



**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 4 December 2010 and 4 March 2011.

I. Summary

The reporting period was marked by intensified efforts and numerous activities undertaken by the RCC Secretariat in view of target-oriented, regionally owned and all-inclusive regional cooperation as well as of efficient and timely implementation of the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011 – 2013.

In view of strategic character of relations between the South-East European Cooperation Process (SEECP) and the RCC, successful cooperation with the SEECP Chairmanship-in-Office and Troika was continued. The regular Coordination Meeting between the SEECP and the RCC (2 December 2010) focused on future practical steps and actions of the process of streamlining of regional taskforces and initiatives in South East Europe and concluded that in future the coordination meetings between the SEECP and RCC shall take place before the RCC Board meetings, in order to provide timely information on the outcome of the meetings to the RCC Board. The RCC Secretary General took active part at the SEECP meeting of Political Directors and the Informal meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs where the importance of further enhancement of the coordination and cooperation between the SEECP and the RCC was highlighted.

The RCC Secretary General continued with the regular consultations with RCC members from South East Europe and met with high-level officials of Romania, the Hellenic Republic, Republic of Serbia and the international community and Kosovo authorities under the UNSC Resolution 1244. In addition, the RCC Secretary General held consultations with high-level officials of the current Hungarian and the incoming Polish EU Presidency, the European Commission and the European External Action Service, as well as the Council of Europe.

The RCC Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool (DSG) held a numerous meetings in Brussels with the representatives of DG Enlargement, DG Regional Policy, and together with the LO participated in the IPA Multi-Beneficiary Donor Coordination Meeting, IPA 2010 Conference.

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 activities in the regional cooperation of media resulted with establishment of a European Association of Public Service Media in South East Europe as a non-profit professional body of nine public service broadcasters of SEE.

The RCC Secretariat continued, through regular publication of the Newsletter, with the promotion of regional cooperation and the activities within the RCC framework, which has proven to be an adequate tool for reaching the wider public as well as stakeholders in the region and beyond.

The activities of the RCC Secretariat Expert Pool were primarily focused on the implementation of the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013.

In the economic and social area the emphasis was on RCC's work initiated at beginning of 2010, with the endeavour of affiliating the WB region to the Europe 2020 Strategy. The transition process of overtaking operational and programming role in guiding the SEE Investment Committee (SEEIC) from the OECD to the RCC was generally agreed with the OECD and EC. In the energy, transport and environment sectors, the RCC continued to play a complementary role to the Energy Community Secretariat, to the future Transport Community Secretariat and RENA and to fill-up specific gaps, like integrated approach to infrastructure, PPP in energy, involving the local governments, NGOs, media and parliaments. RCC is also preparing to take an active role in the implementation of the Danube strategy. In the area of JHA, the spot-light was on the finalization of the regional JHA Strategy and Action Plan in coordination with the other stakeholders in the region. In the area of security cooperation, a special attention was given to the planning, organization and eventual execution of the Initiative on the Meeting of Defence Procurement Directors from SEE Countries, as well on the consultations for launching the SEE Forum of the Heads of National Security Authorities. In the area of building human capital, the focus was on cooperation in research and higher education by launching a Strategy on research and involving university networks in the reform of higher education, as well as on the finalization of the activities regarding the launching of the Task Force Culture and Society. In the parliamentary cooperation area, the RCC Secretariat co-organized with the European Parliament the seminar: "Role of the Parliaments in the Legislative Processes and in the Oversight of Governments".

Regarding the organizational aspects and taking into consideration available financial resources, appropriate adjustment of the structure of the RCC Secretariat, including the Liaison Office, have been carried out and are applicable as of 1st January 2011.

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

RCC Board Meeting

The RCC Board meeting was held on 2 December 2010¹. The RCC Secretary General presented the activities of the RCC Secretariat, elaborated on the efforts related to the implementation of the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011–2013 (SWP), informed about the high-level consultations held with RCC Board members from the region and beyond, as well as highlighted the activities dedicated to further obtaining insight into the activities and projects of crucial significance for South East Europe. He, also, presented the new structure of the Secretariat, stemming from the needs associated with the implementation of the RCC SWP 2011–2013, the nature of the work foreseen for the next triennial period and the limited financial resources for the budget of the organization in 2011.

During the discussions, the Board members commended the Report of the RCC Secretary General and made suggestions for further improvement of its structure, content and explanatory parts. In this context it has been proposed that the RCC Secretariat should study the possibility of establishing an intranet or a protected website, which would facilitate the

¹ Due to bad weather conditions at Sarajevo Airport, several RCC Board members could not attend the meeting. For the same reason the representatives of the EU institutions were not present at the Coordination meeting of the SEECF and the RCC.

process of information sharing on the activities of the RCC Secretariat with the RCC members. The discussions on the possible establishment of the High-Level Expert Group on Regional Development in South East Europe (HLEG) focused on issues such as the mandate, composition and other aspects with suggestions that the RCC should further enhance strong relations with the existent structures from the region. Following the objections of one member of the RCC Board, the adoption of the draft Budget for 2011 was postponed. The decision on the reallocation of financial resources within the RCC Secretariat's budget for 2010 was adopted. The Board members have agreed to adopt the draft decision regarding the dates of the Board meetings in 2011 through written procedure. Consequently, an agreement on the following dates was reached: 8 March 2011, 12 May 2011, 15 September 2011 and 8 December 2011. Finally, the Decision on giving a mandate to the Chairmanship-in-Office of the SEECP to sign the Agreement on the assumption of duties of the RCC Secretary General for the period from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2012 was adopted.

Consultations of the RCC Secretary General with RCC members

The RCC Secretary General, in the framework of the regular consultations with the RCC Board members of SEE, has held meetings with high officials in Bucharest, Athens, Belgrade (including the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Serbia) and Prishtina (with representatives of the international community and Kosovo authorities under the UNSC Resolution 1244). The discussions were mainly focused on the implementation of the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011 – 2013, on the recent developments in the region and regional cooperation, on the issue of all-inclusiveness and on the benefits of the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013 for all the RCC members. In addition, at the consultations in Belgrade a due attention was paid on the cooperation and coordination between RCC Secretariat and the incoming Chair in Office of the SEECP, which Serbia will assume in June 2011. At the respective meetings, the RCC Secretary General underlined the importance of the regular dialogue with the RCC members, as one of the endeavours aimed at ensuring a greater synergy between the needs of the countries from the region and the regional cooperation in line with the ongoing process of implementation of the RCC SWP 2011–2013 and presented examples of concrete results achieved by the RCC Secretariat so far. He stressed the importance of having a wider representation in the processes of regional cooperation, particularly as the region experiences a sustained positive trend at bilateral and multilateral levels.

The Romanian officials reiterated the support that Romania attaches to the RCC and regional cooperation, they welcomed the process of implementation of the RCC SWP 2011–2013 and consequently emphasized the necessity to continue the process with pragmatism and project-orientated determination.

The Greek officials emphasized the important role of the RCC in the process of ensuring a continued regional cooperation in South East Europe and welcomed the project orientated approach of the RCC. They informed about the intention of organizing a Thessaloniki II Summit EU –Western Balkans during the Hellenic Presidency with the EU, in the first half of 2014.

The Serbian officials underlined that Serbia is very much interested in improving regional cooperation. Serbia will be an active C-i-O of the SEECP and is ready to establish more close cooperation with RCC Secretariat in that respect.

The representatives of the international community and Kosovo authorities under the UNSC Resolution 1244 focused on the issues regarding the political developments in the region and the possibilities of finding solutions in direction of appropriate use of the all-inclusiveness in the regional cooperation.

