIC, SEEDPD and other security cooperation activities included in the RCC SWP 2011-2013.

The RCC Secretariat also participated in the Launching of the SEESAC project – Women in the Armed Forces. Consultations were carried out with UNDP representatives on the new MoU on SEESAC that is to be signed between RCC Secretariat and UNDP. At the meetings with SEESAC project team leaders, WPON and GMSSRWB project implementation were discussed. Ways of streamlining and synergy with SEDM projects were evaluated and specific activities in this direction planned. The RCC Secretariat will further support SEESAC team in fundraising and achieving synergy in the project implementation. A joint meeting was held with the project officer from MoD Bulgaria implementing the SEDM project on Gender leadership and an agreement on all overlapping issues was reached.

The RCC Secretariat took part in the 26th SEDM CC. A discussion took place on the future of SEDM and it was decided to invite the RCC Secretariat SCU experts to take part in the WG on this issue.

The RCC SG, accompanied by Senior Expert on Security issues, took part in the Defence Ministerial Meeting dedicated to Enhancing the Mutual Cooperation in the Region for Resolving the Surplus Arms Issue which was held in the framework of Serbia’s SEECP C-i-O in Belgrade April 2012. In the adopted Joint Statement the participants have expressed strong support for the efforts and achievements of the RCC in developing and enhancing regional cooperation as a tool to strengthen stability and prosperity in SEE, thus promoting the region’s European and Euro-Atlantic integration.

The RCC Secretariat participated in the 27th RACVIAC MAG meeting. A new director of RACVIAC was elected and different issues related to the 2013-2015 activities were discussed. The idea of organising SEEMIC activities with the support of RACVIAC was introduced.

The RCC Secretariat participated in NATO special training on Grants Programme related to the mechanism of funding projects and activities in the region according to the NATO priorities.

Disaster preparedness and prevention

The RCC Secretariat participated in the DPPI regional meeting. At the meeting with representatives of the Slovenian Civil Protection Agency the developments of DPPI and the project implementation were discussed. An assessment of the DPPI Regional Meeting was done and it was agreed that the current Secretariat is executing professionally their responsibilities. It was agreed that further consultations will be needed to clarify in what aspect RCC Secretariat can assist DPPI in fundraising.

5. Building Human Capital and Cross-Cutting Issues

Education

The RCC Secretariat took part at the 16th meeting of ERI SEE Governing Board, held in Belgrade and organized by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Serbia and Centre for Education Policy (CEP) as temporary Secretariat of the ERI SEE. The main objectives of the conference were to update members of the Board on the activities aimed to establish the ERI SEE Secretariat in its full capacity, to adopt its Statute, Activity and Financial Reports, Work Programme for 2012 and Budget for 2012. The Vacancy Announcement for the ERI SEE Director was approved as well as main procedural steps for its selection. The RCC Secretariat provided advice regarding selecting procedure for the ERI SEE Secretariat's staff selection and will take part in the Selection Committee.

The RCC Secretariat participated at the workshop: "Vocational Education and Training (VET) for social inclusion in the Western Balkans: from conceptualisation to actions", organised in Tirana by the European Training Foundation (ETF) jointly with the Albanian Ministry of Education and Science. Social inclusion in education is a policy area highly relevant for candidate and potential candidate countries and has been marked among the key challenge in the Enlargement Strategy 2011-2012. The discussions concentrated on the capacities of education and training systems for generating sound evidence on the potential of VET for promoting equity, social cohesion and active citizenship.

Science and Research

The RCC Secretariat focused its activities on the implementation of the Project - Regional Strategy for Research and Development for Innovation for the Western Balkans (RSRDI). The RCC Secretariat co-organised with the World Bank, as the project Implementation Agency, the First Quarterly Workshop on RSRDI, at the premises of the RCC Secretariat. The meeting of the project Steering Committee overviewed achievements made since the launching of the project in November 2011 and provided guidance for the efficient realisation of planned activities. During the plenary sessions presentations and discussions were heard on the optimal model for increasing the contribution of RSRDI to competitiveness and economic growth in the Western Balkans; opinions were shared on concrete areas which should be included in the Strategy, bearing in mind existing human capital, quality of R&D Infrastructure and R&D funding. It was reconfirmed that the Regional Strategy is to coincide and complement to national efforts in the area.

The RCC Secretariat participated at the event organised in Tirana as a part of WBC-INCO.NET Work Package 8 on Innovation Support, in co-operation with the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Energy of Albania. Aim of the meeting was to present selected good practice examples of EU innovation activities that can be adapted to the region of the Western Balkans, or to some individual countries of the region. Representatives of implementing authorities: OECD, for Regional Competitiveness Initiative and the World Bank, for Regional R&D Strategy presented achievements of two regional projects and informed on planned activities. It was concluded that the WBC.INCO-NET initiatives and the wealth of micro examples complement and provide additional input for the Regional Strategy.

Culture

The main activities of the RCC Secretariat were focused on supporting the RCC Task Force on Culture and Society (TFCS). At the Second Working Meeting of the RCC Task Force on Culture and Society, the Ljubljana Process beneficiaries reported on the state of establishment of National Task Forces. TFCS approved revised General Action Plan and the Action Plan 2012 highlighting the activities carried out as planned and the delays, which are most prominent in Nomination/management of the National Task Forces and PIL and Heritage Assessment Reports. TFCS discussed modalities to improve communication and visibility. The initiative to hold a regional conference to promote and assist in building management capacities of national museums and possible connections with Ljubljana Process was discussed.

The RCC Secretariat held consultations with representatives of DG Enlargement on the optimal model for contractual arrangements for implementation of the project funded by the European Parliament “Preparatory Actions for Preserving and Restoring Cultural Heritage in Conflict Areas in the Western Balkans for 2011”. It was agreed that a grant contract will be signed by the European Commission and the RCC Secretariat and the project, worth EUR 500,000, will be implemented by the RCC TFCS. It was also agreed that representatives of EC, RCC, CoE and TFCS will meet for the drafting session of the project, in order to have the document ready for signing before the summer break.

The RCC Secretariat took part at the First Meeting of the Regional Centres for Cultural Heritage in South-Eastern Europe organised by the Ministry of Culture of Croatia and the UNESCO Venice Office. The aim of the meeting was to exchange information on the status, structure, management and activities of UNESCO Regional Centres, reinforce networking and cooperation and promote the establishment of new partnerships; explore possibilities of cooperation with other relevant mechanisms and initiatives at regional and European level (including the RCC and its TFCS) and financing opportunities, with special reference to the EU framework.

The RCC Secretary General, accompanied by the Senior Expert on Building Human Capital, took part at the annual meeting of the Council of Ministers of Culture of South East Europe (CoMoCoSEE), organised by the Serbian Presidency of the CoMoCoSEE. In the adopted Declaration of the meeting the activities of the Serbian Presidency, focusing on audiovisual policy measures as a regional response to the global economic crises were praised and a strong support to the RCC Task Force on Culture and Society was expressed. Also the ministers greeted the Republic of Moldova as a new member of the Council, and welcomed the Presidency of Republic of Slovenia of the CoMoCoSEE.

Parliamentary Cooperation

The RCC Secretariat is following the final phase of development of the project on Parliamentary Cooperation in the Western Balkans and Turkey - Support to the Cetinje Parliamentary Forum. To that aim, intense consultations were held with DG Enlargement regarding detailed description of the project activities, optimal model for project contracting and respective budgeting.

The RCC Secretariat participated at the Sixth Conference of the European Integration Parliamentary Committees of States participating to the Stabilisation and Association Process (COSAP), organized in Tirana by the Parliament of the Republic of Albania. The role of parliaments in driving forward EU reform agenda and the key role of European Integration Committees in this process were underlined, as well as necessity to strengthen institutions and the rule of law. Consolidation of COSAP-network in accordance with the Rules of Procedures adopted in June 2005 was among the main issues emphasized during this event.

The RCC Secretariat took part at the Meeting of the SEECP Parliamentary Dimension Working Group, held in Belgrade, aimed to draft a consolidated document on the proposed models of possible institutionalization of the parliamentary cooperation within SEECP: establishment of the SEE Parliamentary Assembly (proposed by Turkey) or establishment of the SEECP Parliamentary Conference (proposed by Bulgaria) to be presented for possible approval of the Speakers of the Parliaments of SEECP countries, at their annual meeting. Further consultations are envisaged in order to reach common position.

IV. Operation of the RCC Secretariat

The RCC Secretariat currently comprises a total of 35 staff members, out of which five members are technical and service staff (public affairs assistant, driver/security officer, two drivers/couriers, and receptionist). A complete list of the RCC Secretariat's staff is appended in Annex IV to the report.

