



**REPORT  
ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE REGIONAL  
COOPERATION COUNCIL SECRETARIAT**

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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 between 9 May 2011 and 9 September 2011.

## **I. Summary of activities**

The reporting period was characterized by continuation of the process of undertaking concrete steps in the context of the implementation of the RCC Strategy and Work Programme (SWP) 2011-2013, particularly aimed at the efficient and target-oriented, regionally owned and all-inclusive regional cooperation (Annex I: Report on the implementation of the RCC SWP 2011-2013 for the period 9 May – 9 September 2011, Annex II: the list of events and meetings attended by the RCC Secretary General and the RCC Secretariat officials in the period 9 May – 9 September 2011, Annex III: List of activities of the RCC Secretary General and the representatives of the RCC Secretariat planned for September – December 2011).

The RCC Board meeting (held in May 2011) approved the Report of the RCC SG on the activities of the RCC Secretariat and the Financial Report of the RCC SG for 2010, adopted the Amendment of the Budget of the RCC Secretariat for 2011 and accepted the Annual Report of the RCC SG on regional cooperation in South East Europe (SEE) for 2010-2011.

With regard to the strategic character of the relations between the South East Cooperation Process (SEEC) and the RCC, the RCC Secretary General took an active part at the meetings organized under the SEEC Chairmanship-in-Office (C-i-O) such as the Meeting of the SEEC Heads of State/Government, the meetings of the SEEC Ministers of Foreign Affairs, meetings of SEEC Political Directors, and the meeting of SEEC Ministers for Sustainable Development and Energy. The RCC Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool (DSG) took an active part at the meeting of SEEC Speakers of Parliaments.

The third Annual Meeting of RCC took place on 28 June 2011 in Budva and was co-chaired by the Secretary General of RCC and the Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Montenegro as the country holding the SEEC C-i-O. The Meeting endorsed the Annual Report of the RCC SG on regional cooperation in SEE and approved the amendments to the Annex I of the Declaration on the establishment of the RCC (Participants of the RCC), article 10 of Annex II of the Joint Declaration (RCC Statute) and article 2 of the Rules of Procedure for the RCC Board.

The RCC SG and the RCC DSG, in the context of permanent dialogue with the RCC Board members from SEE, held consultations with the Serbian President Tadić on the occasion of his visit to the RCC Secretariat, with officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia and discussed the coordination and preparation of the activities of the Serbian SEEC C-i-O and the RCC Secretariat. The RCC SG also held consultations with the RCC national coordinator of UNMIK/Kosovo.

The RCC DSG and Chief of Staff briefed the Council Working Group on Western Balkans (COWEB) about the achievements and challenges of RCC in the implementation of the RCC SWP 2011-2013 and exchanged views on regional cooperation and the role of the RCC in the region. The RCC DSG also held a meeting with the Head of “Enlargement Strategy” Unit in DG Enlargement of the EC and discussed the issues regarding the RCC role after 2013, the next RCC

multi-annual strategy and the further steps of RCC in aligning Western Balkans with Europe 2020 strategy.

The RCC Secretariat continued in its intensive involvement in different activities organized in the SEECF framework, in particular in assisting drafting documents for the sectorial meetings organized by the Montenegrin SEECF C-i-O and related to the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013 and it took part in managerial and steering bodies of different regional initiatives, provided support in incubating new projects and organizing important events, prepared MoUs with key partner organizations, and promoted RI&TFs.

The RCC Task Force on Culture and Society was launched in Cetinje on 22 – 23 June 2011. Constitutive meeting marked the establishment of the RCC Task Force, the opening of its Secretariat, and the appointment of the TF Chair and Co-Chair. The RCC Task Force on Culture and Society will promote regional cooperation in culture by creating a platform for dialogue of relevant stakeholders. The goal is to maximize the benefits of investment in culture through its contribution to sustainable economic and social development.

The RCC SG at his meetings with the Vice President of the World Bank discussed issues related to transportation reforms, reconstruction and development in SEE, as well as the potential for further cooperation in these areas between the RCC, World Bank and the European Commission.

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 meetings held.

The RCC Secretariat continued with the publication of the Newsletter, with the promotion of regional cooperation and the activities within the RCC framework.

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

### **RCC Board Meeting**

The RCC Board meeting was held on 12 of May 2011. The RCC SG presented his Annual Report on regional cooperation in South East Europe (SEE) 2010-2011, the Report on the activities of the RCC Secretariat for the period 9 March – 9 May 2011, the Financial Report for 2010 and informed on the results of the Coordination Meeting between the SEECF Troika, the RCC Secretariat and the representatives of the EU, held on 11 May 2011.

The RCC Board members commended the improvements made to the Annual Report and proposed several suggestions to the text of the Report. They took note of the Report of the RCC SG on the activities of the RCC Secretariat and underlined the importance of fully reflecting the role of the RCC's activities in meeting the priorities of the RCC Strategy and Work Programme (RCC SWP) 2011-2013.

The DSG informed about the results of the Regional Coordination Conference Western Balkans and Europe 2020 – Towards Convergence and Growth, held on 31 March 2011 in Brussels and the Senior Experts of the RCC Secretariat elaborated on the implementation of the RCC SWP 2011-2013 and on the planned activities in their respective areas.

The RCC SG briefed on the planned future activities of the RCC Secretariat, emphasising his intention to continue with the practice of holding regular consultations with RCC members in

view of raising the awareness and importance of an all-inclusive, regionally owned and project orientated cooperation in the region.

The RCC Board meeting approved the Report of the RCC SG on the activities of the RCC Secretariat and the Financial Report of the RCC SG for 2010, adopted the Amendment of the Budget of the RCC Secretariat for 2011 and accepted the Annual Report of the RCC SG on regional cooperation in SEE for 2010-2011. Upon the interest expressed, the National IPA Coordinators were present at the meeting in the capacity of observers.

### **RCC Annual Meeting**

The third Annual Meeting of RCC took place on 28 June 2011 in Budva, back to back with the meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Heads of State/Government of the SEECP, and was co-chaired by the Secretary General of RCC and the Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of Montenegro as the country holding the SEECP C-i-O. The meeting was attended by a large majority of RCC members and discussed the results achieved by the RCC in the implementation of its SWP 2011-2013, endorsed the Annual Report of the RCC SG on regional cooperation in SEE and approved the amendments to the Annex I of the Declaration on the establishment of the RCC (Participants of the RCC), article 10 of Annex II of the Joint Declaration (RCC Statute) and article 2 of the Rules of Procedure for the RCC Board.

In presenting the main achievements and challenges of the regional cooperation, the RCC SG emphasised the impact that sustainable cooperation and the principle of all-inclusiveness can have on improving the dialogue between the countries of the region, their mutual understanding and good neighbourly relations. Such developments are indispensable for the advancement towards European and Euro-Atlantic integration, resolution of the remaining issues, continuation of the reforms, development of concrete projects of a regional scale and general re-profiling of the region into a zone of peace, predictability, shared values and common vision in Europe.

The RCC Secretariat's commendable role was recurrently emphasised throughout the meeting as well as that of the RCC SG. Equally important was the reference made by the RCC members to further strengthen the already ongoing prolific coordination of the RCC with the SEECP C-i-O. The RCC members discussed the potential role of the RCC in the development of the regional transport infrastructure and have expressed their support to RCC's initiatives in this sense, especially railway rehabilitation.

A pragmatic and project orientated approach remains indispensable in making the RCC's endeavours tangible. The concrete results achieved by the RCC in the implementation of the SWP 2011-2013 and the discussions during the RCC Annual Meeting confirmed that a prioritized and project orientated regional cooperation, coordinated with the EU agenda, can serve as an impetus to the development of the entire region. The meeting provided strategic guidance for the period ahead and reaffirmed the principle of regional ownership and all-inclusiveness. The RCC SG expressed gratitude to the RCC members of the region for their growing awareness of the added value that regional cooperation brings to the national and regional level. He also underlined the pertinent role that the EU and its institutions, particularly the European Commission and other RCC members, have in supporting the RCC.

### **Consultations of the RCC Secretary General with RCC members**

The RCC SG held consultations with the Serbian President Tadić who paid visit to the RCC Secretariat's premises. Serbian President gave full support to the RCC activities in promoting

regional cooperation in SEE. The joint activities of the RCC Secretariat and the Serbian C-i-O of the SEECP were discussed.

The RCC SG held consultations with the representatives of the Polish Presidency to the Council of the EU. The parties have discussed the development in South East Europe, the role of RCC in promoting an all-inclusive regional cooperation and in further developing regional ownership in SEE. A particular emphasis was placed on the implementation process of the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013 and the added value that a strengthened cooperation between Poland, in its capacity as the Presidency of the Council of the EU, and RCC could produce.

The RCC SG held consultations with the RCC national coordinator of UNMIK/Kosovo and discussed the modalities for participation of representatives of UNMIK/Kosovo at the regular meetings and other events of the RCC.

### **Coordination between the SEECP and the RCC**

The Coordination meeting gathered representatives of the SEECP Troika - Turkey, Montenegro and Serbia - the RCC Secretariat and the EU institutions – the European Commission and the General Secretariat of the EU Council. The Co-chairs informed on the envisaged activities related to the implementation of the Montenegrin SEECP C-i-O's priorities and the RCC SWP 2011-2013.

The conclusions of the Coordination meeting underlined the importance of continuing the cooperation and coordination between RCC and the SEECP C-i-O, particularly in light of the high-level SEECP meetings in Montenegro and in the context of taking over, by Serbia, the C-i-O of the SEECP. They emphasised the need to continue the process of streamlining the regional initiatives and taskforces in SEE, guided by the results of the Western Balkans and Europe 2020 – Towards Convergence and Growth Conference. The RCC Secretariat shall prepare recommendations to a number of selected regional initiatives and taskforces with which it will develop a strengthened cooperation in future.

The RCC SG took an active part at the meetings organized under the SEECP C-i-O such as the Meeting of the SEECP Heads of State/Government, the meeting of the SEECP Ministers of Foreign Affairs, the third and fourth meetings of SEECP Political Directors and the meeting of the SEECP Ministers for Sustainable Development and Energy. The RCC DSG took an active part at the SEECP Meeting of the Speakers of Parliaments. In their addresses, the RCC SG and DSG reflected on the recent climate in the region with regards to European and Euro-Atlantic integration and emphasized the importance of all-inclusive and project-orientated cooperation of all relevant participants. They pointed to the pertinent role that the Europe 2020 Strategy could play in the multifaceted development of the region, elaborated on the state of implementation of the RCC SWP 2011-2013, and presented the main results achieved in each priority area of the RCC. Concomitantly, they highlighted the auspicious momentum in the region for developing projects of a regional character in all vital areas of cooperation, such as transport, energy and infrastructure.

***At the meetings of Ministers of Foreign Affairs and of the Heads of States/Governments of the SEECP participating States*** the work of the RCC SG and the RCC Secretariat, marked by concrete results in the implementation of the RCC SWP 2011-2013 was commended. The SEECP delegations have emphasised the role of the RCC in addressing the needs of the region by focusing on concrete projects of trans-regional nature and encouraged it to continue with its

efforts of underpinning the synergy between task forces, as one of the mechanisms that could enhance regional ownership. They also praised the advanced level of synergy between the SEECP and the RCC. The Meeting of the SEECP Heads of State/ Governments adopted the Budva Declaration and the Annual Report of the RCC SG on regional cooperation in SEE for 2010-2011.

### ***Cooperation with the EU and other Brussels based institutions***

The RCC Liaison Office (LO) Brussels continued with its support for the active implementation of the RCC SWP 2011-2013, in particular contributing to the further development of cooperation with the EU institutions and other relevant Brussels – based institutions and stakeholders, primarily, the Presidency of the Council of EU, the European Parliament (EP), the European Commission (EC), the European External Action Service (EEAS) and the General Secretariat of the Council (GSC). The RCC LO has organized a number of visits in Brussels of RCC Secretary General and RCC Deputy Secretary General and assisted the RCC senior experts in their cooperation with Brussels based institutions. The LO, in the context of this close cooperation with the EC, took an active part in a couple of evaluation sessions regarding calls for project proposals as well as at the meetings of the MB IPA Strategy Working Groups.

The RCC SG took part in the EU-Western Balkans Forum at level of Ministers of Foreign Affairs in Luxemburg where he stressed the importance of further consolidating dialogue, reconciliation and rapprochement, which are indispensable for the overall advancement of the region, as well as that the upcoming conclusion of accession talks with Croatia should serve as an impetus for the region. He underlined that the RCC will continue with a robust implementation of its SWP 2011-2013, and that an all-inclusive regional cooperation remains a fundamental principle of RCC. Finally, he highlighted the importance of strengthening the awareness among the countries of the region about the need to cooperate deeper on large scale regional projects, such as railways reconstruction. The representatives of the EU institutions recalled the significance of the EU-Western Balkans High-Level meeting held in Sarajevo in June 2010 and underlined that the Western Balkans remained a clear and important EU priority. The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Hungary, representing the country holding the Presidency of the Council of EU, underlined that advancing towards the EU will necessitate further reforms, reconciliation and a full use of regional cooperation. A large number of EU member states emphasized that delivering on reforms and fulfilling the necessary requirements and criteria in place would meet a positive response by the EU. The significance of regional cooperation and the role that RCC has in this process was recurrently emphasized. The Ministers of Foreign Affairs of all the Western Balkans countries briefly presented the main individual country achievements and plans, reflected on their expectations regarding the European integration process, reiterated their readiness for continuing with reforms, as well as pointed out the importance that regional cooperation and regional organizations have on the aforementioned endeavours.