At the consultations with high-level officials of Hungary, in its capacity of incoming Presidency of the Council of EU (Budapest, 29 November 2010), the RCC Secretary General elaborated the activities related to the implementation of the RCC SWP 2011-2013 and gave an overview of the overall developments in the region. In this context, the Secretary General presented the idea of establishing a permanent supporting mechanism to the envisaged dialogue between Belgrade and Prishtina as well as to the Bosnia-Herzegovina's expected reopening of the constitutional debate. He emphasized the need to maintain the enlargement momentum and the current spirit of reconciliation and rapprochement in the region. Referring to the ideas of Hungarian counterparts, the Secretary General proposed an organization of a trilateral Hungarian EU Presidency - SEECP Chair-in-Office - RCC meeting which could serve as a platform for exchanging views on more concrete activities of cooperation. The Hungarian MFA officials explained the main priorities of the Hungarian EU Presidency, outlining that the W.Balkans and the enlargement process will be high on its Agenda. Taking into consideration the present circumstances regarding the "new type of Presidency" which makes its role much more complex and difficult to meet all the expectations, as well as the current atmosphere inside and outside EU, the Presidency will invest its efforts to keep the focus on the Western Balkans. They highly appreciated the RCC role and work in supporting and enhancing the process of finding compromises, negotiations and cooperation in the region as one of utmost importance. Confirmed the Hungarian full support to the RCC and expressed strong interest for establishing more sustained cooperation not only during the Presidency mandate but also afterwards. In this context tabled the idea of organizing a new meeting with the RCC Secretary General during the Presidency term-in-office.

Coordination between the SEECP and the RCC

The Coordination Meeting, held on 2 December 2010 in Sarajevo, gathered representatives of Montenegro, as the Chairmanship-in-Office of the South-East European Cooperation Process (SEECP) and Turkey, as a member of the SEECP Troika as well as the RCC Secretariat.

The Co-chairs of the meeting informed on the activities envisaged in the context of the priorities of the SEECP Chairmanship-in-Office of Montenegro and the RCC SWP 2011-2013. The Coordination Meeting concluded with the endorsement of the draft Questionnaire, related to the streamlining process of the regional taskforces and initiatives from South East Europe and with the agreement that the Questionnaire shall be sent to regional taskforces and initiatives outlined in Annex II to the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013 jointly by the Montenegrin SEECP Chairmanship-in-Office and the RCC Secretariat by the end of 2010. In addition, a decision was made concerning future organization of the coordination meetings between the SEECP and RCC, which shall take place before the RCC Board meetings, in order to provide timely information on the outcome of the meetings to the RCC Board.

The RCC Secretary General took active part at the meeting of the SEECP Political Directors and the Informal meeting of the SEECP Ministers of Foreign Affairs. In his addresses, he reflected on the recent climate in the region and emphasized the importance of all-inclusive cooperation of all relevant participants. He elaborated on the state of implementation of the

RCC SWP 2011-2013, presented the main up-to-date results achieved in each priority area of the RCC and gave information on the main results of the consultations and meetings held with various RCC members and the European Commission. The participants welcomed and encouraged the favourable working climate between the SEECP and RCC. The work of the RCC was commended, followed by recommendations to further strengthen the pragmatic and project-orientated character of its activities. On the margins of the meeting, the following documents were signed: the Protocol on the Host Country Arrangements for the Secretariat of the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) Task Force on Culture and Society and the Agreement on the Assumptions of Duties of the RCC Secretary General for the period from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2012.

Cooperation with the EU and other Brussels-based institutions

Following the adoption of the EC Enlargement Strategy 2010-2011, the RCC Secretary General met with the Commissioner for Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy. The RCC SG expressed his gratitude for the encouraging words on the RCC and the regional cooperation, as well as the greater role and responsibility given to RCC in the Enlargement Strategy and in particular in relation to the Europe 2020 Strategy. He underlined RCC's ground principle of all-inclusiveness and highlighted the need to maintain the current spirit of *rapprochement*, moderation and pragmatism in the region, thus creating an environment conducive for further strengthening of regional cooperation and stability. The RCC SG presented the first results in the implementation of the RCC SWP 2011-2013. The RCC SG also informed the Commissioner on RCC Secretariat staff downsizing, including the RCC LO. The Enlargement Commissioner stressed the positive developments in the region in 2010 and the progress made in the European integration process and in regional cooperation. He expressed hope that the enlargement countries will continue with necessary reforms in line with the recent Commission's Enlargement Strategy and progress reports. The Commissioner gave his full support to the changes made in the RCC structure and underlined the first positive results. The Secretary General and the Commissioner agreed on further cooperation between the EC and the RCC in implementing related aspects of Europe 2020 Strategy in Western Balkans.

The RCC Secretary General met the Commissioner for Regional Policy to discuss possible cooperation on the implementation of the Danube Region Strategy. The Commissioner informed about the main elements of the EU Danube Strategy and Action Plan and reiterated the importance of macro-regional approach to integrate funding projects outside of national or regional perspective, but with trans-national dimension. The Danube Strategy will be an important tool for the non EU Member States participating in the process to use the strategy to deepen their European integration process.

At the meeting with the Commissioner for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response, the RCC Secretary General focused on the role of RCC in the security area and on the possibilities for increased cooperation with the EC in the area of disaster prevention and preparedness (DPP). The RCC SG suggested that RCC, in coordination with the incoming Serbian C-i-O of SEECP, could work on organization of a Disaster Preparedness and Prevention SEECP Ministerial meeting which Commissioner might consider addressing. The Commissioner underlined that EC aims to work closer with RCC in view of expanding cooperation with RCC and upgrading RCC coordination role in SEE. The Commissioner underlined that EC is willing to co-organise with RCC effective activities that will deepen knowledge in SEE countries on EU MIC.

The RCC Secretary General, on the occasion of his meeting with the Director General of the DG Enlargement, assessed that 2010 has been a successful year for regional cooperation, with RCC SWP 2011-2013 being adopted and progress achieved in improving the political climate in the region, as well as in the enlargement process. He emphasized the main results in each priority area of RCC's activity, the remaining challenges of the regional cooperation and the need for pragmatic solutions to all-inclusiveness. The Director General underlined the need for the enlargement countries to continue with necessary reforms in order to maintain the enlargement momentum, in line with the Commission's Enlargement Strategy and progress reports. He positively assessed the RCC Secretariat's work, reiterated the need for producing concrete results and supported the adaptations in the Secretariat's structure together with the budget reductions envisaged in 2011. The Director General expressed the expectation that RCC will successfully balance project design activities and the coordinating role in the region with an overall insight and picture, adding the value of regional cooperation. He underlined that working with Western Balkans on EU 2020 Strategy is important for the implementation of the EU 2020 Agenda.

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The RCC DSG participated at the European Forum for Democracy and Solidarity Council Meeting and gave information about RCC's initiated project Western Balkans 2020. The DSG invited the Forum to support RCC W.Balkans 2020 Social Agenda and to consider ways of working together on its further elaboration and promotion.

The RCC Liaison Office (LO) Brussels continued with its active contribution in the implementation of the RCC SWP 2011-2013 and in further developing cooperation with the EU institutions and other relevant Brussels-based institutions and stakeholders. A number of meetings were held with the representatives of the European Commission Directorate General (DG) for Enlargement, DG Regional Policy, and other horizontal DGs, with members of the European Parliament, representatives of the European External Action Service (EEAS), the General Secretariat of the Council and representatives of EU member states. The meetings featured as well with mutual recognitions on the importance of all-inclusiveness, the implementation of the RCC SWP 2011–2013 and continuing the streamlining process of regional initiatives and task forces. The parties of the meetings have reiterated their readiness to continue the processes of dialogue and cooperation. The RCC LO proposal to continue with the practice of holding regular briefings on RCC activities for COWEB Brussels and COWEB Capitals in near future was welcomed by the new Permanent Chair of the COWEB and the Desk Officer for RCC in the EEAS. Due attention was also paid to RCC cooperation with NATO.