A remaining open issue related to the setting-up of the RCC Secretariat Liaison Office concerns the implementation of the provisions of the Headquarters Agreement between the Kingdom of Belgium and the RCC Secretariat, which regulates the status of the RCC Secretariat's Liaison Office in Brussels. The Kingdom of Belgium has conditioned the implementation of relevant provisions of the Headquarters Agreement between the Kingdom of Belgium and the RCC Secretariat providing for the fiscal privileges and immunities of the Head and Deputy Head of the RCC Secretariat's Liaison Office in Brussels with the issuing of an official authentic interpretation concerning the implementation of Article 17.1.(d) of the Agreement between the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Governments of the other SEECP Participating States, the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo on behalf of Kosovo in accordance with the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244, on the Host Country Arrangements for the Secretariat of the Regional Cooperation Council (Host Country Agreement) by the Parties to this Agreement in which the principle of taxability of the officials of the RCC Secretariat in their countries/places of origin and/or permanent residence would be explicitly confirmed. After a consultation procedure initiated by the RCC Secretary General in August 2008 it became evident that the adoption of an interpretative declaration amending the Agreement would not be acceptable to some of the Parties to the Host Country Agreement, as they consider that such declaration would run counter to the spirit of the current provisions of the Agreement and would lead to its *de facto* amendment. In light of the principles of general international law, the only recourse in this situation would be to proceed with amending the Host

Country Agreement accordingly, in light of the request from the Kingdom of Belgium. This, however, remains subject to the will of the Parties to the Host Country Agreement.

In this view, the RCC Secretary General sent a communication to the authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina in early January 2009, proposing to the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina as a Party to and, at the same time, a depositary of the Host Country Agreement to consider the possibility of initiating the process of amending relevant provisions of the Agreement in order to provide for requested confirmation of taxability. This proposal of the RCC Secretary General is still under consideration by the authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

V. Membership of the RCC and the RCC Board

The RCC Secretariat was officially informed on 9 March 2012 that Poland discontinues its financial contribution to the RCC Secretariat budget as of 2012 budgetary year. In this context, in line with Article 10 of the RCC Statute (“*The Board consists of those RCC members contributing to the budget of the RCC Secretariat...*”), Poland’s membership in the RCC Board was discontinued.

VI. State of financial contributions to the RCC Secretariat Budget

Payments received by 14 May 2012

RCC Board Member	Amount	Date Received
Italy	9,788.68 EUR 40,000.00 EUR Total: 49,788.68 EUR	Roll over funds from 2010 15 December 2011
European Commission	645,847.48 EUR *redistribution of 2011/2012 funds will be completed during the expense verification process	04 January 2012
Turkey	140,000.00 EUR	05 March 2012
Bulgaria	140,000.00 EUR	29 March 2012
Romania	70,000.00 EUR	29 March 2012
France	9,834.96 EUR 40,151.09 EUR Total: 49,986.05 EUR	Roll over funds from 2010 03 April 2012
Latvia	15,000.00 EUR 35,000.00 EUR	Roll over funds from 2010 03 April 2012

	Total: 50,000.00 EUR	
Croatia	80,000.00 EUR	30 April 2012
France	9,848.91 EUR	Roll over funds from 2010
Ireland	9,793.83 EUR	Roll over funds from 2010
Hungary *	11,891.86 EUR 9,793.83 EUR Total: 21,685.69 EUR	Roll over funds from 2009 Roll over funds from 2010
Czech Republic *	9,848.83 EUR	Roll over funds from 2010
Switzerland	99,888.00 EUR	10 May 2012
Moldova	40,000.00 EUR	11 May 2012

*Roll over is in the process of the confirmation / approval by contributors.

Total funds available as of 15 May 2012 are 1, 447, 044.73 EUR.

ANNEX I

Report

On the implementation of the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011 – 2013 in the period 6 March – 3 May 2012

Horizontal activities

Horizontal Functions:	Activities organized/co-organized by the RCC Secretariat	Participation at events organized by other partners/institutions
1. Representing the region		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefing to Working Group on the Western Balkans of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the European Parliament, Brussels, 21 March 2012 • 13th Bled Forum “Europe Beyond Smart – Inclusive – Sustainable Throughout Cloud Computing Decade”, Bled, Slovenia, 29 – 30 March 2012 • SEECP Defence Ministers Meeting “Enhancing the mutual cooperation in the region for resolving the surplus arms issue”, Belgrade, 12 April 2012 • FES Workshop: Tutzing Balkan Talks “The Western Balkans in 2012: The EU Crisis and the Balkans” - Tutzing, 13-15 April 2012 • Annual Council of the Ministers of Culture of SEECP - Belgrade, 20 April 2012 • XIV Adriatic and Ionian Council Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the Adriatic-Ionian Initiative – Belgrade, 30 April 2012 • European Policy Center high level panel on “Regional cooperation in the Balkans: Time for a new boost” - Brussels, 30 April 2012
2. Coordination and cooperation with the SEECP Chairmanship in Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributing to a number of sectoral meetings organized by the SEECP C-i-O and related to the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013. • Coordination meeting between the SEECP Troika, EU and the RCC Secretariat, Sarajevo, 14 March 2012 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultations with officials from the MFA of Serbia in its capacity of SEECP CiO - Belgrade, 11 April 2012

<p>3. Exerting strategic leadership in regional cooperation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent dialogue with different stakeholders from the region: private companies and associations (Summit of 100 Business Leaders of SEE), operating RI&TFs and newly established regional networks (SEE Public Private Partnership Network, Regional Network of Investment Promotion Agencies etc.) discussing the issues and modes of cooperation and developing common activities. • RCC 4th Anniversary: Panel discussion “From ownership to responsibility: Regional cooperation in South East Europe and EU membership”, Sarajevo, 14 March 2012 • RCC Board meeting, Sarajevo, 15 March 2012 • Meeting of the Financial Sub-Committee to the RCC Board – Sarajevo, 19 April 2012 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kick-off Meeting of the CEI-led project Improving Cooperation in South-East Europe by Actions for Strengthening the Regional Cooperation Council – Sarajevo, 17 March 2012 • Meeting with CEI representatives – Sarajevo, 22 March 2012
<p>4. Consultations with RCC Members</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intensified contacts with other DGs in the EC (DG REGIO, DG MOVE, DG Education and Culture, DG International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response, etc). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultations with the Minister of Foreign Affairs and other high officials of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia - Skopje, 6 March 2012 • Consultations with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina - Sarajevo, 13 March 2012 • Consultations with Assistant Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of Croatia – Zagreb, 5 April 2012 • Meeting with Deputy Director General for Enlargement, EC - Brussels, 20 March 2012 • Consultations with high officials of the MFA of Slovenia - Ljubljana, 29 March 2012
<p>5. Providing regional perspective in donor assistance, notably in EU assistance under the Instrument for pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultations with representatives of financial institutions (presidents of the securities regulators and directors of the stock exchanges from Southeast Europe), as well as EC and IFIs partners. • Consultations have been regularly held with other donors interested for regional projects (UNDP, ADA, SIDA, FES, GIZ, USAID, OSCE etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultations with the European Commission – Brussels, 16 March 2012 • IPA MB Programme Coordination meeting - Brussels, 26-27 April 2012

<p>6. Supporting increased involvement of civil society in regional activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The RCC Secretariat established and deepened working contacts with regional Civil Society networks in different areas (National Councils of the European Movement from SEE, Eco-Social Entrepreneurs Network from SEE, SEE Public Broadcasting Agencies Network, JHA related NGOs networks etc., regional network of political schools supported by the Council of Europe) and extended regional coordination with other CSO structures (TACSO team, ICDT, BFPE etc), • The dialogue further widened with the think tanks from the region and beyond (i.e. LSE Network of SEE researchers) developing and coordinating joint programmes. • Strengthening local level of the SEE regional cooperation. • Promoting social dialogue. 	
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Priority area 1: Economic and Social Development

Objectives:	Activities organized/co-organized by the RCC	Participation at events organized by other partners/institutions
<p>1. Investment climate - Transfer and management of the SEEIC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10th Meeting of the SEEIC – Sarajevo, 24-25 April 2012 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GIZ - Improving the Legal System in Transition Economies, Berlin, 3-4 April 2012. <u>RCC role:</u> keynote speaker
<p>2. Identifying ways and means for improving access to finance for private sector</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signing ceremony of the Platform for Joint Action of Securities Exchanges in Southeast Europe – Sarajevo, 27 March 2012 • EDIF Coordination Meeting – Sarajevo 24 April 2012, co-organized with the OECD and the EC 	

<p>3. Mainstreaming employment and social agenda into economic reform deliberations</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28th Meeting of the SEE Health Network, 13-14 March 2012, Brussels. <u>RCC role</u>: speaker • RCI Working Group on Human Capital Development, 20-21 March 2012, Paris. <u>RCC role</u>: working group participant • 8th Meeting of the SEE Trade Union Forum, 17-18 April 2012, Tirana. <u>RCC role</u>: discussant • Workshop on the Study on Social Dialogue in the Western Balkan Countries, 20 April 2012, Vienna. RCC role: discussant • Meeting with representatives of SIDA, GTF and SEECEL regarding adoption of the Inception Report and continuation of the Project: Women's Entrepreneurship - a Job Creation Engine in SEE – Zagreb, 28 March 2012 • Meeting with Deputy Director, Country Strategy and Policy, EBRD – Sarajevo, 22 March 2012
<p>4. Promoting Information Society</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultations with the e-SEE Initiative on development of regional ICT development projects, Sarajevo, 27 March 2012 • International Girls in ICT, 26 April 2012, Sarajevo. <u>RCC role</u>: co-organizer 	

Priority area 2: Energy and Infrastructure

Objectives:	Activities organized/co-organized by the RCC Secretariat	Participation at events organized by other partners/institutions
<p>1. Continue implementation of Sustainable Energy Development Regional Initiative (SEDRI)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisted to the SEDRI Task Force Chairmanship. • Facilitated IPF CO from Bosnia and Herzegovina, EBRD and INOGATE Technical Secretariat involvement in improving project proposals from the SEDRI inventory of small scale sustainable energy projects. • Cooperated with Project Manager of CEI led project on Strengthening the RCC Capacities in order to back the initiative implementation • Started preparatory activities for organizing the 3rd SEDRI TF meeting. • Committed to support CSOs led by SEE Change Net in Western Balkan Sustainable Energy Strategy preparation and promotion as an activity relevant for both SEDRI and Energy Community Regional Energy Strategy preparation and implementation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with representative of SEDRI TF Chairmanship – Beograd, 18 April 2012. <u>RCC role</u>: support to the SEDRI implementation.