At the consultations of the RCC SG with the incoming Polish Presidency of the Council of EU (the Undersecretary of State for European Policy Issues in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs) in Warsaw, the two sides exchanged views on the developments regarding European and Euro-Atlantic integration in the SEE region, discussed the role of RCC in promoting an all-inclusive regional cooperation, reflected on the implementation of the RCC SWP 2011-2013 as well as possible cooperation between RCC and the Polish Presidency of the Council of the EU in the

second half of 2011. The two sides agreed to continue the dialogue through the RCC Secretariat and the Polish Embassy in Sarajevo.

The RCC SG met with the Deputy Director General for Enlargement in the EC and discussed the implementation of the RCC SWP, the preparations for the RCC Annual meeting, the overall situation in the Western Balkans, the role of infrastructure, media and public broadcasters in the region. The Deputy Director General for Enlargement broadly agreed with the reflections of the RCC SG on the political situation in the region and commented RCC's work on the elaboration of a regional strategy in the JHA area. He exhibited an interest for infrastructure development, underlined that the freedom of media and fight against corruption were two important horizontal issues to be tackled in the enlargement countries. In that sense RCC's work was noted to be a very useful contribution.

The RCC SG held meetings with the Vice President of the World Bank and with the Director, General Policy, from the DG MOVE from the European Commission. The interlocutors discussed issues related to transportation reforms, reconstruction and development in SEE, as well as the potential for further cooperation in these areas between the RCC, World Bank and the European Commission. The RCC SG elaborated on the need to develop concrete projects dealing with transport and infrastructure, due to the impact that these areas have on the sustainability of the economic development and underlined that the region critically needs an accelerated development, which can be attained by focusing on trans-regional projects in key priority areas of cooperation. The rehabilitation, reconstruction and modernization of the railways systems for example can contribute to a better integration of the regional railway networks into the European ones. He informed that RCC will use the forthcoming RCC Annual meeting and the SEECF Summit to present the potentials indicated in the study and obtain political attention to ensure the follow up.

The RCC Deputy Secretary General had meetings with Alternate Secretary General of the Central European Initiative and Head of Unit Regional Programmes, DG Enlargement related to European Commission call for proposal "*Strengthening the RCC Secretariat*". Since CEI was selected to submit the full application, recommendation was made for the cooperation between RCC and CEI to fully benefit from the project.

The RCC DSG and Chief of Staff participated at the meeting of the Council Working Group on Western Balkans (COWEB) in Brussels and they informed the COWEB members about the achievements and challenges of RCC in the implementation of the RCC SWP 2011-2013 and exchanged views on regional cooperation and the role of RCC in the region.

The RCC DSG held a meeting with the Head of "Enlargement Strategy" Unit in DG Enlargement of the EC and discussed the issues regarding the RCC role after 2013, the next RCC multi-annual strategy and the further steps of RCC in aligning Western Balkans with Europe 2020 strategy.

The RCC DSG participated at the MB IPA Coordination and Programming meetings and at the MB IPA Strategy Working Groups. She presented the concrete results of the RCC SWP 2011-2013 implementation and informed on the main RCC activities, in particular those focused on a closer cooperation with regional initiatives (RIs) and national IPA coordinators (NIPACs), the results of the survey on the RIs, RCC's activities in relations to Europe 2020 Strategy and the outcome of regional coordination conference in Brussels on 30 - 31 March 2011.

The Head of the RCC LO met the Commissioner for Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy and introduced the topics that the RCC SG would like to discuss during his next visit in Brussels.

The RCC Chief of Staff and Political Advisor participated at the 10<sup>th</sup> Coordination Meeting of the Regional Organizations organized by the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) in Stockholm and they informed of the RCC Secretariat's project oriented path in all five priority areas in accordance with the RCC SWP 2011-2013.

### ***Regional cooperation in the field of media***

The RCC Secretariat took part in the meeting of the European Association of Public Service Media in South East Europe where an agreement was reached that Directors General of the region's public broadcasters would sign a Protocol on Regional Cooperation in Education and Training among members of the Association, on the occasion of the Meeting of the Education Committee of the Association in Sarajevo, on 29-30 September 2011, to be co-organized by the RCC Secretariat, the Association and Bosnia and Herzegovina Radio-Television. The participants also expressed full support to a seminar by the European Commission and the RCC Secretariat on the role of public service broadcasters in safeguarding freedom of expression in the enlargement countries of South East Europe, planned for October/November 2011 in Sarajevo. The cooperation between the RCC Secretariat and the Association was commended by the Association's President as well as the Chair of the Association's Education Committee.

### ***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. With that aim, the Spokesperson met with editors, journalists and senior officials from ten leading Albanian media institutions.

The Secretariat continued to work in delivering relationships and position the RCC as a key regional player through conducting permanent outreach among politicians, opinion-makers, think-tanks, diplomats, public officials, students, academia, businessmen, etc., and attract continuous support of its stakeholders. In this regard, the RCC Secretariat organized a Briefing for the diplomatic community in Sarajevo and presented the results of implementation of the organization's Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013, as well as the results of the Third RCC Annual meeting.

Over the reporting period, and to the knowledge of the RCC Secretariat, 371 article, interview and statement on the RCC were published in South East European and international media, bringing the total to 2,872 articles published since the beginning of operations of the RCC Secretariat. At the same time, 1,088,825 hits, 319,650 page views and 27,581 visits of the website were registered.



Three issues of RCC newsletter were published and circulated to a wide audience. They focused on the Western Balkans and Europe 2020, regional cooperation of South East European National Security Authorities (SEENSA), and the RCC Annual Meeting 2011, with contributions by 27 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, 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 institutions and the Third Annual meeting of the RCC, proved to be a very useful tool in providing guidance and enhancing overall coordination and cooperation.

Within the context of all-inclusiveness as a ground rule of the RCC, the absence of the representatives of UNMIK/Kosovo at the RCC Board meeting on 12 May 2011 highlighted the importance of overcoming residual challenges to regional cooperation and underlined the significance of a pragmatic-driven approach conducive to concrete project cooperation in South East Europe and aimed at boosting balanced economic and social development. The efforts invested by the RCC Secretary General in that direction have contributed to overcome the previous practice and to secure presence of the delegation of UNMIK/Kosovo at the Third Annual Meeting of RCC.

### **III. Priority areas of the RCC Activities**

In the reporting period the RCC Secretariat was intensively involved in different activities organized in the SEECP framework, in particular in assisting drafting documents for the sectoral meetings organized by the Montenegrin SEECP C-i-O and related to the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013.

The RCC Secretariat actively participated at the MB IPA (List of Abbreviations in Annex V) Coordination and Programming meetings, including meetings of MB IPA Strategy Working Groups deepening the cooperation with the European Commission's representatives, as well as with NIPACs and other working group members and contributing to preparation of necessary documents. Importance of the RCC contribution to the MIPD IPA MB 2011 – 2013 programming process was underlined at several occasions. In its status of observer, the RCC Secretariat also took part at the Western Balkans Investment Framework Steering Committee Meeting, as well as International Financial Institutions (IFI) Advisory Group meetings. Consultations were also held with other donors interested for regional projects (ADA, SIDA, FES, GIZ etc.) Furthermore, RCC Secretariat established or 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).

Permanent dialogue continued with different stakeholders from the region: private companies and associations (ABC and other chamber's networks with signing of the MoU with the ABC), NGOs (TACSO team, ICDT 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. The dialogue further widened with the think tanks from the region and beyond, financial institutions and EC-IFIs partners. RCC was also represented at the different events relevant for development of regional cooperation – from think-tank and academic conferences to the EC dialogue with civil society in the region. Dialogue with the DG Enlargement continued to be regular and substantial, as well as with CEFTA and OECD Investment Compact.

The RCC Secretariat established and deepened working contacts with regional NGO 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 launching the next cycle of the RCC multi-annual strategy development, strengthening RCC capacities and upgrading relations with other RI&TFs on the project basis, in coordinated programming and through defining legal framework for joint actions. Coordination and streamlining of the RCC Expert Pool activities have been further advanced and an open debate on prioritizing its activities regularly held. The RCC DSG also 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).

## **1. Economic and Social Development**

### ***Investment and Business Enabling Environment***

During the reporting period, the RCC Secretariat has cooperated with the OCED in preparing the Ministerial conference on investment, to be co-organized by the OECD, RCC and the Republic of Slovenia in November 2011.

The RCC Secretariat has signed with SIDA a EUR 2.2 million three year contract on the project “Women Entrepreneurship – a job creation engine for SEE”. Under this contract, the RCC Secretariat will supervise and monitor the implementation activities of the Gender Task Force and SEE Centre for Entrepreneurial Learning for boosting women entrepreneurship in SEE through combined public and private sector efforts.

The RCC Secretariat participated at the eleventh Edition of the Forum of the Chambers of Commerce of the Adriatic and Ionian Area (AIC) and its Workgroup on women entrepreneurship. In the context of the RCC supported project on Women Entrepreneurship prepared together the Gender Task Force (GTF) and South East Europe Centre for Entrepreneurial Learning (SEECF), the RCC Secretariat will ensure the coordination of project activities with the women entrepreneurship work group of the AIC Forum.

The RCC Secretariat participated at the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Event on Competitiveness, Finance and Economic Growth jointly hosted by the USAID's Regional Competitiveness Initiative (RCI) and Partners for Financial Stability Program (PFS) and presented its activities in two separate

sessions. Specific sessions were dedicated to donors' cooperation and public-private partnerships, workforce development, SMEs finance, IT sector, capital markets in SEE and Eurasia.

The RCC Secretariat participated at the first meeting of the RCI Working Group on Human Capital Development and the RCI Working Group on Innovation. Discussions focused on policy issues central to raising the competitiveness of the Western Balkans, such as the "Supporting Skills for Innovation" and "Strengthening linkages between government, industry and research." The Working Group reviewed the lessons learnt so far in the implementation of RCI pilot projects and provided an opportunity for those economies without pilot projects to present new initiatives.

The RCC Secretariat has participated at the Knowledge Economy Forum on "Human Capital Development for Knowledge Economy: Mobilising Innovation Potential – including Gender Balance". With a clear focus on how to further develop and better use human capital, the forum assessed how the Bologna Process could be accelerated, and which values are needed for young professionals to be able to contribute to sustainable development.

#### **Access to finance**

The RCC Secretariat has initiated dialogue with the representatives of USAID Partners for Financial Stability Project and agreed on the common interest to support regional integration of capital markets. In this context, RCC will attend and contribute to a regional meeting of securities regulators to discuss regional integration.

#### **Social Development**

The RCC Secretariat initiated and, together with Friedrich Ebert Foundation, organized a conference "What kind of social agenda for the Western Balkans?" with the aim of promoting the dialogue at the regional level on important social issues in the Western Balkans, compatible with EU accession process. As a follow-up of the conference, the RCC Secretariat held also held in depth discussions with the representative of the LSEE (London School of Economics Research on South East Europe), on plans to establish a research network on social cohesion in South East Europe. The main aim of the network would be to carry out and promote high quality focused research in the field of social cohesion. The RCC and the LSEE agreed to strengthen cooperation and explore joint actions in this area.

The RCC Secretariat has also agreed to cooperate with the ESENSEE (Eco Social Economy Network South and East Europe) project. This project aims to promote the culture of socio-economic partnership, civic participation, social synergy and integrated, sustainable socio-economic advancement of the countries and communities in the region using the principles and values of "eco-social economy" and social developmental capacities of the civil sector. In this context, the RCC Secretariat and ESENSEE plan to organize a joint meeting on regional cooperation on eco-social economy promotion and development in South East Europe in October 2011.

The RCC Secretariat participated at the 25th Meeting of the South-eastern Europe (SEE) Health Network and 3rd Preparatory Meeting for the 3rd SEE Ministers of Health Forum "Health in All Policies in the SEE: A Shared Goal and Responsibility". The forum discussed important issues

related to the future challenges and steps of the cooperation in public health in the SEE region in terms of health in all policies and the establishment of new regional health development centres.