The excellent cooperation of the RCC Secretary General Special Envoy for Relations with the EU Presidency with the Belgian Presidency of the EU resulted, inter alia, with inclusion of a reference to the Regional Cooperation Council (... "The Council welcomes the adoption of a

new comprehensive and operational strategy by the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) and encourages RCC to focus on its implementation in active cooperation with SEECP”...) in the conclusions of the 14th December Council meeting regarding the EC Enlargement Strategy and Main Challenges 2010-2011.

Regional cooperation in the field of media

In line with conclusions of the international conference Addressing Europe’s Digital Divide: Towards Sustainable Public Service Media in South East Europe, co-organized by the RCC Secretariat and the European Broadcasting Union at a follow-up meeting, organized by the Croatian Radio-Television, a European Association of Public Service Media in South East Europe was established. The Association was founded as a non-profit professional body of nine public service broadcasters (PSBs), seated in Zagreb, Croatia, with the membership being open to all PSBs from South East Europe. Acting Director General of the Croatian Radio-Television was elected the first president of the Association’s Executive Committee. The Association established nine working groups: for radio, television, new media, digitalization and technology, digitalization of the archives, co-production, relations with European institutions, education, and legislation and financing.

Outreach activities and visibility

The RCC Secretariat continued with its communication efforts in order to deepen the understanding and awareness of what the RCC does, as well as to raise and maintain support for its activities. The Secretariat interacted with the media on a regular basis and worked to enhance its relationships and to 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. Over the reporting period, and to the knowledge of the RCC Secretariat, at least 141 articles, interviews and statements on the RCC were published in South East European and international media. In 2010, this number was 920, bringing the total to over 2,300 articles published since the beginning of operations of the RCC Secretariat, three years ago. The content of the RCC website was updated to reflect more accurately the RCC SWP 2011-2013. Two issues of RCC newsletter, dedicated to regional cooperation in South East Europe and culture, were published and circulated to a wide audience.

Evaluation of general and institutional aspects

The reporting period was characterized by a continuation of the process of undertaking concrete steps within the context of implementation of the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 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 Chairmanship-in-Office, importance of regular Coordination meetings of the SEECP Troika and the RCC Secretariat with the participation of the EU institutions proved to be a very useful tool in providing guidance and enhancing overall coordination.

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 2 December 2010 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.

Taking into consideration available financial resources, appropriate adjustment of the structure of the RCC Secretariat, including the Liaison Office, have been carried out and are applicable as of 1st January 2011.

III. Priority areas of the RCC Activities

The RCC Deputy Secretary General/Head of the Expert Pool and the Expert Pool staff focused its activities on the implementation of the RCC SWP 2011-2013. A Table report on the implementation of the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011 – 2013 for the period 4 December 2010 to 4 March 2011 is attached as Annex I.

Conferences, workshops, consultative meetings, and visits to partner organizations in all priority areas have been prepared or executed and contacts with the wide range of partners have been intensified. Preparations for the regional initiatives – Donor organizations meeting on 30-31 March 2011 were completed. Answers to the questionnaires to Regional Initiatives & Task Forces (RI&TF) were collected and summary is being prepared. The communication with different donors according to their wish to improve access to numerous regional projects launched by multitude of regional initiatives and task forces was further deepened. Communication with the MB IPA has been also intensified through participation of the RCC Experts in MB IPA Coordination Meetings, Donor Coordination Meetings, and workshops for NIPACs and through direct consultations. The RCC Secretariat also established and intensified contacts with different DGs in the EC (DG REGIO, DG MOVE, DG Education and Culture, DG International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response, etc).

Permanent dialogue was established with different stakeholders from the region: private companies and associations (ABC and other chamber's networks), NGOs (TACSO team, ICDT etc), operating RI&TFs and newly established regional networks (SEE Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group, 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 (mechanisms and projects supporting trade and investments in the Western Balkans, like WBIF Steering Committee, Infrastructure Project Facility, Cross-Border Institution Building Regional Office etc.). The RCC Secretariat supported and facilitated the establishment of several new regional networks (of PPP units and agencies, women's associations, and academic networks) focused on trade and investment promotion in the region.

The RCC Secretariat actively participated in the work of MB IPA and its Strategic Working Groups' meetings establishing close cooperation with the European Commission's representatives, as well as with other working group members and contributing to preparation of necessary documents. The importance of the RCC contribution to the IPA - MB 2011 – 2013 programming process was underlined on several occasions.

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transition process of overtaking operational and programming role in guiding the SEE Investment Committee (SEEIC) from the OECD to the RCC was generally agreed with the OECD and EC. In the energy, transport and environment sectors, the RCC continued to play a complementary role to the Energy Community Secretariat, to the future Transport Community Secretariat and RENA and to fill-up specific gaps, like integrated approach to infrastructure, PPP in energy, involving the local governments, NGOs, media and parliaments. RCC is also preparing to take an active role in the implementation of the Danube strategy. In the area of JHA, the spot-light was on the finalization of the regional JHA Strategy and Action Plan in coordination with the other stakeholders in the region. In the area of security cooperation, a special attention was given to the planning, organization and eventual execution of the Initiative on the Meeting of Defence Procurement Directors from SEE Countries, as well on the consultations for launching the SEE Forum of the Heads of National Security Authorities. In the area of building human capital, the focus was on cooperation in research and higher education by launching a Strategy on research and involving university networks in the reform of higher education, as well as on the finalization of the activities regarding the launching of the Task Force Culture and Society. In the parliamentary cooperation area, the RCC Secretariat co-organized with the European Parliament the seminar: “Role of the Parliaments in the Legislative Processes and in the Oversight of Governments.

1. Economic and Social Development

Within its efforts to promote investment in SEE and strengthen its Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Network, RCC co-organized with the Croatian Agency for PPP and UNECE an international conference on “Building Capacities for PPP in Southeast Europe”. The conference is intended to become the main annual event and gathering of the SEE PPP Network (SEEPN) operating under RCC Secretariat’s auspices. Around 130 participants from public and private sectors from all countries in the region, IFIs and international private operators drew attention on the pressing capacity building needs of the public sector in PPP, and explored project pipeline developments. Participants agreed to investigate possibilities for blending EU funds in PPP projects and stressed the need to align PPP projects with existing strategic frameworks. SEEPN will also aim to integrate its work further with regional institutions, such as ECT, SEETO, RENA and others. Website of the network was developed and presented (<http://www.ajpp.hr/seepn/about-seepn.aspx>) as a platform to disseminate information on project pipelines, legislative and institutional developments, key regional issues in PPPs as well as provide other supporting functions.

RCC is in the final stages of the preparation of the final project proposal on Women Entrepreneurship – a job creation engine for SEE. In this aim, it has organized several meetings and consultations both with the implementing organizations, SEECEL and GTF and the potential donor, SIDA.

RCC Secretariat signed a MoU with the Association of Balkan Chambers of Commerce (ABC) as a valuable partner in promoting regional cooperation in investment-related policies. The Secretariat intends to work with the ABC in areas requiring strong input from the private sector, such as the SEE Investment Committee. To follow up on the possible avenues of cooperation, RCC took part in ABC’s General Assembly meeting and agreed on specific avenues for furthering cooperation, such as the work on promoting women entrepreneurship.