<p>2. Explore potential for cooperation with the Energy Community Secretariat</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communicated with Croatian Ministry in charge of energy with the aim to facilitate transfer of Croatian experience in negotiating Chapter 15 based on the readiness of the Croatian Ministry to support this activity. Proposed complementary activities including ``bottom-up`` approach implementers and strengthened inter-sectoral cooperation. Proposed resumption of the tailor-made workshops for parliamentary committees responsible for energy in the region. Scheduled meeting between the RCC SG and ECS Director in order to concretize next steps in future cooperation and common activities. Submitted officially comments and suggestions on drafted documents in the framework of Regional Energy Strategy preparation. Started preparatory activities on the organization of the round table to complement Energy Community in implementing the LCP Directive. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3rd Energy Community Regional Energy Strategy Task Force (RES TF) and 24th Permanent High Level Group (PHLG) meetings – Vienna, 22-23 March 2012, organized by the EC and ECS. <u>RCC role:</u> monitoring Energy Community developments and contributing to the preparation of the Regional Energy Strategy participating in the RES TF.
<p>3. Contribute to the preparation and implementation of the Danube Region Strategy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhancing consultative process with the National Administrations and other stakeholders of the RCC members from SEE. Backing civil society actors and local authorities and strengthening their role. Cooperation with and supporting the IFI CO. Support to the MB IPA Strategy WGs, IFI AGs and WBIF SC as the permanent task. Established communication with the Co-coordinator of the second priority area (to encourage more sustainable energy) within the EU SDR. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Workshop – Opening Up the Western Balkans Energy Market – Belgrade, 7 March 2012, organized by Institute for Energy in SEE (IENE). <u>RCC role:</u> monitoring the regional energy market developments and defining the role of the RCC Secretariat in realization of the 6th SEE Energy Dialogue. NALAS General Assembly meeting – Prishtina, 29-30 March 2012, organized by NALAS. <u>RCC role:</u> strengthening cooperation with local authorities and reaching agreement on future joint activities of the RCC Secretariat and NALAS. Meetings with representatives of SEE Forum on CC Adaptation, BFPE and Serbian Committee of World Energy Council (WEC) – Beograd, 17-19 April 2012. <u>RCC role:</u> support to implementation of specific projects and activities of these NGOs.
<p>4. Explore the potential for further development of air services within the region</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued to coordinate activities related to the finalization of the Air Traffic Study. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> South East Europe Transport Observatory (SEETO) Railway Working Group, Sarajevo, 15-16 March 2012, organized by the SEETO Secretariat. <u>RCC role:</u> representing the region and monitoring the developments in relation to the railway legal and institutional reforms.

<p>5. Contribute to the promotion of road safety</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued the preparatory activities with the Association of Consulting Engineers of Bosnia and Herzegovina (ACE) and BIH Ministry of Communications and Transport concerning the organization and realization of the training seminar for road safety. Explored the possibility to involve SEETO in the organization of the aforementioned seminar. Prepared a project application form and applied for the possible CEI financing of the road safety seminar. Continued the preparatory activities with ACE and BIH Ministry of Communications and Transport related to organization of the Third Congress on Roads. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SEETO Workshop on addressing transport barriers at border crossing – Podgorica, 27-28 March 2012, organized by SEETO Secretariat. <u>RCC role</u>: representing the region and discussed the possibility to cooperate with SEETO in the area of road safety as well as in the railway sector.
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Priority area 3: Justice and Home Affairs

Objectives:	Activities organized/co-organized by the RCC	Participation at events organized by other partners/institutions
<p>1. Coordinate drafting and adoption of a Regional Strategic Document and Action Plan on Justice and Home Affairs 2011-2014, and monitoring its implementation</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9th Annual Review Conference on Cooperation in the field of Border Security in SEE organized by Ministry of Interior of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and DCAF, 15-16 March 2012, Skopje. <u>RCC role</u>: representing the region.

<p>2. Strengthening judicial and prosecutorial cooperation in criminal matters</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 7th Meeting of the PCC SEE Expert Working Group organized by the PCC SEE Secretariat, 8-9 March 2012, Bucharest, Romania. <u>RCC role</u>: exerting strategic leadership. • Meetings with International Association of Prosecutors, and ASSER Institute on support for Prosecutors' Network in SEE, regional arrest warrant and SEELS, 8-9 March 2012, The Hague, Netherlands. <u>RCC role</u>: representing the region. • Conference on Cyber Crime organized by SEPCA and IACP, 23 April 2012, Budva, Montenegro. <u>RCC role</u>: monitoring regional developments. • SEPCA Annual General Assembly organized by SEPCA Secretariat, 24-25 April 2012, Budva, Montenegro. <u>RCC role</u>: representing the region. • Treptower Group Working Level Meeting organized by German BKA, 30 April 2012, Berlin, Germany. <u>RCC role</u>: presenting regional developments
<p>3. Support existing initiatives in the area of the fight against corruption</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counter Corruption – Promoting Transparency and Accountability with the Judiciary organized by George C. Marshall Association Romania and European Centre for Security Studies George C. Marshall and US Department of State, 21-23 March 2012, Bucharest, Romania. <u>RCC role</u>: representing the region.
<p>4. Support MARRI in strengthening its capacity</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop on Managing Perceptions: Reception of Asylum Seekers on the Local Level organized by Commissariat for Refugees of the Republic of Serbia and TAIEX, 12-13 March 2012, Belgrade, Serbia. <u>RCC role</u>: representing the region • MARRI Regional Forum organized by Serbian P-i-O and MARRI Regional Centre, 3 April 2012, Belgrade, Serbia. <u>RCC role</u>: representing the region
<p>5. Initiate regional cooperation in private and civil law matters and in protection of fundamental rights</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with GIZ in the framework of organization of work of Expert team for International Cooperation and Legal Assistance in civil and commercial matters, organized by RCC on 19 March 2012, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. <u>RCC role</u>: streamlining and harmonizing regional activities. 	

Priority area 4: Security Cooperation

Objectives:	Activities organized/co-organized by the RCC	Participation at events organized by other partners/institutions
<p>1. Facilitate and support development of regional mechanisms with low-cost activities and high impact on confidence building</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultations on the parliamentary dimension of SEEMIC were made in March and April 2012, with relevant partners of Bulgaria, Serbia, Romania, Slovenia, Croatia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Moldova in order to continue the dialogue on future implementation of SEEMIC and the organization of the first Assessment WG meeting and the 4th SEEMIC, in 2012. • SEEMIC WG was convened in March and the first common regional intelligence assessment was produced. RCC Secretariat in cooperation with the Bulgarian DIS presented a draft for the “Terms of Reference of SEEMIC Conference” to be endorsed by the 4th SEEMIC. 21 March 2012, Sofia • Consultations were held with the Bulgarian NSA on the second WG of SEENSA; with the State Secretary of the Ministry of Defence on the Civilian Experts Regional Meeting planned within the RCC SWP; with the Ministry of Defence/Military Intelligence on the first WG of SEEMIC in 2012; and the Defence Policy Director (MoD) on the SEEDPD meeting. March 2012, Sofia • The second SEENSA WG took place in March. It was co-chaired by a representative of the Bulgarian State Commission on Information Security and RCC representative. The Scope of SEENSA Cooperation was discussed, adopted with consensus and it will be submitted to the SEENSA meeting for endorsement in May. The RCC representative presented a Non Paper produced after intensive consultations with NOS and the Office of Security of the General Secretariat of the Council of the EU on the possibilities of introducing Administrative arrangements on the security information exchange in multilateral format. • Consultations for initiating the SEE Counter-Intelligence Chiefs Forum (SEECIC) have been launched with SEE Members of RCC, the first one being Serbia (Head of the Military Counter-Intelligence), as C-i-O of the SEECP, followed by consultations in Slovenia, Moldova, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Romania. March and April 2012, Belgrade, Ljubljana, Chisinau, Skopje, Bucharest. • Consultations with the State Secretary of the MoD and the Head of the Military Intelligence of Serbia, with MoD representatives of Romania, Croatia, Slovenia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Moldova were conducted for the SEEMIC, SEEDPD and other security cooperation activities included in the RCC SWP 2011-2013. March and April 2012, Belgrade, Bucharest, Zagreb, Ljubljana, Skopje and Chisinau. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South-Eastern Europe Defence Ministerial – Coordination Committee (SEDM – CC) and Political Military Steering Committee (PMSC) - Rome, 14-15 March 2012, organized by SEDM. • SEECP Defence Ministerial Meeting on enhancing mutual cooperation for resolving the surplus arms. Ministers strongly supported the efforts and the achievements of the RCC, as the operational arm of SEECP, in developing and enhancing regional cooperation - Belgrade, 11-12 April 2012 • 27th RACVIAC MAG meeting. New director of RACVIAC was elected and 2013-2015 programme of activities was discussed. Organizing SEEMIC activities with the support of RACVIAC was proposed. 17-18 April 2012, Tirana • NATO training on Grants Programme. It was related to the mechanism of funding projects and activities in the region according to the NATO priorities - Brussels, 24-25 April 2012 • Launching of the SEESAC project – Women in the Armed Forces. Meetings with SEESAC project team leaders took place. WPON and GMSSRWB project implementation were discussed. Ways of streamlining and synergy with SEDM projects were evaluated and specific activities in this direction planned.