The RCC Secretariat participated at the 4th Meeting of the Steering Committee of the Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF). The meeting addressed the current political and economic climate in the region. Projects under the WBIF were discussed and 19 projects were approved for grant funding with the overall value of grants of EUR 21.1 million. The grant funding is envisioned to leverage approximately EUR 2.2 billion on investment. 3 out of 19 projects are regional which was welcomed by all participants as an indication of heightened regional cooperation. Western Balkans SME platform on increasing competitiveness of small and medium sized enterprises was presented for endorsement of the Steering Committee. The platform is envisioned as a comprehensive instrument for enhancing access to finance for SMEs as well as for supporting business environment reform. Three funds were envisioned to be established – innovation, expansion and guarantee fund, as well as a technical assistance component. After a brief discussion, SC participants endorsed the proposal which should be finalized by the end of 2011 and presented in its final form at the next SC meeting. European Commission has earmarked EUR30 million for the platform and IFIs and certain donors have announced that they will be contributing to the instrument.

### **Information Society Development**

In cooperation with the electronic SEE secretariat and the Albanian Ministry for Innovation and ICT, the RCC Secretariat has commenced preparations for the organization of the next ICT Ministerial conference, to be held tentatively in November 2011 in Tirana with the aim of adopting the updated e-SEE Agenda Plus and boosting regional cooperation in the area of ICT.

### **Other activities**

The Centre of Excellence in Finance organized a Regional Policy Forum on Growth Strategies after the Crisis in Ljubljana to coincide with its 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It focused on how to reinforce the economic growth potential of economies in South-Eastern Europe and how to continue the transition towards more diversified and modern market economies in order to overcome the impact of the financial and economic crisis. A side roundtable discussion took place on the topic of economic outlook and the role of public finances in South East Europe, in order to promote the policy debate in the region by analyzing the link between the public financial situation and factors that would ensure a more balanced and sustainable catching-up process in the SEE region. The roundtable discussion aimed to kick-start an informal network of economists and to stimulate knowledge exchanges in the region.

## **2. Infrastructure and Energy**

### ***Energy***

The RCC Secretariat sustained intensive communication with the Energy Community Secretariat (ECS) and took part at several events organized by the ECS. Taking into account that Croatia has already completed negotiations of Chapter on Energy and managed to follow efficiently energy requirements in the implementation of the Treaty establishing the Energy Community at the meeting with the ECS and Croatian Ministry responsible for energy, the RCC Secretariat suggested transfer of Croatian experience to other Contracting Parties (CPs) to this Treaty expressing the RCC readiness to support this endeavour.

Preparations for the second meeting of Sustainable Energy Development Regional Initiative (SEDRI) Task Force to be hosted by the Serbian Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy (SMIE) were intensified and carried out in cooperation with the Central European Initiative (CEI) and SMIE. Preparatory activities primarily related to preliminary project pipeline - project proposals submitted by the beneficiaries, groundwork for the Ministerial Meeting to be organized in October 2011, increasing visibility of SEDRI and other activities.

The RCC Secretariat backed the organization and actively participated in a few regional energy events that took place in the RCC members from SEE, and also had meetings with the representatives of relevant institutions that expressed gratitude for the RCC support and proposed expanded cooperation through developing regional project proposals and other activities. A few follow-up activities have been already agreed. The first one relates to the co-organization of the regional conference with the Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (BFPE) and the Serbian SEECP C-i-O to be dedicated to strengthening public participation in relation to sustainable energy development.

### ***Transport***

In the field of air traffic, the RCC Secretariat co-organized, with the European Commission (DG Mobility and Transport) and the Implementation of Single European Sky in SEE (ISIS), Stakeholder Consultation meeting that provided input to the preparation of the ISIS Governing Body held in Croatia. The event ensured the necessary political endorsement from the ISIS States to the programme, while agreeing on new activities to be undertaken towards a more efficient implementation of the Single European Sky (SES) and initiating consideration for extending the programme over a third phase starting in 2013. The EC and RCC Secretariat expressed their commitment to continue providing appropriate framework and support to conduct the ISIS Programme.

The RCC Secretariat attended the European Parliament seminar on Transport and Infrastructure in the regional context and presented the ways ahead towards the strengthening regional transport cooperation, RCC transport priority activities; progress achieved so far, planned activities as well as activities of the flagship initiatives in this field.

### ***Environment***

In the context of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) and, in particularly, the environmental implications of energy related activities on the Danube, the RCC Secretariat agreed with the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River (ICPDR) on the next steps in their cooperation.

The RCC Secretariat and the International Sava River Basin Commission (ISRBC) jointly organized the Round Table on Fundraising Activities for the ISRBC Projects hosted by the RCC Secretariat.

The RCC Secretariat had meeting with the South East Europe Transport Observatory (SEETO) and discussed the promotion of an integrated approach in infrastructure development planning. It was concluded that this approach is appropriate but challenging for implementation and that the overall European Commission coordination alongside the active involvement of the Energy Community, prospective Transport Community and RENA would be crucial in that respect.

Taking into account that Climate Change (CC) adaptation activities are important portion of the internationally legally binding obligations of the countries from the region, primarily under United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and that Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) analyses demonstrate that SEE is the most CC vulnerable part of Europe and even on the wider scale, the RCC Secretariat estimates that CC adaptation activities as the vital part of regional environmental cooperation should attract more attention. Moreover, the region has already faced changed climate conditions and mainstreaming the CC adaptation in the different sectoral policies and decision making is of outmost importance. The RCC initiated meeting which gathered some of CC adaptation stakeholders was beneficial because it reaffirmed need for mapping the regional CC adaptation activities, exploring synergies between different stakeholders and creating the joint projects that would contribute to adequate prioritization and quality of necessary actions.

### **3. Justice and Home Affairs**

The RCC Secretariat was directly engaged with the regional initiatives, 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 harmonize regional activities and increase regional ownership. A particular importance has been given to the design and the establishment of a monitoring and evaluation mechanism (M&EM) based on peer reviews, benchmarking and establishment of indicators, exchange of best practice, enabling the generation of progress reports. In that respect, the joint meeting of the Steering Group on Regional Strategy for Justice and Home Affairs (SGRS) and IPA Multi Beneficiary Strategy Working Group on Justice and Home Affairs, co-organized by the RCC Secretariat and European Commission, brought together representatives of the national judicial, prosecutorial and police authorities, international organization and regional initiatives for the purpose of establishing the Steering Group. The Steering Group discussed proposed content of the Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanism for RSD on JHA and relevant decisions have been made regarding the submission of changes of the text and proposed indicators for measuring regional cooperation. The Steering Group will continue to work on the development of M&EM and next meeting will be organized in the occasion of the RCC JHA Annual Coordination Meeting.

The purpose of the Kick-off Meeting of the EU Danube Region Strategy was the establishment and the start of the workings of the Steering Group Under Priority Area 11 „To tackle organized crime and security“. Clear connections among EU Danube Strategy and RCC strategic instruments are evident: to find the right structures to implement the projects and make progress for Danube Strategy; a mechanism to monitor the development of projects, report about activities and disseminate results. The RCC Secretariat expressed support to the work of Steering Group; recommended extension of successful low-profile regional projects to the Danube region in order to get fast, visible results with limited funds. The RCC Secretariat also proposed the extension of MARRI Network of the border crossing points situated on the international airports and the active participation of regional initiatives in the implementation of the projects. Information will be requested from MARRI about the results of their project and will be submitted to the Coordination Bureau for consideration whether such project could be extended to Danube region.

In the realm of police, law enforcement, prosecution and courts cooperation, the RCC Secretariat's main efforts were directed to ensure a strong support from the SEE organizations and national judicial authorities to the implementation of the regional strategies. Progresses has been obtained in the promotion of direct communication and mutual exchange of information, the coordination among regional, EU and international actors within the existing regional legal and organizational framework.

The RCC Secretariat participated at the Joint Cooperative Committee of the SECI Centre meeting that discussed the Action Plan for Transition from SECI to SELEC.

The High Level Expert Meeting of the Western Balkans Network Initiative on Police Aid underlined the necessity for tight cooperation in investigation and suppression of crime coming from the W. Balkans area and the necessity for close cooperation in implementation of different European projects. The RCC Secretariat presented an overview of the adopted Regional Strategic Document on Justice and Home Affairs and its impact for regional cooperation.

The RCC Secretariat has been active in its consultative role in the implementation of the EC funded projects and during EU agencies meetings: DET ILECUs II Zadar and Pristina, FRONTEX Sarajevo, ILECUs Closing conference Bucharest and WINPRO Dubrovnik.

The RCC Secretariat took part at the meeting of the Witness Protection in the Fight against Serious Crime and Terrorism (WINPRO), organized by NI-CO (Northern Ireland Cooperation Overseas) the implementer of the project on behalf of European Commission, with the aim to review national legislation related to witness protection in beneficiary countries and present proposals for amendments, to exchange experiences in complex cases, to review equipment and suggest necessary changes. Majority of participants supported decision to establish Balkan Forum and Regional Office for cooperation in the field of witness protection.

The Regional Workshop on Countering Financing of Terrorism was jointly organized by the UN Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate (CTED), the Southeast European Cooperative Initiative Centre on Combating Trans-border Crime (SECI Center) and the RCC Secretariat, in cooperation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and was hosted by the Government of Serbia. Participants discussed regional typologies and trends for the financing of terrorism, including observed links between terrorist and criminal organizations, and tools to detect, disrupt and investigate terrorism financing.

Under the Montenegrin C-i-O of the SEECF, the RCC Secretariat and RAI co-organized the meeting of the Directors of National Institutions and Agencies for Combating Corruption and Organised Crime of the SEECF where RCC Secretariat presented the current status and challenges in the prevention and combating of corruption and the level of implementation of the RCC Strategy and RSD.

The First Informational Exchange meeting with EU and MARRI MS consular representatives was organized by IOM and MARRI RC as part of the Project "Migration for Development in the Western Balkans (MIDWEB)". The participants had the opportunity to exchange their opinions on the presented materials of the EC Project, under IPA MB Program on Migration for development in the Western Balkans (MIDWEB) for the period February 2011 - January 2013.

This kind of informational exchange meeting between EU and WB consular representatives will be held on a regular basis, every three months. The main goal of the meeting was to emphasize the importance of the effective regional co-operation networks among the Consular sections of the EU and W. Balkans Embassies with Migration Services Centers in the W. Balkans in order to facilitate the entry of potential migrants to the labor markets in the EU and reinsertion of returning skilled migrants in the W. Balkans Region.

The main goal of the Marshall Center Regional Alumni Leaders Workshop on the topic of "Strengthening Regional Partnerships in Southeast Europe" was to formally establish a Southeast Europe Regional Marshall Centre Alumni Association. The workshop brought together 27 Regional Alumni Leaders from the Southeast Europe region and Ukraine to discuss regional security issues, improve regional cooperation, and finalize the establishment of a SEE Regional Alumni Association. The RCC Secretariat informed participants on RCC strategic, guiding, monitoring and facilitating role and substantially contributed in the drafting process of the Charter that established the regional SEE Alumni Association. The signing ceremony of Charter of the Marshall Center Alumni Association for Southeast European Security – MCAASEES took place in June 2011. The RCC Secretariat is seen as a main supporter, and promoter for the newly created MC-AASEES. Association could serve as a high level regional forum for debating and discussing the cross cutting issues between security, justice and home affairs, contributing to the greater general understanding of the Euro-Atlantic accession and membership.

Since 2008 the need for a regional efficient and coherent contribution in the area of security and justice sectors reforms – knowledge and experience based - generated the discussions on possible cooperation between the RCC Secretariat and Marshall European Centre for Security Studies and agreed to exchange information and coordinate their activities in the region. Areas of common interest have been identified: anticorruption, ILECU, counterterrorism and fight against organized crime, exchange of information between police and law enforcement institutions, JHA and SS Matrix of priorities and initiatives, as well as co-organizing events in the RCC Secretariat, SSR, civil-military relations, civilian experts in security sector capacity buildup, analysis of challenges in the SEE Region.

#### **4. Security Cooperation**

The RCC Secretariat participated in several meetings organized, or co-organized with international and regional partners, as well as continued the consultations for the already launched initiative and for the new ones that are included in the RCC SWP 2011-2013. Several talks were conducted with the European External Action Service representative for obtaining political support needed in the SEEMIC activities, mostly with regard to the protected communication system. Coordination with the European Commission has taken place to identify the necessary EU funding for the SEEMIC protected communication system. In parallel, during the months July-September there have been intensive communication between the RCC Secretariat and the RCC members of SEEMIC that have raised different issues related to the level of involvement in the SEEMIC activities.

##### ***Facilitate and support development of regional mechanisms for security cooperation***

In the area of security cooperation, the RCC Secretary General took an active part in the First SEE Conference of the Heads of the National Security Authorities (SEENSA), co-organized by



the RCC Secretariat and the Bulgarian State Commission on Information Security in Sofia. This forum of high level information security representatives from South East Europe will provide for networking, building relationships, and strengthening trust as a basis for advancing security cooperation in the area of classified information exchange and agreed on a number of follow-up activities.

The RCC Secretariat participated at the conference “Towards a Sustainable Solution for Excess Weapons and Ammunition - Policy, Logistical and Financial Aspects of Excess Weapons and Ammunition Disposal” where participants exchanged relevant information and experience regarding disposal of excess weapons and ammunition with a view to developing a shared vision of a future solution to this problem.