The RCC Secretariat representatives met with the representatives of the OECD Programme on Local Economic and Employment Development (LEED) that will assess local development

capacity in the Western Balkans. It was agreed that the parties will contribute to sharing of information and closer cooperation over the duration of the project.

The RCC Secretariat has started preparing the roll-out of the process to develop a regional agenda for social policies in SEE – Social Agenda 2020 within the Europe 2020 Strategy context such as the first regional conference on social issues for the Western Balkans planned for the second quarter of 2011, which aims to set the ground for future, more detailed regional activities on specific social issues.

The RCC Secretariat representatives participated at the 6th regular session of the Supervisory Boards of the Regional Foundation Centre for e-Governance Development (CeGD) which currently is exploring options of enlargement of its membership and focusing further on research and development activities in the area of eGovernance.

The RCC Secretariat hosted the sixth meeting of the South East European Research Area for e-Infrastructures (SEERA-EI), organized in cooperation with the Ministry of Communication and Transport of Bosnia and Herzegovina and use the occasion to made a presentation on the eSEE initiative and on the intention to promote the inclusion of e-infrastructures in the eSEE Agenda plus.

RCC Secretariat took part, as an observer, in the proceedings of the third meeting of the WBIF Steering Committee (SC). The SC approved grant support in excess of EUR 2 million for three projects in the region bringing the total of approved projects to 73 since the establishment of WBIF, with total grant resources allocated in the amount of EUR 139 million representing a potential investment of approximately EUR 6 billion.

2. Infrastructure and Energy

After realization of the Workshop jointly organized by the Energy Community Secretariat (ECS) and RCC Secretariat on the “Reducing Emissions from Energy Sectors in the Energy Community” significant potential for cooperation between the Energy Community and Regional Environmental Network for Accession (RENA) as major regional sectorial initiatives in the area of energy and environment, respectively, was reaffirmed. The RCC Secretariat, in line with the RCC strategic goal to promote integrated approach and strengthens cooperation particularly between the major regional infrastructure cooperation frameworks, initiated and offered support in fostering cooperation between ECS and RENA.

In relation to preparations for the second meeting of Sustainable Energy Development Regional Initiative (SEDRI) Task Force to be hosted by the Serbian Ministry of Energy and Mining (SMEM) chairing the Task Force, the RCC Secretariat maintained communication with the Central European Initiative (CEI) and SMEM. Task Force has the main goal to further profile the initiative, instigate creation of the projects pipeline and discuss other necessary activities in accordance with the Initiative Background Paper. Considering synergies with other regional initiatives, it was concluded that there were potentials to expand the SEDRI scope and the CEI was tasked to elaborate on that and inform initiative beneficiaries.

Meeting with representatives of the Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (BFPE) resulted in the request for support of the RCC Secretariat and its Regional Expert Network on Energy in

implementing the BFPE lead project on strengthening public participation in relation to sustainable energy development issues.

The RCC Secretariat has been engaged in the preparatory activities related to organization of the Conference on “Road Infrastructure Safety Management” follow-up event, to be held on 20 April 2011 in Sarajevo. This event will be co-organized together with the Ministry of Communications and Transport of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Association of Consulting Engineers of BIH (ACE). Representatives of the transport ministries, interior affairs as well as the SEETO Secretariat /Steering Committee members and European Road Federation (ERF) have been invited to attend the conference in order to promote integrated approach in addressing complex multi-sectorial road safety issues.

The RCC Secretariat had a meeting with the Croatia Airlines' representatives to discuss the progress and agree on the next steps in preparing Project Fiche (PF) for the Study on development of air traffic links in the region of SEE. Aviation workshop organized by the RCC Secretariat resulted in expression of interest by the five RCC members from SEE to propose and prepare realization of the previous mentioned study. The RCC Secretariat was tasked to coordinate preparation of the PF.

The RCC Secretariat contribution to the preparation of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) and related Action Plan (AP) was recognized in these documents what is relevant taking into account the envisaged RCC's role to support preparation and implementation of this strategy.

The multipurpose use of Danube and need to reconcile different interests in water use is the typical area to promote integrated trans-boundary approach as a tool for addressing increasing multidisciplinary challenges, with inclusion of variety of stakeholders at different levels. In that respect, the RCC Secretariat continued cooperation with the International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River and mobilizing other relevant stakeholders concerning preparation of a Joint Statement to tackle energy sector impact on the Danube Region that would be analogous act to the Joint Statement on Guiding Principles for the Development of Inland Navigation and Environmental Protection in the Danube River Basin addressing navigation impact.

The RCC Secretariat continued discussions with relevant stakeholders in order to promote integrated approach in planning infrastructure development. The overall European Commission coordination alongside the active involvement of the Energy Community, prospective Transport Community and RENA would be crucial in that direction.

The RCC Secretariat organized and hosted the second meeting of the Regional Expert Network on Energy that explored synergies with other regional activities, discussed possible contribution of the expert network to the development of the Western Balkans 2020 as well as activities and further steps to reach network operability, institutionalization and self-sustainability.

3. Justice and Home Affairs

Regional cooperation in criminal matters has been improved in the areas of information pooling, cross-border intelligence exchange and collection (ILECU's projects), risks and threats analysis (OCTA-SEE), legislative harmonization (SELEC ratification process,

implementation of the SEE Police Cooperation Convention, Council of Europe and UN legislative framework), cross-border exercises and operations (SECI Centre, PCC-SEE Secretariat, SEEPAG, WB Prosecutors 'Network)) and in policing (SEPCA, OSCE). SECI Regional Center for Combating Trans-Border Crime has been recognized by the EC as a facilitator of the exchange of information on trans-border crimes between the law enforcement agencies in the region as well as a coordinator of joint law enforcement regional operations.

However, police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters is still fragmented and compartmentalized into a number of different players and spheres which are continually growing. With the aim to make full use of the existing regional instruments, framework and networks, RCC Secretariat and EU are developing a comprehensive approach to the rule of law sector (judiciary-prosecution-police and law enforcement) together with a judicial and democratic control of regional actions.

Cooperation in the areas of the protection of fundamental rights and of private, civil or administrative law is the least developed. National and regional activities are often not connected and are uncoordinated. A comprehensive approach to the rule of law (police – prosecution – justice – prisons) together with a judicial and democratic control of regional actions is needed. Positive developments in the area of personal data protection, including mutual evaluations, could be seen as row model for cooperation.

Under RCC Secretariat coordination, relevant stakeholders and partners finalized the draft of the Regional Strategic Document (RSD) and Action Plan 2011-2013 in the JHA area. The draft document will be presented for adoption at the SEECP Meeting of the Ministers of Justice and Home Affairs on 16 – 18 March 2011. The aim of the Regional Strategic Document and the accompanying annexes is to pursue an integrated, coherent and transparent regional cooperation. The delegated representatives involved in the drafting process were officials of the national judicial and home affairs institutions from South East Europe, (heads of the international cooperation structures within the ministries of justice, ministries of interior, public prosecutors' offices and high judicial councils) regional organizations, European Union (EU) institutions and agencies, international organizations, national and international experts, non-governmental organizations and professional associations. The RCC Secretary General presented updated information on the developments of the regional approach and common operational platforms envisaged by the RSD to the Ministerial EU-Western Balkans Forum on Justice and Home Affairs, (Brussels, 23–24 November 2010).