<p>2. Continue its work towards establishment of regional structures for disaster risk reduction, in cooperation with international partners</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with representatives of the Slovenian Civil Protection Agency took place and the developments of DPPI and the project implementation were discussed. An assessment of the last DPPI Regional Meeting was done. It was agreed that further consultations will be needed to clarify in what aspect RCC Secretariat can assist DPPI in fundraising. Ljubljana, April 2012 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DPPI Regional Meeting, 28-29 March 2012
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Priority area 5: Building Human Capital and Cross-cutting Issues

Objectives:	Activities organized/co-organized by the RCC	Participation at events organized by other partners/institutions
<p>1. Taking over coordination of Ljubljana Process</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The RCC Secretariat held consultations with representatives of DG Enlargement on the optimal model for contractual arrangements for implementation of the project funded by the European Parliament “Preparatory Actions for Preserving and Restoring Cultural Heritage in Conflict Areas in the Western Balkans for 2011”. It was agreed that the grant contract will be signed by the European Commission and the RCC Secretariat and the project worth EUR 500,000 will be implemented by the RCC TFCS. It was also agreed that representatives of EC, RCC, CoE and TFCS will meet for the drafting session of the project in Brussels, in order to have the document ready for signing before the summer break. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Second Working Meeting of the RCC Task Force on Culture and Society, Danilovgrad, 13 March 2012. <u>RCC Role:</u> Advising on the principal procedures of decision making process; coordinating the process of adoption of major documents. • First Meeting of the Regional Centres for Cultural Heritage in South-Eastern Europe: Cooperation, Partnerships, Funding; Zadar, Croatia, 23 March 2012. <u>RCC Role:</u> Informing on the procedures of establishment of regional international organisations, promoting RCC TF CS, discussing the cooperation opportunities.
<p>2. Support to education reform, with emphasis on higher education</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional workshop: “Vocational Education and Training (VET) for social inclusion in the Western Balkans: from conceptualisation to actions”, Tirana, 15–16 March 2012. <u>RCC Role:</u> Presenting experience of the RCC Secretariat in development of related regional projects. • 16th meeting of ERI SEE Governing Board, Belgrade, 27 March 2012. <u>RCC Role:</u> Informing on the RCC Secretariat activities; explaining experience of establishment of other similar regional mechanisms; providing advice in the process.

<p>3. Development of Regional Strategy for Research and Development for Innovation for the Western Balkans</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Quarterly Workshop “Regional R&D Strategy for Innovation in the Western Balkans”, co-organised with the World Bank – Sarajevo, 26-28 March. On that occasion, Meeting of the project Steering Committee, overviewed achievements made since the launching of the project in November 2011. Drafting Team, led by the World Bank, involving national experts nominated by Governments, continued its regular activities on preparing the first draft of the RSRDI. Optimal model for increasing the contribution of RSRDI to competitiveness and economic growth in the Western Balkans was discussed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Level Review Meeting – Good Practice Examples on Innovation for the Western Balkan countries – Tirana, 4-5 April 2012. <u>RCC Role:</u> Presenting experience of the RCC Secretariat in development of regional projects; defining possible linkages to Regional Strategy for Research and development for Innovation for the Western Balkans.
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Priority area 6: Parliamentary Cooperation

Objectives:	Activities organized/co-organized by the RCC	Participation at events organized by other partners/institutions
<p>1. Assisting the development of the Parliamentary dimension of the SEECP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up workshop to the Regional Parliamentary Seminar: “Environmental challenges and opportunities – the way forward”, organized jointly by the RCC Secretariat and the European Parliament – Brussels, 28-29 March 2012, is part of a series of seminars that aim at strengthening the capacities of parliaments of the Western Balkans for the EU enlargement process. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sixth Conference of the European Integration Parliamentary Committees of States Participating to the Stabilisation and Association Process (COSAP) - Tirana, 9 March. <u>RCC Role:</u> Presentation of the RCC activities in the related area, with emphasis on the project on Parliamentary Cooperation in the Western Balkans and Turkey - Support to the Cetinje Parliamentary Forum. • Meeting of the SEECP Parliamentary Dimension Working Group, held in Belgrade on 2-3 April 2012, aimed to draft a consolidated document to be presented for possible approval of the Speakers of the Parliaments of SEECP countries, at their annual meeting. Further consultations are necessary for reaching common position.
<p>2. Assisting the institutionalization of the Cetinje Parliamentary Forum</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The RCC Secretariat follows the finalization of the project on Parliamentary Cooperation in the Western Balkans and Turkey - Support to the Cetinje Parliamentary Forum. To that aim, intense consultations were held with DG Enlargement regarding detailed description of the project activities, optimal model for project contracting and respective budgeting. 	

ANNEX II

LIST OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS ATTENDED BY THE RCC SECRETARY GENERAL AND THE RCC SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS IN THE PERIOD 6 MARCH – 3 MAY 2012

GENERAL

1. Consultations with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the advisors of the President of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the State Secretary for EU Affairs of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia – Skopje, 6 March 2012 (Secretary General, Chief of Staff)
2. Meeting with Ambassador of the Hellenic Republic to Bosnia and Herzegovina – Sarajevo, 12 March 2012 (Secretary General, Political Advisor)
3. Meeting with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina – Sarajevo, 13 March 2012 (Secretary General, Chief of Staff, Political Advisor)
4. Meeting with Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia and the RCC National Coordinator of the Republic of Serbia - Sarajevo, 14 March 2012 (Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool Chief of Staff, Political Advisor)
5. Coordination meeting between the SEECF Troika, the Regional Cooperation Council Secretariat and the representatives of the EU - Sarajevo, 14 March 2012 (Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool Chief of Staff, Deputy Head of LO, Junior Political Advisor)
6. RCC Anniversary – Panel discussion “From ownership to responsibility: Regional cooperation in South East Europe and EU membership” - Sarajevo, 14 March 2012
7. RCC Board Meeting – Sarajevo, 15 March 2012
8. Regional Conference “Partnership for Change: Civil Society and the Governments in the Western Balkans and Turkey” – Belgrade, 15 March 2012 (Political Advisor)
9. Kick-off meeting for the CEI project Improving Cooperation in South-East Europe by Actions for Strengthening the Regional Cooperation Council, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, 16 March 2012 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool, Spokesperson, LO Advisor, Expert on Infrastructure, Public Affairs Assistant)
10. Meeting with EC Deputy Director General for Enlargement – Brussels, 20 March 2012 (Secretary General, Deputy Head of LO)
11. Briefing for the Western Balkans group of the Foreign Affairs Committee (AFET) in the European Parliament - Brussels, 21 March 2012 (Secretary General, Head of LO, Deputy Head of LO, LO Advisor)
12. Meeting with Head of South East Europe Department of Hanns Seidel Stiftung – Sarajevo, 27 March 2012 (Secretary General, Political Advisor)
13. Meeting with State Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia and the RCC National Coordinator of Slovenia – Bled, Slovenia, 29 March 2012 (Secretary General, Chief of Staff)

- 14.13th Bled Forum on Europe “Foresight Conference - Europe beyond Smart – Inclusive – Sustainable – Throughout” – Bled, Slovenia, 29 March 2012 (Secretary General, Chief of Staff)
- 15.Meeting with the Head of Unit “Regional Cooperation and Programmes” at DG Enlargement – Brussels, 30 March 2012 (Chief of Staff)
- 16.Participation at the 2012 Brown Forum – Economic Opportunities at the Municipal Level – Opatija, Croatia, 2 April 2012 (Secretary General)
- 17.Meeting with Assistant Minister at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia and RCC National Coordinator of the Republic of Serbia – Belgrade, 11 April 2012 (Secretary General, Political Advisor)
- 18.Second UN Alliance of Civilizations Regional Conference for South East Europe, Focal Points meeting and the Regional Forum – Belgrade, 11-12 April 2012 (Political Advisor)
- 19.Meeting with Ambassador of Romania – Sarajevo, 17 April 2012 (Secretary General, Chief of Staff, Junior Political Advisor)
- 20.Meeting with Head of OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina – Sarajevo, 18 April 2012 (Secretary General, Political Advisor)
- 21.Meeting with the Head of EU Delegation to Croatia – Sarajevo, 23 April 2012 (Secretary General, Political Advisor)
- 22.International Donor’s Conference on the implementation of the Joint Housing Program of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro and Serbia on Durable solutions for refugees and internally displaced persons – Sarajevo, 24 April 2012 (Secretary General, Political Advisor)
- 23.Meeting with Director of the Energy Community Secretariat – Sarajevo, 24 April 2012 (Secretary General, Senior Expert on Energy and Infrastructure)
- 24.Participation, as a speaker, at European Policy Center high level panel on “Regional cooperation in the Balkans: Time for a new boost” - Brussels, 30 April 2012 (Secretary General, Head of LO, Deputy Head of LO, LO Advisor)

I. ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

1. 28th meeting of the SEE Health Network – Brussels, 13-14 March 2012 (Expert on Economic and Social Development)
2. OECD Investment Compact for South East Europe – the second meeting of the Western Balkans Regional Competitiveness Initiative (RCI) Working Group on Human Capital Development – Paris, 20-21 March 2012 (Senior Expert on Economic and Social Development and Expert on Economic and Social Development)
3. Meeting with Deputy Director, Country Strategy and Policy EBRD – Sarajevo, 22 March 2012 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool and Senior Expert on Economic and Social Development)
4. Signing Ceremony of the Platform for Joint Action by the Securities Exchange in Southeast Europe – Sarajevo, 27 March 2012 (Secretary General, Senior Expert on Economic and Social Development)

5. Meeting with representatives of SIDA, GTF and SEECEL – Zagreb, 28 March 2012 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool and Expert on Economic and Social Development)
6. GIZ Seller’s Partners Forum “Law Matters: Improving the Legal System in Transition Economies” – Berlin, 3-4 April 2012 (Senior Expert on Economic and Social Development)
7. 8th SEE Trade Union Forum Meeting – Tirana, 17-18 April 2012 (Expert on Economic and Social Development)
8. Workshop on the Study on Social Dialogue in the Western Balkan countries – Vienna, 20 April 2012 (Expert on Economic and Social Development)
9. Meeting with representative from Westminster Foundation for Democracy – Sarajevo, 23 April 2012 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool, Senior Expert on Economic and Social Development, Expert in Parliamentary Cooperation)
10. 10th SEE Investment Committee Meeting – Sarajevo, 24-25 April 2012 (Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General/ Head of the Expert Pool, Senior Expert on Economic and Social Development, SEEIC Project Leader)
11. International Girls in ICT Day seminar - Sarajevo, 26 April 2012 (Secretary General, Spokesperson, Expert on Economic and Social Development, Public Affairs Assistant)

II. ENERGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE

1. Regional Workshop – Opening Up the Western Balkans Energy Market – Belgrade, 7 March 2012 (Senior Expert on Energy and Infrastructure)
2. SEETO Railway Working Group – Sarajevo, 15-16 March 2012 (Expert on Infrastructure)
3. Regional Energy Strategy – 3rd meeting of the Task Force and 24th meeting of the Permanent High Level Group – Vienna, 22-23 March 2012 (Senior Expert on Energy and Infrastructure)
4. SEETO Workshop on addressing transport barriers on border crossing – Podgorica, 27-28 March 2012 (Expert on Infrastructure)
5. VII NALAS General Assembly meeting – Prishtina, 29-30 March 2012 (Senior Expert on Energy and Infrastructure)
6. Parliamentary Seminar: Challenges in the field of environment and the way forward – Brussels, 29 – 30 March 2012 (Expert on Infrastructure and Expert on Parliamentary Cooperation)
7. Meetings with Project Manager on SEE Forum on CC adaptation, Chairman of SEDRI Task Force, Project Manager on project Strengthening Public Dialogue on Sustainable Energy Use in SEE and Secretary General of the Serbian Committee of the WEC – Belgrade, 17-18 April 2012 (Senior Expert on Energy and Infrastructure)

III. JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS

1. 7th meeting of the PCC SEE Expert Working Group – Bucharest, 8 – 9 March 2012 (Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)
2. Consultations with International Association of Prosecutors in the Framework of Western Balkans Prosecutors’ Network Project – the Hague, 8 – 9 March 2012 (Senior Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)

3. Workshop on Managing Perceptions: Reception of Asylum Seekers on the Local Level – Belgrade, 12-13 March 2012 (Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)
4. 9th Annual Review Conference on Cooperation in the Field of Border Security in SEE – Skopje, 15-16 March 2012 (Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)
5. Meeting with GIZ in the framework of organization of work of Expert team for International Cooperation and Legal Assistance in civil and commercial matters – Sarajevo, 19 March 2012 (Senior Expert on Justice and Home Affairs and Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)
6. Counter Corruption – Promoting Transparency and Accountability with the Judiciary – Bucharest, 21-23 March 2012 (Senior Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)
7. MARRI Regional Forum – Belgrade, 3 April 2012 (Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)
8. IACP/SEPICA Cyber Crime Conference and the Annual General Assembly Meeting of SEPICA – 24-26 April 2012 (Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)
9. Working level meeting on the “Treptower Group” – Berlin, 30 April 2012 (Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)

IV. SECURITY COOPERATION

1. South-Eastern Europe Defence Ministerial – Coordination Committee (SEDM – CC) and Political Military Steering Committee (PMSC) – Rome, 14-15 March 2012 (Senior Expert on Security Cooperation)
2. Preparation of the 4th SEEMIC Conference in Sofia – Sofia, 21 March 2012 (Senior Expert on Security Issues and Expert on Security Issues)
3. Meetings with reference to SEEMIC, SEECIC, Defence Policy Directors, Forum of the Security Advisors to the Presidents and Prime-Ministers, Chairmen of the Parliamentary Committees supervising the intelligence and classified information – Bucharest and Chisinau, 22-26 March 2012 (Expert on Security Issues)
4. The second meeting of the Working Group (SEENSA format) – Sofia, 27-29 March 2012 (Senior Expert on Security Issues and Expert on Security Issues)
5. XXIV DPPI SEE Regional Meeting – Sofia, 28-29 March 2012 (Senior Expert on Security Issues)
6. Meetings with reference to SEEMIC, SEENSA, DPD and SEECIC project – Ljubljana, 3-6 April 2012 (Senior Expert on Security Issues)
7. SEECP Defence Ministerial Meeting in the framework of Serbia’s SEECP Chairmanship-in-Office–Belgrade, 12 April 2012 (Secretary General, Senior Expert on Security Issues)
8. 27th MAG meeting – Tirana, 17-18 April 2012 (Expert on Security Issues)
9. Meetings with NATO representatives – Brussels, 24-25 April 2012 (Expert on Security Issues)

V. BUILDING HUMAN CAPITAL AND PARLIAMENTARY COOPERATION

1. Sixth Conference of the European Integration Parliamentary Committees of States participating in the South Eastern Europe Stabilisation and Association Process – Tirana, 9 March 2012 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool and Expert on Parliamentary Cooperation)
2. 2nd Working Meeting of the RCC Task Force on Culture and Society – Danilovgrad, 13 March 2012 (Senior Expert on Building Human Capital and Cross-Cutting Issues)
3. VET Social Inclusion in the Western Balkans and Turkey: From conceptualisation to actions, Regional Workshop – Tirana, 15-16 March 2012 (Expert on Parliamentary Cooperation)
4. First meeting of the Regional Centers for the Safeguarding and Management of Cultural Heritage in SEE: Regional cooperation, partnership, funding – Zadar, 23 March 2012 (Senior Expert on Building Human Capital and Cross-Cutting Issues)
5. RSRDI Steering Committee and Advisory Body meeting – Sarajevo, 26 – 28 March 2012 (Senior Expert on Building Human Capital and Cross-Cutting Issues)
6. ERI SEE – the 16th meeting of the ERI SEE Governing Board and Consultative Body – Belgrade, 27 March 2012 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool)
7. The fifth meeting of the SEECP PD Working Group – Belgrade, 2-3 April 2012 (Expert in Parliamentary Cooperation and Junior Political Advisor)
8. International Conference “Cooperation of the National Parliaments and Independent Regulatory Bodies in South East Europe” – 3 – 4 April 2012, National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia and European Movement Serbia supported by OSCE Mission to the Republic of Serbia and Friedrich Ebert Foundation (Expert in Parliamentary Cooperation)
9. High Level Review Meeting, Good Practice Examples on Innovation for the Western Balkans Countries – Tirana, 4-5 April 2012 (Senior Expert on Building Human Capital and Cross-Cutting Issues)
10. Meeting with Member of the Board of Management of the Foundation for Cinematography Sarajevo – Sarajevo, 12 April 2012 (Senior Expert on Building Human Capital and Cross-Cutting Issues)
11. Meeting with the Result-Oriented Monitor for the Project “Support to the Ljubljana Process II – Rehabilitating our Common Heritage” – Sarajevo, 16 April 2012 (Senior Expert on Building Human Capital and Cross-Cutting Issues)
12. Annual Council of Ministers of Culture of SEE – Belgrade, 20 April 2012 (Secretary General and Senior Expert on Building Human Capital and Cross-Cutting Issues)

VI. COMMUNICATION AND MEDIA DEVELOPMENT

1. Meeting of the European Association of Public Service Media in South East Europe - Novi Sad, Serbia, 9 March 2012 (Spokesperson)