The RCC Secretariat participated in the South-East Europe Clearinghouse meeting hosted by the Serbian Ministry of Defence. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss about the future development of the initiative and to analyse the activities of the regional centres created under the SEEC auspices.

The RCC Secretariat participated at the workshop on cluster munitions (Oslo Convention) that served as platform for sharing the latest developments related to the implementation of the Oslo convention on cluster munitions in SEE and to create a forum for discussion national strategies, action plans for their implementation, progress reports, possible international and regional cooperation and needs for support/assistance.

The RCC Secretariat had consultations with the Romanian authorities related to the implementation of the SEEMIC Statement, as well as related to the future developments of SEENSA and the Counterintelligence Forum. Wider support has been obtained from the respective institutions involved in the security cooperation area for streamlining process of the regional initiatives and for the RCC Secretariat activities in this field. At the meeting with representatives of the Serbian Military Intelligence issues regarding the preparation of the Third SEEMIC as well as the development of the procedures of SEEMIC and the secure communication link were discussed.

The RCC Secretariat held a meeting with the experts of SEESAC and discussed the implementation of the SEESAC projects and their fundraising. A special attention was given to the further deepening cooperation of the SEESAC with other relevant regional I&TF for achieving a better synergy.

The RCC Secretariat held meetings with the representatives of the International cooperation directorate of the State Agency of National Security (SANS) of Bulgaria upon the request of SANS with the purpose of discussing the first SEE Counter Intelligence Chiefs (SEECIC) meeting preparation. There has been done an analysis of the current development of the preparation and of the level of cooperation between SANS and RCC. It was agreed that, after the final agreement of the draft SEECIC Concept between RCC and SANS, the RCC Secretariat will present it to the German BfV in its role as the international partner. After reaching consensus on the draft concept among all three partners, it was agreed that it would be presented to the SEE Countries NCIA's and the practical preparation of the first SEECIC could begin.

### ***Establishment of regional structures for disaster risk reduction***

The RCC Secretariat and the Head of the DPPI Secretariat held a meeting with the Head of sector and Assistant Minister for Emergency Management in the Ministry of Interior – Serbia for discussing the distribution of labour and the other planning issues related to the upcoming Ministerial meeting dedicated to the disaster risk reduction within the SEECF format, with participation of the EU Commissioner. Both parties have acknowledged that the SEECF Ministerial conference on Disaster Risk Reduction to be held in Belgrade on 18th November 2011 would provide the necessary strategic guidance for further organizational capacity building and institutionalization of the DPPI SEE as the SEE regionally-owned mechanism contributing to further integration and wider participation of its' member states in the EU Monitoring and Information Centre (MIC), acting as a hub for regional cooperation in DRR.

The RCC Secretariat held a meeting with the Director of the Balkans Institute for Risk Assessment and Emergency Management (BIEM), and discussed issues of the Sub-regional Platform for DRR to be developed by the BIEM, as well as the cooperation with UNDP and DPPI. An analysis was made related to the results and way ahead of the Conference recently organised by BIEM on SEE cooperation in DRR.

The RCC Secretariat has participated in the IPA Multi-beneficiary Strategy Working Group meeting on Disaster Risk Reduction which was organized by the EC DG Enlargement. The purpose of the meeting was to contribute to the strategic programming of the financial assistance provided under IPA Multi-beneficiary 2011-2013 in the Disaster Risk Reduction Sector. A working team was proposed by the EC DG Enlargement representatives with the aim to draft the project fishes.

## **5. Building Human Capital and Cross-Cutting Issues**

### ***Education***

The RCC Secretariat participated at the Meeting on regional cooperation in the field of doctoral studies and research, organised by the University of Zagreb where participants agreed to further intensify regional cooperation in related area along the four main lines: exchange of doctoral candidates; summer schools/intensive courses for doctoral candidates; dual doctorates and joint doctoral programmes. The meeting adopted the proposal to create a Working group consisting of administrative staff from participating universities, with the aim to identify existing obstacles for intensifying future cooperation. It was decided that eligible participating universities willing to enter the regional Tempus project should approach the RCC Secretariat in order to get support in the process of developing project application.

The RCC Secretariat took part at the Regional Cluster of Knowledge on Evidence-based Policy Making in Education - Turning Research into Practice – Learning from Pisa which discussed the potential mechanisms of regional cooperation in the fields conducive to the achievement of enhanced communication and cooperation between the research community and policy-makers, the identification of modalities for a better utilization of research findings by decision-makers, advanced research practice in education policy creation and mapping and launching of analyses relevant for education policy development. Participants decided on the priorities and the operational concept of the Cluster.

### ***Science and Research***

At the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Steering Platform on Research for Western Balkan Countries, organized by the Ministry of Education and Science of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, the Hungarian Presidency of the Council of the EU and European Commission DG RTD, the RCC Secretariat, together with the representative of the World Bank, outlined the preliminary ideas on how to implement the project “Regional Strategy on Research and Development for Innovation for Western Balkans” (RSRDI) on the basis of the Joint Statement of the Ministerial Conference held in April 2009 in Sarajevo. Consultation Process on the Green Paper for the future Common Strategic Framework (CSF) was discussed and in that sense Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) presented Joint Position Paper of the enlargement countries. European Commission encouraged the beneficiary countries to deploy more IPA projects for building research capacity under all components. It was concluded that post-2013 IPA should support more clearly the EU 2020 priorities and in particular support for building the Innovation Union and competitiveness in general.

The RCC Secretariat has organized the Preparatory Meeting for the Ministerial Conference on the Regional Strategy for Research and Development for Innovation for the Western Balkans, involving representatives of respective ministries of the countries from the region, representatives of the World Bank and European Commission. The purpose of the Meeting was to discuss on the planned activities and implementation model for the Regional Strategy for Research and Development for Innovation in the Western Balkans and to present information on the Ministerial Conference on RSRDI which is planned to take place in Belgrade in November 2011.

### ***Culture***

The Constitutive Meeting of the RCC Task Force on Culture and Society (TFCS) was organised by the RCC Secretariat in Cetinje on 22-23 June. It marked the establishment of the RCC TFCS, the opening of its Secretariat based in the premises of the Ministry of Culture of Montenegro in Cetinje and the appointment of the TFCS Chair and Co-Chair. The RCC TFCS will promote regional cooperation in culture by creating a platform for dialogue of relevant stakeholders and its goal is to maximize the benefits of investment in culture through contribution to sustainable economic and social development. Representatives of the RCC members from South East Europe presented views of their institutions on the ongoing process. The members of the RCC Task Force on Culture and Society elected its first Chair - the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Co-Chair - Republic of Slovenia.

### ***Parliamentary Cooperation***

The RCC Secretariat continued its active involvement in developing the project on Parliamentary Cooperation in the Western Balkans and Turkey - Support to the Cetinje Parliamentary Forum. Draft project, which is to strengthen the role, presence and effectiveness of Parliaments in the region in the EU integration process, is expected to be finalised in autumn 2011.

The RCC Secretariat participated at two meetings of the SEECP Parliamentary Dimension Working Group, established on the basis of the Final Declaration of the 8<sup>th</sup> Conference of SEECP Speakers of Parliaments, with the major aim to discuss a suitable model for the creation of the SEE Parliamentary Assembly. The Working Group presented, at the 9<sup>th</sup> Conference of the

SEECP Speakers of Parliaments, the Report on the modalities of the establishment of the SEE Parliamentary Assembly.

The 9<sup>th</sup> Conference of the SEECP Speakers of Parliaments, organized by the Montenegrin SEECP Chairmanship-in-Office, reaffirmed the commitment of strengthening inter-parliamentary relations among the SEECP Participating States and adopted the Final Declaration, where the important role of the RCC has been recognized.

#### **IV. Operation of the RCC Secretariat**

During the reporting period, the RCC Secretariat, in line with the Rules of Procedure and the RCC Statute announced the opening of the position of Expert on Parliamentary Cooperation, and proceeded with the screening of the applications. Verbal and written tests with the short-listed candidates were carried out. The final selection of the candidate is pending.

The RCC Secretariat currently comprises a total of 33 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 III 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**

In the course of the reporting period there were no changes to the membership of the RCC and the RCC Board.

## **VI. State of Financial contributions to the RCC Secretariat Budget**

Until 5 September 2011 the following contributions to the RCC Secretariat's budget were received:

- Italy	49,961.06 EUR	26 November 2010
- Switzerland	130,120.80 EUR	21 December 2010
- Czech Republic	41,160.74 EUR	27 December 2010
- European Commission	719,280.00 EUR	28 December 2010
- Latvia	50,000.00 EUR	01 March 2011
- Montenegro -1 <sup>st</sup> installment	20,000.00 EUR	10 March 2011
- Croatia	80,000.00 EUR	30 March 2011
- Bulgaria	140,000.00 EUR	06 April 2011
- Moldova	40,000.00 EUR	25 May 2011
- Serbia	80,000.00 EUR	03 June 2011
- France	50,000.00 EUR	14 June 2011
- Poland	50,000.00 EUR	17 June 2011
- Bosnia and Herzegovina	60,000.00 EUR	22 June 2011
- Federal Republic of Germany-1 <sup>st</sup> installment	30,000.00 EUR	23 June 2011
- Ireland	49,999.87 EUR	22 July 2011

- Greece

140,000.00 EUR

01 August 2011

\*Until now The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia has not paid its 2010 contribution.

The RCC Secretariat received, until 5 September 2011, a total of 1,730,242.56 EUR as financial contributions of the RCC Board members to the RCC Secretariat's budget for 2011. This sum represents 57,92% of the overall RCC Secretariat's budget for 2011 of 2,987,082.00 EUR.

ANNEX I

## Horizontal Functions and Work Programme

Report on the implementation of the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011 – 2013 in the period 9 May – 9 September 2011

*RCC General*

Horizontal Functions:	Activities organized/co-organized by the RCC Secretariat	Participation at events organized by other partners/institutions
1. Representing the region	RCC Briefing for the Diplomatic Core and International Organizations in Sarajevo, Sarajevo, 5 July 2011.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Balkans by 2030: present trends and future challenges; The Balkans and EU accession prospects, Sarajevo, 6-7 June 2011</li> <li>• Meeting with the Council Working Group on Western Balkans (COWEB) - Brussels, 9 June 2011</li> <li>• EU- Western Balkans Forum at the level of Ministers of Foreign Affairs - Luxemburg, 20 June 2011</li> <li>• Meeting of the European Association of Public Service Media in South East Europe, Durres, Albania, 14-16 July 2011</li> <li>• The Western Balkans countries and their way to the European Union – Palic, 29 August – 1September 2011</li> </ul>
2. Coordination and cooperation with the SEECP Chairmanship in Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordination meeting between the SEECP Troika, the RCC Secretariat and EU Institutions - Sarajevo, 11 May 2011</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting of the SEECP Political Directors – Podgorica, 30 May 2011</li> <li>• 9th Meeting of the Presidents of the Parliaments of SEECP – Budva, 13- 15 June 2011</li> <li>• Meeting of the SEECP Political Directors – Budva, 27 June 2011</li> <li>• Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the SEECP - Budva, 29 June 2011</li> <li>• Meeting of Heads of State/Government of the SEECP Participating States - Sveti Stefan, 30 June 2011</li> <li>• Assisting in drafting documents for the political and sectorial meetings organized by the SEECP and related to the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013</li> </ul>

<p><b>3. Exerting strategic leadership in regional cooperation</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RCC Board meeting - Sarajevo, 12 May 2011</li> <li>• Third RCC Annual meeting - Budva, 28 June 2011</li> </ul>	
<p><b>4. Consultations with RCC Members</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting with the Deputy Director General for Enlargement in the EC - Brussels, 24 May 2011</li> <li>• Meeting with Vice President of the World Bank – Brussels, 24 May 2011</li> <li>• Consultations with the Undersecretary of State for European Policy Issues in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland - Warsaw, 3 June 2011</li> <li>• Meeting with the Head of Unit ‘Enlargement Strategy’ in DG ‘Enlargement’ of the European Commission - Brussels, 9 June 2011</li> <li>• Meeting with the RCC National Coordinator of UNMIK/Kosovo – Zagreb, 16 June 2011</li> <li>• Consultations with officials from the U.S. Department of State, 6 September 2011, Washington D.C.</li> <li>• Consultations with the Vice-president of the World Bank, Washington DC, 6 September 2011</li> </ul>
<p><b>5. Providing a regional perspective in donor assistance, notably in EU assistance under the Instrument for pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meetings with donors interested for regional projects (ADA, SIDA, FES, GIZ etc.) <u>RCC role</u>: presenting regional projects in the RCC scope of work according to the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013 and promotion of other RI&amp;TFs’ projects</li> <li>• Multi-Beneficiary IPA Coordination Meeting – Zagreb, 10-11 May 2011</li> <li>• MB IPA Coordination meeting – Brussels, 16 – 17 June 2011</li> <li>• Western Balkans Investment Framework Steering Committee Meeting – Hamar/Norway, 22-24 June 2011</li> <li>• Joint meeting with Alternate Secretary General of CEI and Head of Unit Regional Programmes, DG Enlargement, Brussels, 15 July 2011.</li> <li>• Meeting with the Head of Unit, Regional Programmes, DG Enlargement, Brussels, 15 July 2011</li> </ul>