The RCC Secretariat took active part at the 2nd Meeting of the Western Balkan Initiative on the Police Developmental Aid organized with the aim to address the lack of coordination at the level of projects implementation in the field of police cooperation and to discuss specific opportunities to support each other and establish partnership in the context of police development assistance and EU projects (The First International Western Balkans Network Meeting took place in October 2010). RCC as a member of the Network has the role to integrate and disseminate the information related to the regional projects.

With RCC Secretariat conceptual and financial support, Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative (RAI) has established the European network of integrity institutions responsible for conflict of interest prevention and assets declaration named "Integrity Experts Network" (IEN). The Network is envisaged to serve as a platform for policy making, exchange of information, experience and best practices between the practitioners in the area on focus and it will

function under RAI Secretariat support, guidance and coordination. The IEN Secretariat functions would be managed by RAI Secretariat. Representatives of respective national institutions dealing with conflict of interest from SEE as well as international organizations (OSCE, CoE, PAMECA) met in order to establish better relations and climate for exchange of information, work practices and expertise of conflict of interest issues as well as to identify further steps to be undertaken on international level with the support of all interested partners.

RCC Secretariat participated at the meeting of the SEECF Heads of Consular Services where the possibility of mutual representation in consular matters in third countries was discussed, bringing some very good examples of cooperation (Montenegro agreement with Serbia, Croatia and Bulgaria; future agreements of Bosnia and Herzegovina with Serbia and Croatia; Croatian agreement with Hungary, Turkish agreement with Albania, etc). Some countries expressed their readiness for further discussion, in MARRI format, of the issue of consular representation in the countries where other states have no diplomatic or consular representation. Countries expressed their interest to examine possibilities of “common standards” on visa issuance and MARRI accepted to analyze national legislation in order to identify what could be a common standard.

RCC Secretariat attended the Meeting on regional co-operation Project under the IPA-MB on the protection of minority rights in the Western Balkans and provided regional perspective on EU assistance under IPA, and presented the rule of law and protection of fundamental human rights dimension of non-discrimination. Strategic priority of establishing a regional network has been invoked.

The RCC Secretariat continued its strategic partnership with UNODC within the Regional Programme on Promoting the Rule of Law and Human Security in South Eastern Europe; with the OSCE/SPMU on various aspects of police reform, such as the planning and implementing of reforms, the issue of decentralization, as well as key aspects of supervision and human resource management; with GIT/GTZ and the Centre for International Legal Cooperation, implementers of the Balkan Enforcement Reform Project to coordinate the activities on a more efficient and effective functioning of the law enforcement systems at national and at the regional level. The project on Law Schools of the State Universities from SEE: South East Law School Network (SEELS) has as main goal to develop high-quality legal education and research towards a sustainable Rule of Law, enhancing the legal approximation to the *Acquis communautaire*, increasing regional exchange of legal academic know-how, information and mobility of students, academics and legal professionals.

RCC, SECI Centre and UN Counter Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate have been coordinating their activities to ensure the follow up, in the course of 2011, of the Southeast Europe Regional Workshop on national coordination and regional cooperation in Counter-Terrorism. The Sarajevo Workshop was an important step in the implementation of the RCC SWP, where solutions for better internal coordination and effective regional cooperation in counter-terrorism matters were discussed. One of the suggested solutions consists in the creation of an antiterrorism regional focal point, within the RCC Secretariat.

4. Security Cooperation

The RCC Secretariat representative met with the leadership of the Centre for Security Cooperation - RACVIAC. Special attention was given to the planning, organization and

eventual execution of the Initiative on the Meeting of Defence Procurement Directors from SEE Countries under the auspices of NATO and SEECPCiO.

The Consultations for launching the SEE Forum of the Heads of National Security Authorities were conducted both with the EU structures, such as the General Secretariat of the Council and the External Action Service, and with the NATO's Euro-Atlantic Integration and Partnership Directorate, NATO Office for Security (NOS), as well as with the Political Affairs and Security Policy Division. The agreement for ensuring the co-patronage of the Forum has been given by Council's Security Office and NOS. In parallel, the coordination with the Bulgarian hosts of the first meeting of the Heads of National Security Authorities for preparing the organizational details continued and a small Task Force team has been formed to supervise and initiate the drafting of the agenda.

The good cooperation with the General Secretariat of the EU Council continued on other subjects related to the security cooperation priority area of the RCC SWP 2011-2013, such as the SEE Forum of the Chiefs of Military Intelligence and SEE Forum of the Chiefs of Counter-Intelligence.

The RCC Secretariat representatives met several times the Chairman of the NATO SEEGROUP, together with the NATO International Secretariat's staff coordinating the activity of this group related to SEE region, and discussed the RCC SWP 2011-2013, as well as the support that RCC Secretariat could offer to the Bosnia and Herzegovina Chairmanship of the SEEGROUP in 2011. A briefing was organized to the SEEGROUP members on the activities planned for the RCC SWP in 2011, with emphasis on the first part of the year.

RCC Secretariat was visited by WMO and UNDP representatives. Discussion on the final phase of implementation of the joint UNDP and WMO project Regional Programme on Disaster Risk Reduction in South-East Europe aimed to building capacity in disaster risk reduction through regional cooperation and collaboration in South Eastern Europe.

The RCC Secretariat representative participated in the Inception meeting IPA-MB Program on Civil Protection Cooperation for the EU candidate countries and potential candidates, and was actively engaged in the discussions related to a more strategic coordination and planning at both national and regional level.

The RCC Secretariat representatives met several times the coordinator of the IPA-MB programs in the Disaster Risk Reduction and EU Civil Protection Mechanism areas from the DG ECHO and IPA – MB program coordinator for Environment and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Working Group from the DG ENLARG as part of the periodical consultations and strategic planning for future activities, in particular those related to the implementation of the RCC SWP 2011-2013 and related to the strategic choices of the region for the IPA MB programs 2011-2013.

Issues related to the future implementation of the EU project Building Resilience to Disasters in the Western Balkans and Turkey were discussed with the Brussels Head of Regional Office for Europe of the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR). The expectations on both sides and the role of RCC in the implementation of the program were defined and mutually accepted.

5. Building Human Capital and Cross-Cutting Issues

The RCC Secretariat continued with active involvement in the preparatory activities for the project Building Capacity for Structural Reform in Higher Education of Western Balkan Countries (STREW) and held a series of meetings with partner institutions in the beneficiary countries. The aim of the meetings was to define and concretize working packages for each partner institution, receive the input from the partners on their expectations of the project, discuss the actual issues on management of parts of the grant which will be allocated to partners. The RCC will be included in the Monitoring group of STREW project, which aims to facilitate further advances in effective higher education structural reform in the WB Region and its coherent convergence towards European Higher Education Area.

On the occasion of the visit to Council of Europe Secretariat, the RCC Secretary General met with the Director of Education and Languages and discussed possibilities of enhancing coordination between two Secretariats in elaborating and developing joint projects in the area of education. CoE representatives showed immense interest in cooperation with the RCC in the area of higher education, particularly under the framework of STREW project, and proposed joined activities in strengthening University Network in the region and with partners from the EU, with a view of nominating joint projects towards the respective EU mechanisms. CoE commended efforts of the RCC in organizing regional conference on Inspection in Education Quality Assurance and expressed willingness to be included in future activities in this field. It was also agreed to explore possibilities of intensified involvement of RCC in the Network of Schools of Political Studies of the Council of Europe and West Balkans School of Local Government.

In the area of science and research, the RCC Secretariat's continued consultations with the members of the Coordination of the project - Regional Strategy for Research and Development for Innovation for the Western Balkans. Project will be launched in the second half of the next year.