2. Meeting with CEI representatives and documentaries' producer from the European Association of Public Service Media in South East Europe on the production of the 'How do I see my neighbour' documentaries; - Zagreb, 12 April 2012 (Spokesperson)
3. Meeting with representatives of RACVIAC and other co-organizers on the preparation of the workshop on investigative journalism and data protection - Zagreb, 13 April 2012 (Spokesperson)
4. Meeting with CEI representatives regarding the WP 4.1 of the CEI-RCC Capacity Project Improving Cooperation in South-East Europe by Actions for Strengthening the Regional Cooperation Council - Trieste, 17 April 2012 (Spokesperson, IT Expert)
5. Preparation meeting with co-organizers of the academy on media law - Zagreb, 23 April 2012 (Spokesperson)

LIAISON OFFICE

1. Meeting with the Head of Regional Cooperation and Programme Unit of DG Enlargement of the EC– Brussels, 8 March 2012 (Deputy Head of LO, LO Advisor)
2. Meeting with the D.2 Unit, Local Administration Facility representatives, DG Enlargement - Brussels, 12 March 2012 (LO Advisor)
3. Meeting of with the Deputy Director General of DG Enlargement of the EC – Brussels, 20 March 2012 (RCC SG, Deputy Head of LO)
4. Meeting with the EPC Senior Policy Analyst - Brussels, 20 March 2012 (LO Advisor)
5. Meeting with MEP, Member of AFET - Brussels 20 March 2012 (LO Advisor)
6. Meeting with the Commissioner of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries – Brussels, 21 March 2012 (Secretary General, Head of LO)
7. Participation in the EPC policy briefing with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkey –Brussels, 23 March 2012 (Deputy Head of LO, LO Advisor)
8. Meeting with the State Councillor, Ministry of Transport and Communications, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, EU Visitor's Programme to Brussels - Brussels, 26 March 2012 (LO Advisor)
9. Meeting with the First Vice President of the European Parliament and the Member of the Delegation for SEE of EP - Brussels, 27 March 2012 (Head of LO)
10. Participation in the EPC event “Exiting the stalemate? Albania’s opportunity for a future with the EU” – Brussels, 27 March 2012 (LO Advisor)
11. Meeting with the FES project coordinators from FES offices in Zagreb, Belgrade, Pristina, Tirana, Skopje, Istanbul and Sofia - Brussels, 28 March 2012 (LO Advisor)
12. Meeting with the President of the Europe of Cultures Forum - Brussels, 28 March 2012 (LO Advisor)
13. Meeting with CEI Head of Transport Unit and Assistant Project Officer - Brussels, 29 March 2012 (Expert on Infrastructure, RCC CEI Liaison Officer, LO Advisor)

14. Meeting of DG Enlargement on IPA Multi-beneficiary Programme 2013 – Brussels, 30 March 2012 (Chief of Staff, Deputy Head of LO, LO Advisor)
15. Meeting with the Head of Section in Regional Cooperation and Programmes Unit in DG Enlargement – Brussels, 2 April 2012 (Deputy Head of LO, Head of Administration, Finance Officer)
16. Meeting with the Permanent representative of Bulgaria to the EU – Brussels, 4 April 2012 (Deputy Head of LO)
17. Meeting with the desk officer for RCC in the EEAS – Brussels, 13 April 2012 (Deputy Head of LO)
18. Meeting with the Head of Unit Institution Building, Taiex, Twinning, DG Enlargement - Brussels, 16 April 2012 (Deputy Secretary General/ Head of Expert Pool, LO Advisor)
19. IPA MB Programme consultations with the Head of the Regional Cooperation and Programmes Unit in DG Enlargement – Brussels, 16 April 2012 (Deputy Secretary General/ Head of Expert Pool, Deputy Head of LO, Senior Expert on Economic and Social development, Senior Expert on Justice and Home affairs, LO Advisor)
20. Participation in the European Commission's Conference "Scientific Support to the Danube Strategy – Brussels, 24 April 2012 (Deputy Head of LO, LO Advisor)
21. Meeting with the Cultural Heritage Advisor, DG Enlargement and RCC Task Force Culture and Society - Brussels, 25 April 2012 (Senior Expert Building Human Capital, LO Advisor)
22. IPA MB Programme Coordination meeting - Brussels, 26-27 April 2012 (Deputy Secretary General/ Head of Expert Pool, Deputy Head of LO, Senior Expert on Justice and Home affairs, Senior Expert Building Human Capital, LO Advisor)

ANNEX III

LIST OF PLANNED EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE RCC SECRETARIAT IN 2012

Secretary General

No.	TITLE	ORGANIZER	PERIOD	LOCATION	MAIN TOPICS	ACTIONS IMPLEMENTED FROM THE WORK PROGRAM
1.	Coordination meeting between the SEECP Troika, EU and the RCC Secretariat	RCC Secretariat/Serbian SEECP CiO	14 May 2012	Sarajevo		
2.	RCC Board Meeting	RCC Secretariat	15 May 2012	Sarajevo		
3.	Participation at the Ministerial Meeting – Ministers of Internal Affairs of the Western Balkans Brdo Process	Government of the Republic of Slovenia	18 May 2012	Brdo pri Kranju, Slovenia		
4.	Second Meeting of Political Directors of the South East European Cooperation Process	Serbian SEECP CiO	29 May 2012	Belgrade		
5.	Visit of the Vice-President of the European Parliament Mr. Gianni Pitella to the RCC Secretariat	RCC Secretariat	1 June 2012	Sarajevo		

6.	Meeting of the SEECP Political Directors	Serbian SEECP CiO	12 June 2012	Belgrade		
7.	RCC Annual Meeting	RCC Secretariat/ Serbian SEECP CiO	13 June 2012	Belgrade		
8.	Meeting of the SEECP Ministers of Foreign Affairs	Serbian SEECP CiO	14 June 2012	Belgrade		
9.	Meeting of the SEECP Heads of States/ Summit Meeting	Serbian SEECP CiO	15 June 2012	Belgrade		
10.	Coordination meeting between the SEECP Troika, EU and the RCC Secretariat	RCC Secretariat/ SEECP CiO	17 October 2012	Sarajevo		
11.	RCC Board Meeting	RCC Secretariat	18 October 2012	Sarajevo		

Economic and Social Development

No.	TITLE	ORGANIZER	PERIOD	LOCATION	MAIN TOPICS	ACTIONS IMPLEMENTED FROM THE WORK PROGRAM
1.	Signing of the Securities Exchanges MoU	RCC	27 March 2012	RCC		Action 2: Identifying ways and means for improving access to finance
2.	10th meeting of the SEE Investment Committee	RCC	24-25 April 2012	RCC	Competitiveness	Action 1: Transfer of the SEEIC
3.	11th meeting of the SEE Investment Committee	RCC	September 2012	RCC	Europe 2020	Action 1: Transfer of the SEEIC
4.	Ministerial meeting on investment	RCC	November 2012	RCC	Europe 2020	Action 1: Transfer of the SEEIC
5.	SEEIC Investment Promotion Working Group	RCC	2012	RCC	Development of a joint sectoral investment promotion brochure	Actions 1&2

6.	SEEIC Access to Finance Working Group	RCC, USAID, SIDA	19 June 2012	Sarajevo	Regional actions for A2F promotion	Actions 1&2
7.	Follow-up conference in the framework of the Social Agenda for the SEE	RCC /Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES)	April 2012	RCC	Matching skills and jobs	Action 3: Mainstream employment and social agenda into economic reform deliberations
8.	Pension reform in SEE	RCC /Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES)	September 2012	RCC	Identify scope for regional cooperation in pension policy reform	Action 3: Mainstream employment and social agenda into economic reform deliberations
9.	Health system reform in SEE	RCC /Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES)	November 2012	RCC	Identify scope for regional cooperation in health policy reform	Action 3: Mainstream employment and social agenda into economic reform deliberations
10.	eSEE Working Group meeting	eSEE, RCC	June 2012	RCC	Identify project ideas that can contribute to the implementation of eSEE Agenda Plus	Action 4: promoting information society

Energy and Infrastructure

No.	TITLE	ORGANIZER	PERIOD	LOCATION	MAIN TOPICS	ACTIONS IMPLEMENTED FROM THE WORK PROGRAM
1.	Event launching the initiative on raising the awareness on global challenges	IAAI/RCC Secretariat/Network of NGOs	TBD	Sarajevo	Capacity building of youth and civil sector and raising the awareness of general public on sustainable development and major global challenges as well as establishing the global challenges centres in the region	3. Contribute to the preparation and implementation of the Danube Region Strategy
2.	Workshop on Best Available Techniques for Large Combustion Plants in Western Balkans	RCC Secretariat/Regional Education and Information Center for Sustainable Development in SEE (REIC)/Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations (MOFTER) of B&H	7-9 June 2012	Tuzla	Increasing the degree of efficiency and decreasing the sulphur dioxide emissions in the power plants taking into account quality of coal (lignite) in Western Balkans; Implementation of relevant EU Directives	1. Continue implementation of Sustainable Energy Development Regional Initiative (SEDRI) 2. Explore potential for cooperation with the Energy Community Secretariat (ECS)
3.	Energy event including civil society organizations and local authorities	RCC Secretariat /Analytica/NALAS	TBD	Skopje	Strengthening the role of civil society organizations, local authorities and media and their increased involvement in addressing the energy issues	3. Contribute to the preparation and implementation of the Danube Region Strategy
4.	3rd SEDRI Task Force meeting	RCC Secretariat /CEI/SEDRI TF CiO	TBD	TBD	Regular meeting of the SEDRI TF to review progress and determine next steps	1. Continue implementation of Sustainable Energy Development Regional Initiative (SEDRI)