<p>6. Supporting increased involvement of civil society in regional activities</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishing working contacts with regional NGO networks in different areas (Councils of the European Movement from SEE, JHA, Social Entrepreneurship etc.) and extended regional coordination with CSO structures.</li> </ul>
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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. Transfer and management of the SEEIC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In cooperation with the OECD, RCC is providing support in organizing a ministerial on investment in the last quarter of 2011. Held consultations with the OECD Investment Compact team on the shape and activities of the SEEIC going forward.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>11<sup>th</sup> edition of the Forum of Chambers of Commerce of the Adriatic and Ionian Area (AIC)</b>, 11-13 May 2011, Budva. <u>RCC role</u>: discussant</li> <li><b>USAID's 6<sup>th</sup> annual event on competitiveness, finance and economic growth</b>, 17-19 May 2011, Budapest. <u>RCC role</u>: presenter and discussant. Established links with respective USAID programmes relevant for the implementation of RCC Strategy and Work Programme.</li> <li><b>Knowledge Economy Forum</b>, 6-7 June 2011, Maribor. <u>RCC role</u>: presenter and rapporteur.</li> <li><b>OECD's Regional Competitiveness Initiative Working Groups on Innovation and Human Capital Development</b>, 8-10 June 2011, Split, Croatia. <u>RCC role</u>: discussant</li> <li><b>Western Balkans Investment Framework Steering Committee meeting</b>, 23-24 June 2011, Oslo. <u>RCC role</u>: discussant.</li> <li><b>Centre of Excellence in Finance regional policy forum on growth strategies after the crisis and roundtable discussion on the role of public finance</b>, 24 June 2011, Ljubljana. <u>RCC role</u>: discussant.</li> </ul>

<p>2. Identifying ways and means for improving access to finance for private sector</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meetings with USAID Partners for Financial Stability Programme and the Chairman of the Serbian Capital Markets Regulator on possible joint activities on Capital Markets integration in the region.</li> </ul>	
<p>3. Mainstreaming employment and social agenda into economic reform deliberations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>What kind of social agenda for the Western Balkans,</b> Sarajevo, 25-26 May 2011, organized by the RCC to initiate the process of EU2020 approximation in the areas of employment and social policies.</li> <li>• Initiated discussions with different regional partners on the topic of social entrepreneurship.</li> <li>• Under the leadership of SEE Health Network, RCC is coordinating efforts on organizing the ministerial forum in the last quarter of 2011.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>25<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SEE Health Network and 3<sup>rd</sup> preparatory meeting for the 3<sup>rd</sup> ministers of health forum, 16-18 June 2011, Sofia. <u>RCC role:</u> speaker and discussant</b></li> </ul>
<p>4. Promoting the Information Society</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Together with the electronic SEE secretariat, RCC is coordinating the preparatory work for a ministerial conference during 2011.</li> </ul>	

*Priority Area 2: Energy and Infrastructure*

Objectives:	Activities organized/co-organized by the RCC Secretariat	Participation at events organized by other partners/institutions
<p><b>1. Continue implementation of Sustainable Energy Development Regional Initiative (SEDRI)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assisted to the Serbian SEECF Presidency that is at the same time SEDRI Task Force Chairmanship.</li> <li>• Held discussions with CEI ES to prepare the second SEDRI TF meeting and Ministerial Meeting.</li> <li>• Assisted in providing relevant inputs from the SEDRI beneficiaries.</li> <li>• Analyzed project proposals submitted by the SEDRI beneficiaries.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Public Dialogue on Sustainable Energy Development focusing on Energy Efficiency in SEE; Meeting with SEETO, Austrian Red Cross-SEE Programme Manager and Serbian Energy Efficiency Agency</b> – Belgrade / Nis, 12 – 16 May 2011. <u>RCC role:</u> promoting the SEDRI and integrated infrastructure development planning, discussing with the Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (BFPE) joint organization of the regional conference within the Serbian SEECF CiO to deal with sustainable energy, consultations with national institutions and relevant international organizations.</li> <li>• <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the parties to the Framework Agreement on the Sava River Basin</b>, Brdo pri Kranju, 31 May – 01 June 2011, <u>RCC role:</u> speech of the guest.</li> <li>• <b>The fifth SEE Energy Dialogue</b> – Thessaloniki, 2-3 June 2011, organized by the Institute of Energy for SEE (IENE). <u>RCC role:</u> promoting the activities concerning the integrated infrastructure development planning, discussing continuation of cooperation.</li> <li>• <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Regional Conference - Industrial Energy and Environmental Protection in SEE</b>, Kopaonik, 21 -25 June 2011, organized by the Serbian Energy Efficiency Agency and Association of Thermal Engineers. <u>RCC role:</u> promoting the SEDRI and activities concerning the integrated infrastructure development planning, discussing further cooperation and development of a regional project on energy efficiency network.</li> <li>• <b>24<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Efficiency, Cost, Optimization, Simulation and Environmental Impact of Energy Systems</b> – Novi Sad, 4-7 July 2011, organized by the major Universities of Serbia and University of Pennsylvania, USA with the support of the Serbian Ministry of Education and Science and the UNESCO Foundation. <u>RCC role:</u> participation in discussions at the Panel on Regional Cooperation in Energy.</li> </ul>

<p>2. Explore potential for cooperation with the Energy Community Secretariat</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transfer of Croatian experience in implementing the Treaty establishing the Energy Community proposed to the ECS based on the readiness of the Croatian Ministry responsible for energy to support this activity.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Environmental TF, Permanent High Level group (PHLG) and joint PHLG and Energy Community Regulatory Board (ECRB) meetings</b> – Vienna, 24–27 May 2011, organized by the Energy Community Secretariat. <u>RCC role</u>: monitoring and reporting on the Energy Community developments and ensuring synergies with other regional activities in this area.</li> <li>• <b>21<sup>st</sup> PHLG and 5<sup>th</sup> Energy Community Renewable Energy Task Force meetings</b> - Vienna, 27 – 29 June 2011, organized by the Energy Community Secretariat. <u>RCC role</u>: monitoring and reporting on the Energy Community developments and promoting the regional approach in addressing related regional energy issues.</li> </ul>
<p>3. Contribute to the preparation and implementation of the Danube Region Strategy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting the ISRBC activities and projects` development by organizing jointly with the ISRBC the Round Table on Fundraising Activities for ISRBC Projects.</li> <li>• Enhancing consultative process with the National Administrations and other stakeholders of the RCC members from SEE.</li> <li>• Backing civil society actors and local authorities and strengthening their role.</li> <li>• Cooperation with and supporting the IFI CO.</li> <li>• Support to the MB IPA Strategy WGs, IFI AGs and WBIF SC as the permanent task.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>IPA MB 2011-2013 SWG on Environment and DRR- 4<sup>th</sup> meeting</b> – Ohrid, 19 May 2011, organized by the European Commission. <u>RCC role</u>: delivering presentation and participation in the related discussions at MB IPA groups` meetings is the permanent task of the RCC.</li> <li>• <b>The Danube Strategy within the Context of European Policy</b> – Ingolstadt, 7-8 June 2011, organized by the Southeast Europe Association and Bavarian State Ministry for Federal and European Affairs. <u>RCC role</u>: delivering presentation on the RCC role in the preparation and implementation of the EUSDR and participation in the related discussions.</li> <li>• <b>Meetings with representatives of Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence; Society of Thermal Engineers of Serbia; Regional Environmental Network for Accession, Serbian Hydro-Meteorological Services and Austrian Red Cross managing SEE Programme on Climate Change Adaptation</b> – Beograd, 20-21 July 2011, organized by these institutions. <u>RCC role</u>: support to the preparation of the event to be organized under Serbian SEECF CiO; support to regional project proposals preparation and development; promoting the importance of Climate Change adaptation activities for the region of SEE.</li> </ul>

<p>4. Explore the potential for further development of air services within the region</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Implementation of Single European Sky (SES) in SEE (ISIS) Stakeholder Consultation meeting</b>, Brussels, 22 June 2011, co-organized with the European Commission (DG Mobility and Transport). The event assessed the progress achieved so far in SES application and obtained feedback from programme and further improvements and changes needed. It also provided the necessary input to the preparation of the ISIS Governing Body held in September 2011 in Croatia.</li> <li>• <b>ISIS Governing Body meeting</b>, Solin, 7 September 2011, co-organized with the European Commission (DG Mobility and Transport). The event ensured the necessary political endorsement from the ISIS States to the ISIS Programme, and initiated the consideration for future activities beyond the allocated timeframe for the ongoing programme, i.e. "ISIS II"</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Meeting with the air traffic experts of the Montenegrin Civil Aviation Agency</b>, Podgorica, 19 May 2011, organized by the ME CAA and RCC. <u>RCC role</u>: exploring the possibilities to involve civil aviations authorities from the region in the preparation of the project proposal on development of air traffic services in SEE.</li> <li>• <b>Meeting with the Infrastructure Project Facilities (IPF) Country Manager</b>, Sarajevo, 26 May 2011, organized by the RCC. <u>RCC role</u>: discussed and exchanged possible views on cooperation related to the air traffic project preparation, as well as identification of the infrastructure projects eligible to be financed within IPF.</li> </ul>
<p>5. Contribute to the promotion of road safety</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preparatory activities with the ACE and SWEROAD concerning the organization and realization of the training seminar for educators in road safety inspection and road safety audits.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Meeting with the General Manager of SEETO (South-East Europe Transport Observatory)</b>, Sarajevo, 17 May 2011, organized by the RCC and SEETO. <u>RCC role</u>: discussed and exchanged possible views on the future cooperation between the RCC and SEETO Secretariat, especially in light of the forthcoming SEECP Serbian C-i-O.</li> <li>• <b>Follow-up meeting of the International Conference on Road Infrastructure Safety Management with representatives of the Swedish National Road Consulting (SWEROAD)</b>, Sarajevo, 15 June, 2011, organized by ACE. <u>RCC role</u>: discussed and defined follow-up activities and steps ahead towards the preparation of a Roadmap for establishment of the Regional Training Centre for Road Safety.</li> <li>• <b>European Parliament seminar on Transport and Infrastructure in the regional context</b>, Brussels, 12-13 July 2011, organized by the European Parliament. <u>RCC role</u>: delivered the presentation on "The ways ahead to strengthen regional cooperation in transport sector" and promoted the RCC transport activities in line with the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011-13 with a focus on parliamentary dimension in transport sector.</li> </ul>

*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 the 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"> <li>• Drafted and adopted ToR for consultancy in developing monitoring mechanism for RSD on Justice and Home Affairs.</li> <li>• Identification and contracting of the consultant.</li> <li>• Drafting of the “Monitoring and Evaluation Mechanism (M&amp;EM) for the Regional Strategic Document on JHA 2011-2013.</li> <li>• <b>The joint meeting of the Steering Group on Regional Strategy for Justice and Home Affairs (SGRS) and IPA Multi Beneficiary Strategy Working Group on Justice and Home Affairs</b> – co-organized by the RCC and European Commission-the Regional Programs Unit of the DG Enlargement, on 7 – 8 July 2011 in Sarajevo. <u>RCC role:</u> exerting strategic leadership and guidance in regional cooperation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Kick-off meeting of the Steering group under Danube Strategy Priority Area 11</b> organized by German Federal Ministry of Interior and Bulgarian Ministry of Interior on 2 June 2011 in Sofia, Bulgaria. <u>RCC role:</u> representing the region and monitoring regional activities.</li> </ul>