In the light of the establishment of the TF Culture and Society, Ministers of Culture from SEE, RCC, European Commission and Council of Europe, nominated their representatives to the membership of the Task Force. During the SEECF Informal Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, the Protocol between the Government of Montenegro and the Regional Cooperation Council Secretariat on the Host Country Arrangements for the Secretariat of the Regional Cooperation Council Task Force on Culture and Society was signed. Panel for selection of the candidates for the posts in the Secretariat of the RCC Task Force on Culture and Society ranked the best candidates for each position and presented the list to the RCC Secretary General, who made a Decision on the appointment of 3 members of the TF Secretariat. After finalization of the necessary internal procedures in EC, the contracts for the II phase of Ljubljana Process between the EC on one side, and RCC and CoE on the other, will be signed.

During the Round Table meeting of the RCC Secretary General with the Directorate of Culture and Cultural and Natural Heritage of Council of Europe, excellent cooperation of two Secretariats in the process of establishment a mechanism for coordination of the second phase of Ljubljana Process was emphasised. Interlocutors assessed the possibilities for improving cooperation in other fields of joint interest and agreed to jointly expand and concretize the idea of fostering cooperation among Natural parks in the region. It was also decided to

intensify communication on joint activities on further development and promotion of CoE programmes Cultural routes and Intercultural cities.

In the parliamentary cooperation area, the RCC Secretariat co-organized with the European Parliament the seminar: "Role of the Parliaments in the Legislative Processes and in the Oversight of Governments. The seminar gathered members of the Western Balkans parliaments and the European Parliament and elaborated on a series of important topics such as: the impact of regional cooperation on strengthening the parliaments in the region, the legislative powers of the parliaments and the legislation process in the European Parliament, differences and similarities, the oversight of budget implementation as well as the relations between the parliament and independent bodies.

The RCC Secretariat representative met with the Secretary General of Montenegrin Parliament and, within the context of assisting the institutionalization of the Cetinje Parliamentary Forum (CPF), discussed modalities for strengthening the role of CPF in fostering regional parliamentary cooperation

IV. Operation of the RCC Secretariat

The RCC Secretariat currently comprises a total of 34 staff members, out of which five members are technical and service staff (public affairs assistant, driver/security officer, two drivers/couriers, and receptionist). A complete list of the RCC Secretariat's staff is appended in Annex IV to the report.

On 26 October 2010 the RCC Secretary General formally decided on new structure of the RCC Secretariat and the new RCC Secretariat's Salary Policy, which will be applicable as of 1 January 2011. New structure of the RCC Secretariat, which brings rationalization in the number of posts in the both the Secretariat and its Liaison Office in Brussels, reflects both the needs of putting additional emphasis and focus on the implementation of the RCC SWP 2011-2013 as well as realistic constraints arising from the envisaged reduction of the RCC Secretariat's budget for 2011 and beyond.

A remaining open issue related to the setting-up of the RCC Secretariat Liaison 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 the financial contributions to the RCC Secretariat's budget

As of 7 February 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

*Until now FYR of Macedonia has not paid its 2010 contribution.

The RCC Secretariat received, as of 7 February 2011, a total of 903,522.60 EUR as financial contributions of the RCC Board members to the RCC Secretariat's budget for 2011. This sum represents 31,87% of the overall RCC Secretariat's preliminary budget for 2011 of 2,835,360.59 EUR.

Horizontal Functions and Work Programme

Report on the implementation of the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011 – 2013 in the period 4 December 2010 – 4 March 2011

RCC General

Horizontal Functions:	Activities organized/co-organized by the RCC	Participation at events organized by other partners/institutions
1. Representing the region	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting with Mr. Colin Wolfe, Head of Unit for European Transnational and Interregional Cooperation, DG for Regional Policy, European Commission - Brussels, October 18, 2010. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conference “The Impact of EU Integration on Democracy and Constitution”, Sarajevo, 9 December 2010, organized by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation. <u>RCC role:</u> Lecture on regional cooperation and its prospects in the Western Balkans and role of the RCC. Lecture on Regional Cooperation and Role of the RCC at the Diplomatic Academy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Serbia, Belgrade, 31 January 2011 Presentation of the RCC work programme to the European Commission’s stageirs field trip to Bosnia and Herzegovina – Sarajevo, 4 February 2011 Conference “Rapprochement as a Paradigm Shift: Does the Wheel Come Full Circle in Ex-Yugoslavia?” Lecture on the Regional Cooperation and Role of the RCC– Regensburg, 11 – 12 February 2011m, organized by Südost-Institute (Regensburg) and Südosteuropa-Gesellschaft (Munich) Fourth Regional Conference Economic Crisis Phase-out , Presentation of RCC activities on gender issues – Belgrade, 15 – 16 February 2011, organized by Ministry of Labour and Social Policy of the Republic of Serbia Bled Forum on Europe “Governance and Fear and Prosperity” – Bled, 3 – 4 March 2011, organized by the CeGD
2. Assisting the SEEC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing contribution of the RCC Secretariat to the events related to RCC priority areas in correlation with the RCC Strategy and Working Programme 2011-2013 Assisting in drafting documents for the sectorial meetings organized by the SEEC and related to the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013 	

<p>3. Monitoring regional activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participation in managerial and steering bodies of different regional initiatives, support in incubating new projects and organizing important events, preparing MoUs with key partner organizations, promotion of RI&TFs 	
<p>4. Exerting strategic leadership in regional cooperation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of the questionnaire for regional initiatives and preparations of the RI - Donor Conference on March 31. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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&TFs' projects.
<p>5. Providing a regional perspective in donor assistance, notably in EU assistance under the Instrument for pre-Accession Assistance (IPA)</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IPA 2010 Conference: Sustainable Results and Impacts and Specialist meeting on IPA cross-border cooperation in Western Balkan Countries, Brussels, 6 – 7 December 2010, organized by the EC. <u>RCC role</u>: Speaker at the panel highlighting RCC flagship initiatives and RCC responses to the tasks assigned by the Enlargement Strategy paper 1010/2011.
<p>6. Supporting increased civil involvement in regional activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting with representatives of TRADUKI regional office in Sarajevo, Sarajevo, 14 December 2010. Exploring modes of cooperation. Conference of National Councils of the European Movement in the SEE, Podgorica, 15 December 2010, co-organized with the European Movement Montenegro and the Montenegrin CiO of SEECF. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lecture on Regional Cooperation and Role of the RCC at the Post-Graduate Course in European Studies, Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Sarajevo, Sarajevo, 11 December 2010 Lecture on Regional Cooperation and Role of the RCC at the Master Program Interdisciplinary Balkan Studies, University of Vienna, Vienna, 18 December 2010.