5.	Event to support ISRBC Parties in implementing the FASRB activities relevant for the EU SDR implementation	ISRBC/Bosnian ISRBC CiO/RCC Secretariat	TBD	TBD	Adoption of the Sava River Basin Management Plan and related Programme of Measures and/or other priority topics for the FASRB parties	3. Contribute to the preparation and implementation of the Danube Region Strategy
6.	Regional Conference as a part of the project – Strengthening the Public Dialogue on Sustainable Energy Use in SEE	Network of the Schools of Political Studies led by BFPE/ RCC Secretariat	Last quarter 2012	Zagreb	Strengthening the public dialogue in the area of sustainable energy development with the particular focus on the local governments and citizen awareness	1. Continue implementation of Sustainable Energy Development Regional Initiative (SEDRI) 3. Contribute to the preparation and implementation of the Danube Region Strategy
7.	Possible workshop(s) for Parliamentary Committee responsible for Energy representatives from one of the RCC members from SEE depending on the ECS availability	ECS/RCC Secretariat	TBD	TBD	Tailor-made workshop(s) to build capacities of Parliamentarians and their technical support services on Energy Community and related global challenges and facilitate law-making process	2. Explore potential for cooperation with the Energy Community Secretariat (ECS)
8.	Seminar for Training of Educators in Road Safety Inspection (RSI) and Road Safety Audits (RSA)	RCC Secretariat/Association of Consulting Engineers of BiH (ACE)/BIH Ministry of Transport	October 2012	Sarajevo	Implementation of the road safety acquis (Directive EC/2008/96)	5. Contribute to the promotion of road safety
9.	Third ISIS Governing Body Meeting	RCC/ISIS PS	12 September 2012	Skopje	Support to the national administration in Single European Sky (SES II) implementation	4. Explore the potential for further development of air services within the region
10.	Third Congress on Roads	RCC Secretariat/Association of Consulting Engineers of BiH (ACE)/BIH Ministry of Transport	20- 21 September 2012	Sarajevo	Increase awareness on the road safety importance; create platform for new strategies in sustainable development of road infrastructure; assess the progress in the construction of Adriatic-Ionian motorway (V Corridor)	5. Contribute to the promotion of road safety

Justice and Home Affairs

No.	TITLE	ORGANIZER	PERIOD	LOCATION	MAIN TOPICS	ACTIONS IMPLEMENTED FROM THE RCC SWP
1.	Meeting of the SEE region experts on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters	RCC/GIZ	29-30 May 2012	Bucharest, Romania	Studying the prerequisites for closer judicial cooperation, police operations, police and prosecution activities in criminal investigations, sharing of information on issues affecting the police, prosecution and court services	2. Strengthen judicial and prosecutorial cooperation in criminal matters
2.	Meeting of SEE region experts on cooperation on civil and commercial matters	RCC/Romania, Serbia, Slovenia and GIZ	29-30 May 2012	Bucharest, Romania	Analyze the situation of the implementation of existing legal framework; make proposals for better implementation by all countries of the region, as well as to propose the best solutions	5. Develop regional cooperation in private and civil law matters – administrative law, labor law, consumer law -
3.	Meeting on the protection of fundamental rights and vulnerable groups in the area of justice, home affairs and security cooperation	RCC/RACVIAC	2012 1 st Semester	TBD Zagreb	Support the process of exchanging information and share best practices at the regional level regarding the protection of fundamental rights within justice and security cooperation	5. Exchange information and share best practices regarding the protection of fundamental rights within the agreed RCC priorities areas
4.	Meeting of the Steering Group on JHA Regional Strategic Document - SGRS	RCC	2012 June /July	TBD Croatia	Presentation of the 1 st Progress Report on the Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanism of the Regional Cooperation in JHA	1. Coordinate drafting and adoption, monitoring and implementation of the Regional Strategic Document

5.	SEE Meeting of the General Prosecutors	RCC	2012 2 nd Semester	TBD Sarajevo preferred	<p>Prosecution role in Regional Cooperation Mechanism</p> <p>Relevance for the prosecution of the SEE Police Cooperation Convention and SELEC Convention</p> <p>Prosecutors' implication in ILECU_s</p> <p>Relevance of the prosecutors' networks SEEPAG and WB Prosecutors' Network</p> <p>Establishment of a working group to study prerequisites for closer cooperation on police operations, police and prosecution services in criminal matters, sharing of information on issues affecting the police, prosecution and courts</p>	2. Strengthen judicial and prosecutorial cooperation in criminal matters
6.	Counter terrorism in SEE Conference "Radicalisation and its prevention"	Co-organized by RCC, UNCTED and Turkish Government	September 2012	Istanbul, Turkey		
7.	Regional meetings of the SEE Supreme Courts and Judicial Councils	RCC	2012 2 nd Semester	TBD	<p>Courts and Judicial Councils role in the Regional Cooperation Mechanism</p> <p>Integrated perspective of the regional judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters</p> <p>Establishment of a working</p>	<p>2. Strengthen judicial and prosecutorial cooperation in criminal matters</p> <p>5. Initiate regional cooperation in private and civil law matters</p>

					group to study prerequisites for closer cooperation on sharing information on issues affecting the police, prosecution and courts	
8.	Meeting of the Steering Group on JHA Regional Strategic Document - SGRS and V Annual Coordination Conference of the Regional Organizations and International Partners in the area of Justice Home Affairs and Security Cooperation	RCC	2012 2 nd Semester	TBD Possible back to back with SEECP Ministerial Conference on JHA		1. Coordinate drafting and adoption, monitoring and implementation of the Regional Strategic Document
9.	Joint Meeting of the SGRS and IPA-MB Working Group on Justice, Liberty and Security	RCC-EC	2012 2 nd Semester	TBD		1. Coordinate drafting and adoption, monitoring and implementation of the Regional Strategic Document

Security Cooperation

No.	TITLE	ORGANIZER	PERIOD	LOCATION	MAIN TOPICS	ACTIONS IMPLEMENTED FROM THE RCC SWP
1.	SEEMIC WG Meetings (total of 3 meetings)	RCC/Bulgarian MI	1 st WG – 21 March 2012	Sofia		
2.	SEEMIC Conference	RCC/Bulgarian MI	TBD	TBD		

3.	SEENSA WG Meetings (total of 2 meetings co-organized with Bulgarian NSA -1 meeting and with Slovenian NSA – 1 meeting)	RCC/Bulgarian NSA/Slovenian NSA	1 st WG 28 March 2012	Sofia		
4.	SEENSA Conference	RCC/Slovenian NSA	7-9 May 2012	Ljubljana		
5.	SEECIC Conference	RCC/Romanian Counterintelligence	3 rd quarter of 2012	TBD		
6.	Defence Policy Director Meetings	RCC/TBD	TBD	TBD		

Building Human Capital and Parliamentary Cooperation

No.	TITLE	ORGANIZER	PERIOD	LOCATION	MAIN TOPICS	ACTIONS IMPLEMENTED FROM THE WORK PROGRAM
1.	Parliamentary Cooperation: Western Balkan Parliamentarians Seminar: “Environmental challenges and opportunities – The Way Forward”	European Parliament, RCC	23-24 February	RCC Secretariat		
2.	RSRDI Steering Committee and Advisory Body meeting	World Bank, RCC	26-28 March	RCC Secretariat		

3.	International Conference on Higher Education Reform	STREW, Ministry of Education of Montenegro, RCC	23-26 May	Petrovac, Montenegro		
4.	Training of Education Inspectors II	RCC	Second part of the year (TBD)	TBD		
5.	Regional conference on adult education	RCC, DVV	October	Sarajevo		
6.	Regional conference of national historical museums	RCC, RCC TF CS	TBD	TBD		

Media Unit

No.	TITLE	ORGANIZER	PERIOD	LOCATION	MAIN TOPICS	ACTIONS IMPLEMENTED FROM THE WORK PROGRAM
1.	Conference on investigative journalism and data protection	RACVIAC, RCC Secretariat, European Association of Public Service Media in South East Europe, HRT	29-31 May 2012	Pula	Deepening of dialogue and exchange of information, knowledge transfer, with the aim of disseminating international standards related to investigative journalism and data protection and building a more open, transparent and stable environment in SEE.	
2.	Academy on media law	ARTICLE 19, European Association of Public Service Media in South East Europe, RCC Secretariat, OSCE, Friedrich Ebert Foundation	June 2012	Zagreb	Enhancing cooperation in the development and the implementation of progressive media legislation in the countries in South East Europe in line with international and European media standards; safeguarding media freedoms and the right to freedom of expression by sharing and learning from the best legal national frameworks and practices in the enforcement of media standards in the region.	