<p style="text-align: center;">2. Strengthen judicial and prosecutorial cooperation in criminal matters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Regional Workshop on Countering Financing of Terrorism</b> was jointly organized by the UN Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate (CTED), the Southeast European Cooperative Initiative Centre on Combating Trans-border Crime (SECI Center) and the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC), in cooperation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) was hosted by the Government of Serbia in Belgrade on 29-30<sup>th</sup> June 2011. <u>RCC role:</u> <u>RCC role:</u> exerting strategic leadership and guidance in regional cooperation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Closing Conference of the ILECU's</b> organized by ILECU's Project Office from 16-19 May 2011 in Bucharest, Romania. <u>RCC role:</u> monitoring regional activities and representing the region.</li> <li>• <b>High Level Working Meeting of the Western Balkans Network</b> organized by Bundeskriminalamt and Hungarian National Police on 19 May 2011 in Budapest. <u>RCC role:</u> representing the region and monitoring regional activities.</li> <li>• <b>SECI/SELEC Centre Joint Cooperative Committee Meeting</b> organized by SECI and Bulgarian Ministry of Interior from 31 May – 02 June in Pravets, Bulgaria. <u>RCC role:</u> monitoring regional activities.</li> <li>• <b>Marshall Centre Regional Alumni Leaders Workshop “Strengthening Regional Partnership in Southeast Europe”</b> organized by George C. Marshall Centre from 13-18 June 2011 in Garmisch-Paertenkirchen, Germany. <u>RCC role:</u> representing the region.</li> <li>• <b>Witness Protection in Fight against Serious Crime and Terrorism (WINPRO) Project Meeting</b> organized by WINPRO Project Office from 14-15 June 2011 in Dubrovnik, Croatia. <u>RCC role:</u> monitoring regional activities and providing regional perspective in EU assistance under IPA.</li> <li>• <b>Opening Ceremony of the ILECU's Kosovo under UNSCR 1244</b> organized by ILECU's Project Office on 21 June 2011 in Pristina. <u>RCC role:</u> representing the region.</li> </ul>
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<p>3. Support existing initiatives in the area of the fight against corruption</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>The Meeting of the Directors of National Institutions and Agencies for Combating Corruption and Organised Crime of The South-East European Cooperation Process (SEECP).</b> Organized under the Montenegrin Chairmanship-in-Office of the SEECP, in Budva (Becici), Montenegro from 9 to 10 May 2011. <u>RCC role:</u> exerting strategic leadership and guidance in regional cooperation.</li> </ul>	
<p>4. Support MARRI in strengthening its capacity</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RCC provided the Steering Group of the Area 11 under Danube Strategy with written information on project “Establishment of network for co-operation among border police on international airport border crossing points in MARRI Member States”, suggesting enhancement of this successful and cost-effective project in the Danube region.</li> </ul>
<p>5. Initiate regional cooperation in private and civil law matters and in protection of fundamental rights</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>World Conference “Between Border Control, Security Concerns and International Protection: A Judicial Perspective”</b> – organized by the International Association of Refugee Law Judges (IARLJ), the Supreme Court and Administrative Court of the Republic of Slovenia, the Judicial Training Centre of the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Slovenia and co-funded by the European Union’s Returns Fund 2008-2013, from 7 – 9 September 2011 in Bled, Slovenia. <u>RCC role:</u> representing the region.</li> </ul>



**Priority Area 4: Security Cooperation**

Objectives:	Activities organized/co-organized by the RCC	Participation at events organized by other partners/institutions
<p><b>1. Facilitate and support development of regional mechanisms with low-cost activities and high impact on confidence building</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>First SEE Conference of the Heads of the National Security Authorities (SEENSA)</b>, co-organized by the RCC Secretariat and the Bulgarian State Commission on Information Security, Sofia, 26 May 2011.</li> <li>• Consultations with relevant defence and security institutions in Romania, concentrated on the first meeting of the Heads of National authorities on Information security (SEENSA), practical implementation of the SEEMIC Statement, the launching of the Forum for the Heads of Counter Intelligence Agencies from South East Europe and the continuation of the Defence Policy Directors Meeting (SEEDPD).</li> <li>• Consultations with military intelligence agencies from Serbia and Bosnia-Herzegovina in relation to the SEEMIC activities and preparation of the Third SEEMIC Conference.</li> <li>• RCC Secretariat supported and participated in meetings organized by RACVIAC, encouraging concrete steps towards streamlining of activities and avoiding un-necessary overlapping.</li> <li>• Meeting with the experts of SEESAC on the implementation of the SEESAC projects and their fundraising, with special attention to deepening cooperation of the SEESAC with other relevant regional I&amp;TF for achieving a better synergy.</li> <li>• Meetings with the International cooperation directorate of the State Agency of National Security (SANS) of Bulgaria, requested by SANS in order to discuss the first SEE Counter Intelligence Chiefs (SEECIC) meeting preparation.</li> <li>• Participation at the second SEEMIC Working Group meeting dedicated to the preparations of the Third SEEMIC Conference, with a special focus on the agenda of the Conference and the protected communication system among the SEEMIC countries.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Workshop on cluster munitions (Oslo Convention)</b>, Zagreb, 24 – 25 May 2011. The workshop was hosted by RACVIAC-Centre for Security Cooperation and co-organized with the Croatian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration.</li> <li>• <b>South-East Europe Clearinghouse meeting</b>, Belgrade, 26-27 May 2011. The meeting was hosted by the Serbian Ministry of Defence.</li> <li>• <b>Towards a Sustainable Solution for Excess Weapons and Ammunition - Policy, Logistical and Financial Aspects of Excess Weapons and Ammunition Disposal</b>, Pula, 30 May – 02 June 2011.</li> <li>• <b>Meeting of the Southeast European Defence Ministerial (SEDM) of the Deputy Chiefs of Defence (DCHOD)</b>, Istanbul, 9-10 June 2011. <u>RCC role</u>: actively contributed to the discussions, as part of the streamlining process of the RCC Strategy and Work program 2011-2013.</li> <li>• <b>5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Anti-terrorism Task Force and Regional workshop on the countering terrorism financing</b>, Belgrade, 29 – 30 June 2011, co-organized by the UN Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate (CTED), the Southeast European Cooperative Initiative Centre on combating trans-border crime (SECI Centre) and the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC), in cooperation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).</li> </ul>

<p>2. Continue work toward establishment of regional structures for disaster risk reduction, in cooperation with international partners</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The RCC representative and the Head of the DPPI Secretariat met the Head of sector and Assistant Minister for Emergency Management in the Ministry of Interior – Serbia for discussing the distribution of labour and the other planning issues related to the upcoming Ministerial meeting dedicated to the Disaster risk reduction within the SEECF format, with participation of the EU Commissioner.</li> <li>• Meeting with the Director of the Balkans Institute for Risk Assessment and Emergency Management (BIEM), discussing the Sub-regional Platform for DRR to be developed by the BIEM, as well as the cooperation with UNDP and DPPI.</li> <li>• Consultations with the DPPI representatives in Sarajevo in relation to the overall DPPI activities and preparations of the incoming Ministerial DRR meeting in November, during the Serbian SEECF CiO.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>IPA Multi-beneficiary Strategy Working Group meeting on Disaster Risk Reduction</b>, Ohrid, 19 May 2011, organized by the EC DG Enlargement.</li> <li>• <b>Initial Regional Conference for Strengthening Regional Cooperation and Coordination in Disaster Risk Reduction in SEE</b>, Belgrade, 31May – 3 June 2011, organized by the European Commission, the Balkans Institute for Risk Assessment and Emergency Management and UNDP.</li> <li>• <b>Meeting within the framework of EUROMED Regional Program on Prevention, Preparedness and Response to Natural and manmade disasters (PPRD South)</b>, Sarajevo, 14 June 2011, organized by the Ministry of Security of Bosnia-Herzegovina.</li> </ul>
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**Priority Area 5: Building Human Capital**

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"> <li>• The Constitutive Meeting of the RCC Task Force on Culture and Society (TFCS), Cetinje, 22-23 June 2011, establishing the RCC TFCS, opening its Secretariat's premises in Cetinje and appointing the TFCS Chair - the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Co-Chair - Republic of Slovenia. The RCC TFCS will promote regional cooperation in culture by creating a platform for dialogue of relevant stakeholders and its goal is to maximize the benefits of investment in culture through contribution to sustainable economic and social development. The meeting was attended by Members of the TFCS, high level officials from governmental institutions of the RCC members from South East Europe.</li> </ul>	

<p>2.Support to education reform, with emphasis on higher education</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Meeting regarding regional cooperation in the field of doctoral studies and research, Zagreb, 31 May.</b> <u>RCC Role:</u> Informing on the opportunity for applying for funds available under the regional dimension of Tempus Programme.</li> <li>• <b>Regional Cluster of Knowledge – Evidence-based Policy Making in Education- <i>Turning Research into Practice –Learning from Pisa</i>, Belgrade, 16-17 June.</b> <u>RCC Role:</u> Presenting experience of the RCC Secretariat in development of related regional projects.</li> </ul>
<p>1. Development of Regional Strategy for Research and Development for Innovation for the Western Balkans</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Preparatory Meeting for the Ministerial Conference on the Regional Strategy for Research and Development for Innovation for the Western Balkans, Zagreb, 11 July 2011,</b> organized by RCC, involving representatives of respective ministries of the countries from the region, representatives of the World Bank and European Commission. Purpose of the Meeting was to discuss on the planned activities and implementation model for the developing of the Regional Strategy for Research and Development for Innovation for the Western Balkans and to present information on the Ministerial Conference on RSRDI which is planned to take place in Belgrade in November 2011.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Steering Platform on Research for Western Balkan Countries, Ohrid, 25-26 May.</b> <u>RCC Role:</u> Outlining the preliminary guidelines for implementation of the project “Regional Strategy on Research and Development for Innovation for Western Balkans”.</li> </ul>

**Priority Area 6: Parliamentary Cooperation**

<b>Objectives:</b>	<b>Activities organized/co-organized by the RCC</b>	<b>Participation at events organized by other partners/institutions</b>
<p><b>1. Assisting the development of the Parliamentary dimension of the SEECF</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Two meetings of the SEECF Parliamentary Dimension Working Group, Podgorica, 6 May, Budva, 13 June. <u>RCC Role:</u></b> Actively participating in the activities of the WG, presented in the WG Report.</li> <li>• <b>9<sup>th</sup> Conference of SEECF Speakers of Parliaments, 13-14 June, Budva. <u>RCC Role:</u></b> Representing the RCC, assisting in drafting of the Final Declaration.</li> </ul>
<p><b>2. Assisting the institutionalization of the Cetinje Parliamentary Forum</b></p>		

## ANNEX II

### **LIST OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS ATTENDED BY THE RCC SECRETARY GENERAL AND THE RCC SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS 9 MAY - 9 SEPTEMBER 2011**

1. Meeting with the Romanian Chief of Military Intelligence - Bucharest, 9 May 2011 (Expert on Security Cooperation)
2. Meeting of Directors of National Institutions and Agencies for combating against corruption and organized crime – Budva, 9 – 10 May 2011 (Senior Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)
3. 2<sup>nd</sup> Regional Conference in the frame of DET-ILECUs II – Zadar, 10 – 11 May 2011 (Senior Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)
4. European Commission Stakeholders meeting for the preparation of the Instrument for Pre-Accession (IPA) assistance after 2013 - Zagreb, 10 – 11 May 2011 (Deputy Secretary General/ Head of Expert Pool, Liaison Office Advisor)
5. Western Balkans Risk Analysis Network Conference – Sarajevo, 11 – 12 May 2011 (Expert on Security Issues)
6. Coordination meeting between the (SEECF) Troika, the RCC Secretariat and EU institutions - Sarajevo, 11 May 2011 (Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General/ Head of Expert Pool, Chief of Staff, Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Political Advisor, Junior Political Advisor)
7. RCC Board meeting - Sarajevo, 12 May 2011 (Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General/ Head of Expert Pool, Chief of Staff, Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Political Advisor, Junior Political Advisor, Experts)
8. The Media in South-East Europe conference - Berlin, 12 May 2011 (Spokesperson)
9. 11<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Forum of the Chambers of Commerce of the Adriatic Ionian Area – Budva, 11 – 13 May 2011 (Expert on Economic and Social Development)
10. Public Dialogue on Energy Efficiency in SEE; Meeting with SEETO Austrian Red Cross-SEE Programme Manager and Serbian Energy Efficiency Agency – Belgrade / Nis, 12 – 16 May 2011 (Senior Expert on Energy and Infrastructure)
11. Closing Conference of ILECUs – Bucharest, 16 – 19 May 2011 (Senior Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)
12. Meeting with the General Manager of SEETO (South-East Europe Transport Observatory), - Sarajevo, 17 May 2011 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool, Expert on Infrastructure)
13. Round table on fundraising activities for the International Sava River Basin Commission (ISRBC) Projects – Sarajevo, 17 May 2011 (Senior Expert on Energy and Infrastructure)
14. Inter-Ministerial Co-ordination of Chapter 1 of the *EU Acquis*, IPA Regional Quality Infrastructure in the Western Balkans and Turkey Project - Brussels, 17 May 2011 (Liaison Office Advisor)
15. Meeting with Regional Advisor, Institute for Historical Justice and Reconciliation (IHJR) - Brussels, 17 May 2011 (Liaison Office Advisor)