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 SEEC</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RCC co-organized an international conference on “Building Capacities for PPP in Southeast Europe” held on February 7 – 8 in Zagreb. RCC prepared and signed MoU with the Association of Balkans Chambers. RCC organized a series of preparatory meetings with stakeholders and potential funders (SEEC, GTF, SIDA) to finalize a regional project on women entrepreneurship. RCC met with the leaders of the OECD Programme on Local Economic and Employment Development (LEED) that will assess local development capacity in the Western Balkans. It was agreed that the parties will contribute to sharing of information and closer cooperation over the duration of the project. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional workshop on the Competences for Competitiveness and Private Sector development in the Western Balkans and Turkey organized by ETF on 3-4 March in Budva, Montenegro. <u>RCC role:</u> ensuring consistency of proposed actions with MIPD 2011-2013 priorities and regional needs. General Assembly Meeting of the Association of Balkan Chambers (ABC), 23 - 25 February 2011, Sofia, Bulgaria. <u>RCC role:</u> follow-up on MoU signed with ABC and agreeing on a set of joint actions. 3rd meeting of the WBIF Steering Committee, December 16, 2011, London, UK. <u>RCC role:</u> observer to the steering committee - representing the region. Triple Helix Conference – Sarajevo, 3 February 2011, organized by the OECD and Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina. <u>RCC role:</u> RCC sits on the Steering Committee of the RCI project under which the event was organized.
<p>2. Identifying ways and means for improving access to finance for private sector</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RCC met with the representatives of the Croatian Venture Capital Association (HVCA) and the Croatian Business Angel Network (CRANE) to explore possibilities for wider regional cooperation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No participation at events in this area during the reporting period.
<p>3. Mainstreaming employment and social agenda into economic reform deliberations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RCC has started preparing the roll-out of the process to develop a regional agenda for social policies in SEE – Social Agenda 2020 within the Europe 2020 context. A first regional conference on social issues for the Western Balkans is planned for the second quarter of 2011. RCC agreed with regional partners on co-organizing a regional conference on social entrepreneurship in SEE during 2011. Consultations have been initiated with related authorities of the RCC members. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The first preparatory meeting for the 3rd SEE Ministers of Health Forum "Health in All Policies in the SEE: A Shared Goal and Responsibility", Banja Luka, 17-19 February 2011. <u>RCC role:</u> discussant

<p>4. Promoting the Information Society</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Together with the eSEE secretariat, RCC is coordinating the preparatory work for a ministerial conference during 2011. • Sixth meeting of the South East European Research Area for e-Infrastructures (SEERA-EI). Organized in cooperation with the Ministry of Communication and Transport of Bosnia and Herzegovina. 25-28 January 2010, RCC premises, Sarajevo. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • e-SEE Working Group and b-SEE Taskforce, Zagreb, 7-9 December 2010. <u>RCC role</u>: speaker and advisory. • Board of the Center for e-Governance Development (CeGD), Ljubljana, 16 December 2010. <u>RCC role</u>: decision making. • Second South East Europe Regional e-Health conference (CeGD), Ljubljana, 16-18 February 2011. <u>RCC role</u>: keynote speaker and panellist.
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Priority Area 2: Energy and Infrastructure

Objectives:	Activities organized/co-organized by the RCC	Participation at events organized by other partners/institutions
<p>1. Continue implementation of Sustainable Energy Development Regional Initiative (SEDRI)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assistance of the RCC Secretariat to the next SEECF Presidency that is at the same time SEDRI Task Force Chairmanship. • Held discussions with the GTZ Open Regional Fund for SEE – Energy representatives to explore partnerships on regional activities that are of interest to both organizations. • Held discussions with CEI ES to prepare the second SEDRI TF meeting and explore possibilities for widening the SEDRI scope. • Assisted in providing relevant inputs from SEDRI beneficiaries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings with the representatives of Serbian Ministry of Mining and Energy, Hydro-Meteorological Services, Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (BFPE) – Belgrade, 19 – 20 January 2011 and Danube Media Network (DAMEN)/Sodalitas – Novi Sad, 21 January 2011, organized by these institutions. <u>RCC role</u>: support in profiling and implementing activities of the above mentioned institutions that correspond to the RCC mandate and role recognized by the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013.
<p>2. Explore potential for cooperation with the Energy Community Secretariat</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCC suggested possibilities for further strengthening mutual cooperation with the ECS as well as between the ECS and RENA. • Agreed on meeting with the ECS to explore prospects for further strengthening mutual cooperation and to discuss the most appropriate modes for maintaining the already established cooperation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy Community Workshop on Outcomes of the Study “Emergency Oil Stocks in the Energy Community Level” – Vienna, 1 March 2011, organized by the Energy Community Secretariat. <u>RCC role</u>: monitoring developments and reporting on the oil dimension of the Energy Community and promoting the regional approach in addressing regional energy needs.

3. Contribute to the preparation and implementation of the Danube Region Strategy

- RCC Secretariat organized and hosted the 2nd meeting of the Regional Expert Network on Energy - Sarajevo, 16 December 2010, with the main goal to facilitate its operability, institutionalization and self-sustainability.
 - Exploring possibilities for strengthening cooperation between the RCC Secretariat and RENA Secretariat in order to fill the gaps and avoid overlapping achieving synergy and coherence.
 - Meeting with the representatives of the Center for Energy efficiency of B&H to contribute to mobilization of civil society actors in relation to the EUSDR priority area ``To encourage more sustainable energy`` and strengthening B&H involvement in the EUSDR.
 - Support to the MB IPA Strategy WGs, IFI AGs and WBIF SC as the permanent task.
- **Evaluation meeting of the International Conference on Integrated Environmental Management of the Adriatic/Mediterranean Black Sea Coastal Areas and Danube/Sava River Basins held on 10 – 11 November 2010 in Ljubljana** – Ljubljana, 9 December 2010, organized by the International Center for Promotion of Enterprises. RCC role: supported preparation of inventory of projects to address issues of Integrated Environmental Management of the Adriatic/Mediterranean Black Sea Coastal Areas and Danube/Sava River Basins as well as facilitated endeavors of project proponents to apply for different donors` support.
 - **25th Session of the International Sava River Basin Commission** – Zagreb, 25-26 January 2011, organized by the ISRBC. RCC role: support to the activities of the ISRBC recognized by the MB IPA Infrastructure Sector Plan as one of the most relevant regional cooperation frameworks and by the EUSDR and related AP as one of the key initiatives to support implementation of this strategy.
 - **Consultative meetings with the Slovenian EUSDR National Coordinator, representatives of Environmental Ministry, Chamber of Commerce, International Center for Promotion of Enterprises (ICPE) and European Center for Peace and Development (ECPD)** – Ljubljana, 17 February 2011, organized by these institutions. RCC role: exploring possibilities for enhancing cooperation with the most relevant Slovenian institutions in addressing EUSDR related issues in line with the RCC endeavours to increase consultative process particularly with the National Administrations of the RCC members from SEE.

<p>4. Explore the potential for further development of air services within the region</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting with the Croatia Airlines' representatives, Sarajevo, 28 January 2011, organized by the RCC Secretariat and Croatia Airlines. <u>RCC role</u>: discussed the progress and agree on the next steps in preparing Project Fiche (PF) for the Study on development of air traffic links in the SEE region based on full application and better use of market access in line with the ECAA Agreement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting with the Croatia Airlines' representatives, Zagreb, 23 February 2011, organized by the Croatia Airlines and RCC Secretariat. <u>RCC role</u>: contributed to the preparation of the first draft project proposal on development of air traffic services in SEE. Meetings with representatives of the Croatia Airlines, Sava Commission, Heinrich Boll Stiftung and Human Rights Centre – Zagreb, 23-25 February 2011, organized by these institutions. <u>RCC role</u>: exploring possibilities for strengthening (ISRBC) and establishing mutual cooperation (HBS, HRC) in the areas that correspond to the RCC mandate and role recognized by the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013 Workshop on “ICAO safety and performance”, Skopje, 1-3 March, 2011, organized by ISIS, ICAO and the Civil Aviation Agency of the FYR Macedonia. <u>RCC role</u>: obtained the necessary knowledge and skills regarding the SES regulations in accordance with the RCC’s goal to support the national administrations from SEE to implement SES regulations aimed at increasing their operational capacity to improve safety levels.
<p>5. Contribute to the promotion of road safety</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preparatory meeting with representatives of the Association of Consulting Engineers of BIH (ACE), held on 14 February 2011, in Sarajevo, regarding the organization of the follow-up of the Conference on Road Infrastructure Safety Management, to be held on 20 April 2011. The meeting was organized upon the RCC’s initiative. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Conference on “Building Capacities for PPP in Southeast Europe”, Zagreb, 7-8 February 2011, co-organized with the Croatian Agency for PPP and UNECE. <u>RCC role</u>: contributed to creating the prerequisites for successful preparation and implementation of the cross-border projects using the PPP scheme