ANNEX IV

LIST OF OFFICIALS OF THE REGIONAL COOPERATION COUNCIL (RCC) SECRETARIAT

SECRETARY GENERAL

1. Mr. Hido Biščević- Secretary General of the RCC

EXPERT POOL

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 4. Mr. Virgil Constantin Ivan Cucu- Senior Expert on Justice and Home Affairs, Head of Justice and Home Affairs Unit
 5. Mr. Efrem Radev- Senior Expert on Security Cooperation, Head of Security Cooperation Unit
 6. Mr. Mladen Dragašević- Senior Expert on Building Human Capital, Head of Building Human Capital and Cross-Cutting Issues Unit
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 8. Ms. Amna Redžepagić- Expert on Infrastructure and Energy
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 13. Ms. Elvira Ademović- Assistant to the Expert Pool
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14. Ms. Dragana Đurica, Project Leader
 15. Ms. Nedima Hadžibrišević, Project Assistant

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3. Ms. Lidija Topić- Advisor

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ANNEX V

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ABC	Association of Balkan Chambers
ACE	Association of Consulting Engineers of Bosnia and Herzegovina
ACI	Airport Council International Europe
ADA	Austrian Development Agency
AEA	Association of the European Airlines
AII	Adriatic-Ionian Initiative
ALAs	Association of Local Authorities
AREC	Adriatic Region Employers' Centre
ATM	Air Traffic Management
BAC	Business Advisory Council
BCSDN	Balkan Civil Society Development Network
BRESCE	UNESCO Venice Regional Bureau for Science and Culture in Europe
bSEE	Task Force Broadband South Eastern Europe Task Force
BfV	Bundesamtes für Verfassungsschutz
CAP	Common Agricultural Policy
CARICC	Central Asian Regional Information and Coordination Centre
CEB	Council of Europe Development Bank
CEFTA	Central European Free Trade Agreement
CeGD	Centre for e-Governance Development
CEI	Central European Initiative
CGRS	Commission for Global Road Safety
C-i-O	Chairmanship-in-Office
CoE	Council of Europe
CoMoCoSEE	Council of Ministers of Culture of South-East Europe
COSAP	Conference of the European Integration Parliamentary Committees of States participating in the Stabilization and Association Process
COWEB	Working Group on Western Balkans of the Council of the EU
CP	Contracting Parties
CPESEEC	Centre of Public Employment Services of Southeast European Countries
CPF	Cetinje Parliamentary Forum
CSOs	Civil Society Organizations
CTED	Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate
DABLAS	Danube and Black Sea Task Force
DCAF	Democratic Control of Armed Forces
DCHOD	Deputy Chief of Defence
DCP	Danube Cooperation Process
DPPI	Disaster Preparedness and Prevention Initiative
EAS	External Action Service
EASA	European Aviation Safety Agency
EBRD	European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
EC	European Commission
ECAA	European Common Aviation Area
ECRB	Energy Community Regulatory Board
ECS	Energy Community Secretariat
ECT	Energy Community Treaty
EEAS	European External Action Service
EHEA	European Higher Education Area
EIB	European Investment Bank
ELFA	European Law Faculty Association
ENIC	European Network of Information Centres
EnC	Energy Community
ERF	European Union Road Federation
ERI SEE	Education Reform Initiative for South Eastern Europe
ERSO	European Road Safety Observatory
eSEE Initiative	Electronic South Eastern Europe Initiative
ESENSEE	Eco Social Economy Network South and East Europe

EU	European Union
EUMS	European Union Military Staff
EUSDR	EU Strategy for the Danube Region
FATF	Financial Action Task Force
FES	Friedrich Ebert Foundation
GIZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit
GRECO	Group of States against Corruption
GRSP	Global Road Safety Partnership
GS Council of EU	General Secretariat Council of European Union
GTF	Gender Task Force
HIDAA	High Inspectorate for Declaration and Audit of Assets
ICDT	International Centre for Democratic Transition
ICMPD	International Centre for Migration Policy Development
ICPDR	International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River
ICT	Information and Communication Technologies
IEN	Integrity Expert Network
IFC	International Finance Corporation
IFIs	International Financial Institutions
IFIAG	International Financial Institution Advisory Group
IFP	Infrastructure Project Facilities
ILECUs	International Enforcement Coordination Units
ILO	International Labour Organization
IOE	International Organization of Employers
IOM	International Organization for Migration
IOs	International Organizations
IPA	Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance
IRI	Investment Reform Index
IRF	International Road Federation
IRTAD	International Road Traffic and Accident Database
ISIS	Implementation of Single European Sky in South East Europe
ISRBC	International Sava River Basin Commission
ITF	International Trust Fund for Demining and Mine Victims Assistance
ITUC	International Trade Union Confederation
JPM	Joint Parliamentary Meeting
KOGSEB	Small and Medium – sized Enterprise Development Administration of Turkey
LSE	London School of Economics
MARRI	Migration, Asylum, Refugees Regional Initiative
MB IPA	Multi-Beneficiary Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance
MCAASEES	Marshall Center Alumni Association for Southeast European Security
ME CAA	Montenegrin Civil Aviation Agency
MIDWEB	Migration for Development in the Western Balkans
MIPD	Multi Indicative Planning Document
MoD	Ministry of Defence
MONEYVAL	Committee of Experts on the Evaluation of Anti-Money Laundering Measures and the Financing of Terrorism
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
NALAS	Network of Associations of Local Authorities of SEE
NARIC	National Academic Recognition Information Centres
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NGO	Non-governmental Organization
NI-CO	Northern Ireland Cooperation Overseas
NIPACs	National IPA Coordinators
NOS	NATO Office of Security
OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
OLAF	European Antifraud Office
OCTA	Organized Crime Threat Assessment for South East Europe
OSCE	Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
OSINT	Open Source Intelligence
PCC Secretariat	Police Cooperation Convention Secretariat
PE	Private Equity

PFS	Partners for Financial Stability
PHLG	Permanent High Level Group
PIDIN	Partnership for Improvement of Danube Infrastructure and Navigation
PPP	Public Private Partnership
PSO	Peace Support Operations
RACVIAC	Centre for Security Cooperation
RAI	Regional Anticorruption Initiative
RCC	Regional Cooperation Council
RCC TF FBHC	RCC Task Force Fostering and Building Human Capital
RCI	Regional Competitiveness Initiative
REC	Regional Environmental Centre for Central and Eastern Europe
RENA	Regional Environmental Network for Accession
ReSPA	Regional School of Public Administration
RI&O	Regional Initiatives and Organizations
RI&TFs	Regional Initiatives and Task Forces
RNIPA	Regional Network of Investment Promotion Agencies
RSA	Road Safety Audits
RSD	Regional Strategic Document
RSRDI	Regional Strategy for Research and Development for Innovation in Western Balkans
RSI	Road Safety Inspection
RSPC SEE	Regional Secretariat for Parliamentary Cooperation in South East Europe
RTD	Research and Technical Development
SAP+	Stabilization and Association Process Plus (cumulation zone with EU, EFTA, Western Balkans and Turkey)
SECE CRIF	South East and Central European Catastrophe Risk Insurance Facility
SECI	Southeast European Cooperative Initiative
SECI Centre	Southeast European Cooperative Initiative, Regional Centre for Combating Organized Crime
SEDM	South East Europe Defence Ministerial
SEDRI	Sustainable Energy Development Regional Initiative
SEE	South East Europe
SEEC	South East Europe Clearing House
SEECIC	South East European Counter-Intelligence Chiefs Forum
SEECCEL	South East Europe Centre for Entrepreneurial Learning
SEECPP	South-East European Cooperation Process
SEE-ERA.NET	South East European – European Research Area Network
SEE-ERA.NET PLUS	South East European – European Research Area Network Plus
SEEFREC	SEE Fire fighting Regional Centre network
SEEHN	SEE Health Network
SEEIC	South East Europe Investment Committee
SEELS	South East European Law School Network
SELEC	Southeast European Law Enforcement Centre
SEEMIC	South East Europe Military Intelligence Chiefs
SEE MoD-GS	South East Europe Ministries of Defence and General Staffs
SEENSA	National Security Authorities of South East Europe Countries
SEE PPP Network	South East Europe Public Private Partnership Network
SEEPAG	Southeast European Prosecutors Advisory Group
SEPCA	Southeast Europe Police Chiefs Association
SEESAC	South East Europe Small Arms and Light Weapons Clearing House
SES	Single European Sky
SEETO	South-East Europe Transport Observatory
SIDA	Swedish Development Agency
SME	Small and medium-sized enterprise
SMEM	Serbian Ministry of Energy and Mining
SPMU	Strategic Police Matters Unit
SSR	Security Sector Reforms
STREW	Structural Reform in Higher Education in Western Balkans Countries
SWG RRD	Standing Working Group on Regional Rural Development
SWP	Strategic Work Programme
SWEROAD	Swedish National Road Consulting

TACSO	Technical Assistance for Civil Society Organizations
TCT	Transport Community Treaty
TEN-T	Trans-European Transport network
TF	Task Force
TFCS	Task Force on Culture and Society
ToR	Terms of Reference
UNCTED	United Nations Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNECE	United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNHCR	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
UNISDR	United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction
UNMIK	United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo
UNODC	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
UNSCR	United Nations Security Council Resolution
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
VC	Venture Capital
WB	World Bank
WBIF	Western Balkans Investment Framework
WBPN	Western Balkans Prosecutor Network
WG	Working Group
WHO	World Health Organization
WINPRO	Witness Protection in the Fight against Serious Crime and Terrorism
WMO	World Meteorological Organization
WPON	Women