16. 6th Annual Event on Competitiveness, Finance and Economic Growth – Budapest, 17 – 19 May 2011 (Senior Expert on Economic and Social Development)
17. “Western Balkans Network” High Level Working Meeting – Budapest, 18 – 19 May 2011 (Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)
18. IPA MB 2011-2013 SWG on Environment and DRR- 4<sup>th</sup> meeting – Ohrid, 19 May 2011 (Senior Expert on Energy and Infrastructure, Senior Expert on Security Cooperation)
19. Meeting with the RCC National Coordinator of Bosnia and Herzegovina – Sarajevo, 19 May 2011 (Chief of Staff)
20. Meeting with MEP (EPP) - Brussels, 19 May 2011 (Liaison Office Advisor)
21. Meeting with air traffic experts of the Montenegrin Civil Aviation Agency - Podgorica, 19 May 2011 (Expert on Infrastructure)
22. XIII Adriatic and Ionian Council of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs meeting - Brussels, 23 May 2011 (Secretary General, Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
23. Oslo Convention - Workshop on Cluster Munition – Zagreb, 23 - 26 May 2011 (Expert on Security Issues)
24. Meeting with the Deputy Director General for Enlargement in the EC - Brussels, 24 May 2011 (Secretary General, Head of Liaison Office, Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Liaison Office Advisor)
25. Meeting with Vice President of the World Bank – Brussels, 24 May 2011 (Secretary General, Head of Liaison Office, Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Liaison Office Advisor)
26. Environmental TF PHLG and joint PHLG/ECRB meetings – Vienna, 24 – 27 May 2011 (Senior Expert on Energy and Infrastructure)
27. Steering Platform on Research for Western Balkan Countries meeting – Ohrid, 24 – 27 May 2011 (Senior Expert on Building Human Capital and Cross-cutting Issues)
28. Meeting with the Director, ‘General Policy’, DG MOVE in the European Commission - Brussels, 25 May 2011 (Secretary General, Head of Liaison Office, Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Liaison Office Advisor)
29. Presentation of RCC activities to young political activists from Serbia - Brussels, 25 May 2011 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
30. Regional conference “What kind of Social Agenda for the Western Balkans” - Sarajevo, 25 - 26 May 2011 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool, Senior Expert on Economic and Social Development, Expert on Economic and Social Development)
31. First Meeting of the Heads of the National Security Authorities of the South East Europe Countries (SEENSA) – Sofia, 25 – 27 May 2011 (Secretary General, Senior Expert on Security Issues)
32. Meeting with the Balkan Institute on Risk Assessment and Emergency Management and Head of Serbia CP – Belgrade, 26 - 29 May 2011 (Senior Expert on Security Issues)
33. Conference “A Look Beyond: Russia” organized by the Academy for Political Development – Zagreb, 27 May 2011 (Secretary General)

34. South East European Clearinghouse Conference– Belgrade, 27 May 2011 (Expert on Security Issues)
35. Consultative meeting with representatives of IFIs – Sarajevo, 27 May 2011 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool, Senior Expert on Economic and Social Development)
36. Panel Discussion *Enlargement - Work in Progress* - Belgrade, 28 May 2011 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool)
37. Towards a Sustainable Solution for Excess Weapons and Ammunition – Pula, 29 May – 2 June 2011 (Senior Expert on Security Cooperation, Expert on Security Issues)
38. Meeting of the SEECP Political Directors – Podgorica, 30 May 2011 (Secretary General, Junior Political Advisor)
39. Meeting regarding regional cooperation in the field of doctoral studies and research – Zagreb, 30 – 31 May 2011 (Senior Expert on Building Human Capital and Cross-cutting Issues)
40. 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the parties to the Framework Agreement on the Sava River Basin – Brdo pri Kranju, 31 May – 1 June 2011 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool)
41. SECI/SELEC Centre JCC Meeting – Pravec/ Bulgaria, 31 May – 1 June 2011 (Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)
42. Initial Regional Conference for Strengthening Regional Cooperation and Coordination in Disaster Risk Reduction in SEE – Belgrade, 31 May – 3 June 2011 (Senior Expert on Security Cooperation)
43. Meeting with the representatives of the Serbian MoD MI – Belgrade, 2 June 2011 (Senior Expert on Security Issues)
44. Kick-off meeting of the Steering Group under the Danube Strategy Priority Area 11 – Sofia, 2 June 2011 (Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)
45. The fifth SEE Energy Dialogue – Thessaloniki, 2 – 3 June 2011 (Senior Expert on Energy and Infrastructure)
46. Consultations with the Undersecretary of State for European Policy Issues in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland - Warsaw, 3 June 2011 (Secretary General, Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
47. KEN-2011 Human Capital Development for Knowledge Economy: Mobilising Innovation Potential - including Gender Balance – Maribor, 5 - 7 June 2011 (Senior Expert on Economic and Social Development)
48. Meeting with the Head of the Mission of Serbia to the EU - Brussels, 6 June 2011 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
49. Meeting of the Evaluation Committee of the European Commission call for proposal for strengthening the RCC Secretariat - Brussels, 6 June 2011 (Liaison Office Advisor)
50. The Balkans by 2030: present trends and future challenges; The Balkans and EU accession prospects – Sarajevo, 6 - 7 June 2011 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool)
51. Consultative meeting with DPPI representative – Sarajevo, 7 June 2011 (Senior Expert on Security Cooperation)
52. The Danube Strategy within the context of European Policy – Ingolstadt, 7 - 8 June 2011 (Senior Expert on Energy and Infrastructure)

53. "International Standards and Cooperation in the Fight against Corruption" – regional debate for junior magistrates – Burgas, 7 - 8 June 2011 (Expert on Security Issues)
54. Conference "Experiences and Challenges in the New Public Health - Health in All Policies" – Sarajevo, 8 - 9 June 2011 (Expert on Economic and Social development)
55. RCI Working Groups on Human Capital Development and Innovation - Split, 8 – 9 June 2011 (Senior Expert on Economic and Social Development)
56. Meeting with the Council Working Group on Western Balkans (COWEB) - Brussels, 9 June 2011 (Deputy Secretary General/ Head of Expert Pool, Chief of Staff, Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Liaison Office Advisor)
57. Meeting with the Head of Unit 'Enlargement Strategy' in DG 'Enlargement' of the European Commission - Brussels, 9 June 2011 (Deputy Secretary General/ Head of Expert Pool, Chief of Staff, Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Liaison Office Advisor)
58. 2011 SEE Management Forum – Opatija, 9 June 2011 (Secretary General)
59. SEDM DCHODs meeting – Istanbul, 9 – 10 June 2011 (Senior Expert on Security Issues)
60. Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Central European Initiative (CEI) focusing on Regional Cooperation for European Integration – Trieste, 10 June 2011 (Secretary General)
61. Conference 'The Western Balkans: Progress, Stagnation, or Regression?' - Sarajevo, 12 - 15 June 2011 (Spokesperson)
62. 9th Meeting of the Presidents of the Parliaments of SEECP – Budva, 13 – 15 June 2011 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool, Junior Political Advisor)
63. Marshall Centre-Sponsored Regional Alumni Leaders Workshop: "Strengthening Regional Partnerships in Southeast Europe" - Garmisch-Partenkirchen, 13 – 18 June 2011 (Senior Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)
64. Meeting with the Director of BHRT (Radio-Television of Bosnia and Herzegovina) – Sarajevo, 14 June 2011 (Chief of Staff, Spokesperson)
65. Seminar on Railway Reform in South East Europe and Turkey - Brussels, 14 June 2011 (Secretary General, Head of Liaison Office, Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Liaison Office Advisor)
66. Meeting in the framework of EUROMED Regional Program on Prevention, Preparedness and Response to Natural and Man-made Disasters (PPRD South) – Sarajevo, 14 June 2011 (Senior Expert on Security Issues)
67. Regional Meeting - Cooperation in Criminal Justice: Witness Protection in the Fight against Serious Crime and Terrorism (WINPRO) – Dubrovnik, 14 – 15 June 2011 (Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)
68. Consultations with the Romanian institutions related to the Security Cooperation Priority Area's initiatives SEEMIC, SEENSA and the Policy Director's Forum – Bucharest, 14 - 16 June 2011 (Expert on Security Issues)
69. Meeting with representatives of the Swedish National Road Consulting (SWEROAD) and Association of Consulting Engineers of BIH (ACE) - Sarajevo, 15 June 2011 (Expert on Infrastructure)



70. Meeting of the Evaluation Committee of the European Commission call for proposals Preparatory action for preserving and restoring cultural heritage in conflict areas in the Western Balkans for the year 2010 - Brussels, 15 – 16 June 2011 (Liaison Office Advisor)
71. Evidence Based Policy Making in Education Regional Cluster of Knowledge - Turning Research into Practice - Learning from PISA – Belgrade, 15 – 17 June 2011 (Senior Expert on Building Human Capital and Cross-cutting Issues)
72. 25<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SEE Health Network and 3rd Preparatory meeting for the 3rd SEE Ministers of Health Forum "Health in All Policies in the SEE: A Shared Goal and Responsibility" – Sofia, 15 - 19 June 2011 (Expert on Economic and Social Development)
73. Meeting with the RCC National Coordinator of UNMIK/Kosovo – Zagreb, 16 June 2011 (Secretary General)
74. Coordination Meeting of Regional Organisations – Stockholm, 16 - 17 June 2011 (Chief of Staff, Political Advisor)
75. IPA Multi-beneficiary Coordination meeting involving all stakeholders - Brussels, 16 - 17 June 2011 (Deputy Secretary General/ Head of Expert Pool, Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Liaison Office Advisor)
76. EU- Western Balkans Forum at the level of Ministers of Foreign Affairs - Luxemburg, 20 June 2011 (Secretary General, Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
77. Meeting with the Ambassador of Poland to Bosnia and Herzegovina – Sarajevo, 20 June 2011 (Deputy Secretary General/ Head of Expert Pool, Chief of Staff)
78. Opening Ceremony of ILECUS Kosovo under United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 – Pristina, 21- 22 June 2011 (Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)
79. 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional Conference: Industry Energy and Environmental Protection in SEE countries – Kopaonik, 21 -25 June 2011 (Senior Expert on Energy and Infrastructure)
80. ISIS Stakeholder Consultation Meeting, Eurocontrol - Brussels, 22 June 2011 (Liaison Office Advisor)
81. Western Balkans Investment Framework Steering Committee Meeting – Hamar/Norway, 22-24 June 2011 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool, Senior Expert on Economic and Social Development)
82. Regional Policy Forum on Growth Strategies After the Crisis – Ljubljana, 22 – 24 June 2011 (Expert on Economic and Social Development)
83. 21<sup>st</sup> Permanent High Level Group meeting and 5th Energy Community Renewable Energy Task Force meeting - Vienna, 22 – 24 June 2011 (Senior Expert on Energy and Infrastructure)
84. Constitutive Meeting of the RCC Task Force on Culture and Society – Cetinje, 23 June 2011 (Secretary General, Head of Liaison Office, Senior Expert on Building Human Capital and Cross-cutting Issues, Spokesperson)
85. 2<sup>nd</sup> Working Group meeting in preparation of the Third Conference of the SEEMIC – Sarajevo, 23 June 2011 (Senior Expert on Security Issues, Expert on Security Issues)
86. Meeting of the SEECF Political Directors – Budva, 27 June 2011 (Secretary General, Chief of Staff)

87. Third RCC Annual meeting - Budva, 28 June 2011 (Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General/ Head of Expert Pool, Chief of Staff, Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Political Advisor, Junior Political Advisor, Liaison Office Advisor, Spokesperson, Experts)
88. Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the SEECP - Budva, 29 June 2011 (Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General/ Head of Expert Pool, Chief of Staff, Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Political Advisor, Junior Political Advisor)
89. Meeting of Heads of State/Government of the SEECP Participating States - Sveti Stefan, 30 June 2011 (Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General/ Head of Expert Pool)
90. 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Anti-terrorism Task Force and Regional workshop on the countering terrorism financing – Belgrade, 29 – 30 June 2011 (Senior Expert on Security Cooperation, Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)
91. Meeting with Director of the Fridrich Ebert Stiftung Regional Office Belgrade – Belgrade, 1 July 2011 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool)
92. Panel on regional cooperation in energy – Integration aimed at sustainable energy development – Novi Sad, 4 – 7 July 2011, (Senior Expert on Energy and Infrastructure)
93. Meeting with the representatives of the Swedish Embassy Belgrade and Sarajevo – Sarajevo, 5 July 2011 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool)
94. RCC Briefing for the Diplomatic Core and International Organizations in Sarajevo – Sarajevo, 5 July 2011 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool, Senior Expert on Economic and Social Development, Senior Expert on Justice and Home Affairs, Senior Expert on Security Issues, Senior Expert on Building Human Capital and Cross-Cutting Issues, Expert on Infrastructure)
95. Visit of H.E. Mr. Boris Tadic, President of the Republic of Serbia to the RCC Secretariat – Sarajevo, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2011 (Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General /Head of Expert Pool, Political Advisor)
96. Joint meeting of the Steering Group on Regional Strategy for Justice and Home Affairs (SGRS) and IPA Multi Beneficiary Strategy Working Group on Justice and Home Affairs – Sarajevo, 7 – 8 July 2011, (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool, Senior Expert on Justice and Home Affairs, Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)
97. Croatia Summit - “A New Decade for South East Europe – Finalizing the Transition” – Dubrovnik, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> July 2011 (Secretary General)
98. Preparatory meeting for launching of the Regional Strategy for Research and Development for Innovation for the Western Balkans - Zagreb, 11 July 2011, (Senior Expert on Building Human Capital and Cross-Cutting Issues)
99. Meeting of the European Association of Public Service Media in South East Europe, Durres, Albania, 14-16 July 2011 (Spokesperson)
100. Meeting with Alternate Secretary General of the Central European Initiative (CEI) and Head of Unit Regional Programmes, DG Enlargement, European Commission – Brussels, 15 July 2011 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool and Liaison Office Advisor)
101. Meeting with Head of the Unit Regional Programmes, DG Enlargement, European Commission – Brussels, 15 July 2011 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool, Liaison Office Advisor)

102. European Parliament Seminar “Transport and Infrastructure in the Regional Context” – Brussels, 12 – 13 July 2011, (Expert on Infrastructure)
103. Meetings with the representatives of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Serbia and SEESAC – Belgrade, 12 – 15 July 2011 (Senior Expert on Security Issues)
104. The EPC Eastern Partnership policy debate with the Foreign Ministers of Poland and Ukraine and the Commissioner for Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy- Brussels, 18 July 2011 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
105. Meeting with Policy Office of Flemish Department of Foreign Affairs - Brussels, 19 July 2011 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Liaison Office Advisor)
106. Meeting with the Civil Society Facility Task Manager, Unit D3, DG Enlargement- Brussels, 19 July 2011, (Liaison Office Advisor)
107. Meetings with Program Coordinator of the Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (BFPE), Vice – President of the Society of Thermal Engineers of Serbia (STES), RENA WG2 Climate Change Leader, RENA Project Manager, Director of the Serbian Hydro-Meteorological Services (SHMS), SEE Programme Manager of the Austrian Red Cross (ARC) – Belgrade, 20-21 July 2011 (Senior Expert on Energy and Infrastructure)
108. Meeting with the Policy Adviser, DG Research- Brussels, 25 July 2011, (Liaison Office Advisor)
109. Meeting with the Governor of the Central Bank of Kosovo in accordance with the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244- Crans-Montana, 19 August 2011 (Head of Liaison Office)
110. Meeting with the Director-General of OPEC Fund for International Development – Crans Montana, 20 August 2011, (Head of Liaison Office)
111. The Western Balkans countries and their way to the European Union – Palic, Serbia, 29 August – 1 September 2011 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool)
112. Meeting with the Commissioner for Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy, Brussels, 1 September 2011 (Head of Liaison Office)
113. Political Consultations with representatives of the US State Department – Washington DC, 6 September 2011 (Secretary General and Chief of Staff)
114. Meeting with Vice President of the World Bank – Washington DC, 6 September 2011 (Secretary General and Chief of Staff)
115. ISIS (Implementation of Single European Sky in SEE) Governing Body meeting, Solin, Croatia, 7 September 2011, (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool and Expert on Infrastructure)
116. World Conference “Between Border Control, Security Concerns and International Protection: A Judicial Perspective” – Bled, 7 – 9 September 2011, (Senior Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)

**ANNEX III****EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES OF THE RCC SECRETARIAT PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2011****Activities of the RCC Secretary General and of the RCC Secretariat officials**

<b>Nr.</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANIZER</b>	<b>PERIOD</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
1.	<b>Meeting with the Executive Director of the Regional Environmental Center (REC)</b>	RCC Secretariat/REC	14 September 2011	Sarajevo
2.	<b>Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member States of the South East European Cooperation Process, the Adriatic-Ionian Initiative and the Central European Initiative</b>	Republic of Serbia	23 September 2011	New York
3.	<b>Meeting of the Education Committee of the European Association of Public Service Media in SEE</b>	RCC Secretariat/BHRT/EAPSM	29 September 2011	Sarajevo
4.	<b>Signing of the Protocol on Regional Cooperation in Education and Training among members of the European Association of Public Service Media in SEE</b>	RCC Secretariat/BHRT/EAPSM	30 September 2011	Sarajevo
5.	<b>EU – Western Balkans Justice and Home Affairs Ministerial Meeting</b>	EU	3-4 October 2011	Ohrid
6.	<b>OSCE Parliamentary Assembly 2011</b>	OSCE	7 October 2011	Dubrovnik

<b>7.</b>	<b>Third Annual Budva Conference</b>	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro	8-9 October 2011	Budva
<b>8.</b>	<b>SEEMIC Meeting</b>	RCC Secretariat	13 October 2011	Sarajevo
<b>9.</b>	<b>Seminar on Public Service Media in SEE</b>	EC and RCC Secretariat	14 November 2011 ( <i>tbc</i> )	Sarajevo

*Economic and Social Development*

Nr.	TITLE	ORGANIZER	PERIOD	LOCATION	MAIN TOPICS	ACTIONS IMPLEMENTED FROM THE WORK PROGRAM
1.	<b>Western Balkans in 2020 Project Group meeting</b>	RCC Secretariat	TBD 2011	TBD	Review and finalize documents and possible implementation arrangements of the Western Balkans in 2020 Project	Horizontal function 4. Exerting strategic leadership in regional cooperation
2.	<b>Meetings of the SEE Investment Committee</b>	OECD/RCC Secretariat	21-22 November 2011	Paris	Regular meeting of the SEEIC to review progress and determine next steps	1.Transfer and management of SEEIC
3.	<b>Stakeholder meeting on capital markets in SEE</b>	RCC Secretariat	10 November	Sarajevo	Consultative meetings to establish priority needs and explore interest in closer regional integration - perform in cooperation w/interested donors	2. Identifying ways and means for improving access to finance for private sector
4.	<b>Ministerial on Health</b>	RCC Secretariat, SEE Health Network, Council of Europe Development Bank, Council of Europe, World Health Organization, Regional Office for Europe	13-14 October 2011	Banja Luka		3. Mainstreaming employment and social agenda into economic reform deliberations

5.	<b>Conference on trade facilitation the single window and data harmonisation</b>	UNECE/RCC Secretariat	10-11 October 2011	Sarajevo		
6.	<b>Eco-Social Economy Perspectives and Opportunities</b>	RCC Secretariat, Eco-Social Economy Network in SEE (ESENSEE)	25-26 October 2011	Sarajevo		
7.	<b>New skills for new jobs</b>	Fridrich Ebert Stiftung (FES), RCC Secretariat, London School of Economics (LSEE)	27-28 October 2011	Sarajevo	Regional labour market skills gap analysis mobility compatibility of education systems, capacities of related institutions	Aliening WB countries to the EU 2020-inclusive growth
8.	<b>MB IPA Coordination Meeting</b>	RCC Secretariat/EC	15-16 November 2011	Sarajevo		
9.	<b>Ministerial Conference on Investment</b>	OECD/RCC Secretariat	24 November 2011	Paris	Meeting to take stock of new developments and provide renewed mandate to the RCC-managed SEEIC	1. Transfer and management of SEEIC
10.	<b>Ministerial Conference on Information Society</b>	RCC Secretariat	7-8 November 2011	Tirana	The primary goal is to review progress of eSEE Agenda+ implementation and adopt the revised eSEE Agenda+	4. Promoting the Information Society

*Energy and Infrastructure*

<b>Nr.</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANIZER</b>	<b>PERIOD</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>MAIN TOPICS</b>	<b>ACTIONS IMPLEMENTED FROM THE WORK PROGRAM</b>
1.	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> SEDRI Task Force meeting</b>	RCC Secretariat /CEI/SEDRI TF CiO	November 2011	Belgrade	Regular meeting of the SEDRI TF to review progress and determine next steps	1.Continue implementation of Sustainable Energy Development Regional Initiative (SEDRI)
2.	<b>Energy - Development - Democracy: Shaping a New Energy Future for South East Europe</b>	BFPE/ SEECPCiO/ RCC Secretariat	17-18 October 2011	Belgrade	Strengthening the public dialogue in the area of sustainable energy development with the particular focus on the parliamentarians	1.Continue implementation of Sustainable Energy Development Regional Initiative (SEDRI) 3.Contribute to the preparation and implementation of the Danube Region Strategy
3.	<b>Urban Planning – Legalization of Informal Settlements</b>	NALAS/RCC Secretariat /GIZ	October 2011	Sarajevo	Implementation of the Vienna Declaration, GIZ and NALAS Task Force on Urban Planning activities in the area of urban planning focusing on the legalization of informal settlements, exchange of regional experience	3.Contribute to the preparation and implementation of the Danube Region Strategy
5.	<b>Seminar for Training of Educators in Road Safety Inspection (RSI) and Road Safety Audits (RSA)</b>	RCC Secretariat, Association of Consulting Engineers of BiH (ACE), SWEROAD	TBD	Sarajevo		



*Justice and Home Affairs*

<b>Nr.</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANIZER</b>	<b>PERIOD</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>MAIN TOPICS</b>	<b>ACTIONS IMPLEMENTED FROM THE WORK PROGRAM</b>
1.	<b>Annual Coordination Conference of the Regional Organizations and International Partners in the area of JHA and Security Cooperation, and 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Steering Group on Regional Strategy</b>	RCC Secretariat	1-2 December 2011	Belgrade		1. Coordinate drafting and adoption, monitoring and implementation of the Regional Strategic Document

*Security Cooperation*

<b>Nr.</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>ORGANIZER</b>	<b>PERIOD</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>MAIN TOPICS</b>	<b>ACTIONS IMPLEMENTED FROM THE WORK PROGRAM</b>
1.	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> SEEMIC Meeting of the Heads of Military Intelligence Agencies in SEE</b>	RCC Secretariat /Ministry of Defence of BiH	13 October 2011	Sarajevo		1. Facilitate and support development of regional mechanisms in the area of security
2.	<b>Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction</b>	Serbian CiO SEECP/RCC Secretariat	18 November 2011	Belgrade		

3.	<b>First SEENSA Working Group Meeting</b>	RCC Secretariat/Bulgarian National Security Agency (NSA)	November 2011	Sofia		
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*Building Human Capital and Parliamentary Cooperation*

Nr.	TITLE	ORGANIZER	PERIOD	LOCATION	MAIN TOPICS	ACTIONS IMPLEMENTED FROM THE WORK PROGRAM
1.	<b>Education: Training of representatives of Education Inspectorates and other state institutions responsible for education inspection*</b>	RCC Secretariat /ReSPA	4 – 6 October 2011	ReSPA/ Montenegro	Training of representatives of Education Inspectorates and other state institutions responsible for education inspection	2. Support to education reform with emphasis on higher education
2.	<b>Ministerial meeting: Launch of the Regional Strategy for Research and Development for Innovation for the Western Balkans*</b>	Serbian SEECPCiO/ RCC Secretariat /WB	November 2011	Belgrade	Launch of the Regional Strategy for Research and Development for Innovation for the Western Balkans	3. Development of Regional Strategy for Research and Development for Innovation for the Western Balkans

## **ANNEX IV**

### **LIST OF OFFICIALS OF THE REGIONAL COOPERATION COUNCIL (RCC) SECRETARIAT (Until 9 September 2011)**

#### **SECRETARY GENERAL**

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

#### **EXPERT POOL**

1. Ms. Jelica Minić- Deputy Secretary General/ Head of Expert Pool
2. Mr. Sanjin Arifagić, Senior Expert on Economic and Social Development, Head of Economic and Social Development Unit
3. Mr. Miroslav Kukobat- Senior Expert on Infrastructure and Energy, Head of Infrastructure and Energy Unit
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
7. Mr. Sorin Sterie- Expert on Security Issues
8. Ms. Amna Redžepagić- Expert on Infrastructure and Energy
9. Mr. Predrag Vujičić- Expert on Justice and Home Affairs
10. Mr. Nand Shani- Expert on Economic and Social Development
11. Ms. Maja Taylor- Assistant to the Head of Expert Pool
12. Ms. Elvira Ademović- Assistant to the Expert Pool

#### **FRONT OFFICE**

1. Mr. Jovan Tegovski- Chief of Staff
2. Ms. Dinka Živalj- Head of Media Unit/ Spokesperson
3. Ms. Gordana Demšer – Political Advisor
4. Mr. Dorin Vremis – Junior Political Advisor
5. Ms. Jasna Sinančević- Personal Assistant to the Secretary General
6. Ms. Nataša Mitrović- Assistant to the Front Office

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT**

1. Mr. Alexandru Murzac- Head of Administrative Unit
2. Mr. Sead Filipović- Finance Officer
3. Ms. Mirela Mahić- Administrative Officer
4. Mr. Maid Medunjanin- IT Officer
5. Ms. Alma Gadžić- Accountant
6. Ms. Dijana Kešelj- Translator

#### **LIAISON OFFICE IN BRUSSELS**

1. Mr. Basil Coronakis- Head of Office
2. Mr. Stanislav Daskalov- Deputy Head of Office
3. Ms. Lidija Topić- Advisor
4. Ms. Martine Dell – Office Administrator

**RCC SECRETARIAT'S TECHNICAL AND SERVICE STAFF**

1. Ms. Selma Ahatović- Lihic- Public Affairs Assistant
2. Mr. Siniša Cvetković- Driver/Security
3. Mr. Fikret Kadrić- Driver/ Courier
4. Mr. Denis Sulić- Driver/ Courier
5. Ms. Vanja Vekić- Receptionist

## 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
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 <i>Road Safety</i> 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 Police Officers Network