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 JHA 2011-2014, and monitoring its implementation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3rd SEE Regional Coordination Conference on Justice, Home Affairs and Security Cooperation and the Meeting of the Steering Group on the Regional Strategic Document – Sarajevo, 30 November - 1 December 2010, organized by the Regional Cooperation Council. <u>RCC role</u>: exerting strategic leadership and guidance in regional cooperation - RCC prepared the documents package and facilitated the debates. • Under the RCC Secretariat coordination, relevant stakeholders and partners finalized the draft of the <i>Regional Strategic Document (RSD)</i> and <i>Action Plan 2011-2013</i>. The text of the Regional Strategic Document (RDS) as well as its Action Plan and the related annexes has been submitted to the SEECF CiO. Document will be offered for endorsement on the SEECF Meeting of the Ministers of Justice and Home Affairs from 16-18 March 2011 in Budva, Montenegro. 	

<p>2. Strengthen judicial and prosecutorial cooperation in criminal matters</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cross-border Surveillance organized by the Secretariat of the Police Cooperation Convention, organized by PCC Secretariat, Skopje, 7 – 10 December 2010. <u>RCC role:</u> Monitoring regional activities-main findings refer to the lack of bilateral agreements for enforcement of tactical measures, corruption risks and incompatible equipment of surveillance units. • Workshop “ILECU Channel Choice Model and Opening Ceremony of the ILECU Montenegro, EU Commission ILECU’s I Project, Podgorica, 9 – 10 December 2010. <u>RCC role:</u> providing regional perspective in EU assistance under IPA-RCC made a presentation of the strategic steps necessary to harmonize ILECU activities with existing regional police and prosecutors’ cooperation framework, (operations, legal provisions, organization) • International Conference: “Unprecedented Wave of Security Vulnerability: Cyber Security threats in SEE” – Zagreb, 14 – 15 December 2010, organized by the RACVIAC. <u>RCC role:</u> representing the region – RCC made a presentation on ensuring cyber security through international cooperation, the role of law enforcement and judicial cooperation. • Meeting of Unit Representatives Responsible for the Fight Against Terrorism, organized by Slovenian Ministry of Interior, Ljubljana, 26-27 January. <u>RCC role:</u> presentation of the regional situation in cooperation against terrorism, monitoring developments and reporting.
<p>3. Support existing initiatives in the area of the fight against corruption</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Meeting of the WINPRO Project of the IPA 2009 Regional Programme, organized by North Ireland NI-CO, Zagreb, 10-11 February 2011. <u>RCC role:</u> monitoring developments and reporting. • 2nd Meeting of the Western Balkan Initiative on the Police Developmental Aid – organized by German Federal Criminal Police, Berlin, 17 February 2011. <u>RCC role:</u> RCC is a member of the network having role to integrate and disseminate information related to the regional projects. • Workshop III on the Implementing of the European Pact to combat international drug trafficking-heroin route (Better coordination of technical cooperation activities) – organized by German Federal Criminal Police, Berlin, 18 February 2011 by the German Federal Criminal Police. <u>RCC role:</u> Monitoring of the regional cooperation activities concerning the heroin trafficking in the Balkan route and reporting.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With RCC Secretariat conceptual and financial support, Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative (RAI) has established the European network of integrity institutions responsible for conflict of interest prevention and assets declaration named "<i>Integrity Experts Network</i>" (IEN), Tirana, 20-21 January 2011. The Network is envisaged to serve as a platform for policy making, exchange of information, experience and best practices between the practitioners in the area on focus and it will function under RAI Secretariat support, guidance and coordination. The IEN Secretariat functions would be managed by RAI Secretariat. RCC role: exerting strategic leadership and guidance in regional cooperation. 	
<p>4. Support MARRI in strengthening its capacity</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MARRI Ceremony of signing Memorandum of Understanding on substantiality of established cooperation network between Border Police Units on International Airport Border Crossing Points in MARRI MS – Belgrade, 21 December 2010. <u>RCC role</u>: representing the region. • Meeting of the SEECF Heads of Consular Services, organized by Montenegrin CiO, 19 January 2011 Podgorica. RCC role: initiating the process, monitoring developments and reporting.
<p>5. Initiate regional cooperation in private and civil law matters and in protection of fundamental rights</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting on regional co-operation project under the IPA on the protection of minority rights in the Western Balkans – Becici, 6 – 7 December 2010, organized by the Council of Europe and European Commission. <u>RCC role</u>: providing regional perspective in EU assistance under IPA – RCC presented the rule of law and protection of fundamental human rights dimension of non-discrimination, monitoring of developments and reporting.

Priority Area 4: Security Cooperation

Objectives:	Activities organized/co-organized by the RCC	Participation at events organized by other partners/institutions
<p>1. Facilitate and support development of regional mechanisms with low-cost activities and high impact on confidence building</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCC Secretariat held consultations with defence and security institutions in BiH and Slovenia, concentrated on the first meeting of the Heads of National authorities on Information security (SEENAI), implementation of the SEEMIC Statement, the first meeting of the Heads of Counter Intelligence Agencies from SEE (SEECIM), and Defence Policy Directors Meeting (SEEDPD). • RCC Secretariat held consultations with RACVIAC Leadership in December on the cooperation in the security field between the two organizations. Special attention was given to the planning, and organization of the Meeting of Defence Procurement Directors from SEE Countries under the auspices of NATO. RACVIAC Management will draft a concept of the Meeting and coordinate it with RCC, SEECIP CiO and NATO. • Several meetings took place in Sarajevo with the BiH MoD MI in preparation of the Third SEEMIC and the SEEMIC WG meetings. All aspects of the further implementation of SEEMIC were discussed. A Protocol on open source intelligence (Osint) exchange in implementation of the Statement on cooperation among the Military Intelligence institutions of the Members of RCC from SEE was drafted and distributed to MI from SEE Countries for consideration. • Consultations for launching the SEE Forum of the Heads of Classified Information Agencies were conducted both with the EU structures, such as the General Secretariat of the Council and the External Action Service, and with the NATO's Euro-Atlantic Integration and Partnership Directorate, NATO Office for Security (NOS), as well as with the Political Affairs and Security Policy Division. The agreement for ensuring the co-patronage of the Forum has been given by Council's Security Office and NOS. In parallel, the coordination with the Bulgarian hosts of the first meeting of the Heads of Classified Information Agencies continued and a small Task Force team has been formed to supervise and initiate the drafting of the agenda • The good cooperation with the General Secretariat of the EU Council continued on other subjects related to the security cooperation priority area of the RCC's strategy and work programme 2011-2013, such as the SEE Forum of the Chiefs of Military Intelligence and SEE Forum of the Chiefs of Counter-intelligence. • Meetings were held with EU and NATO Members States Germany (Counter-intelligence LO in Brussels) and Romania (Head of the National Registry for Classified Information) for the two initiatives that are to be launched in the next period. • A meeting was organized with the Vice-Chair of the European Parliament (EP) Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET), Vice-Chair of the Delegation for the relations with NATO Parliamentary Assembly and member of the Subcommittee on Security and Defence about presenting the RCC Strategy and Work Program 2011-2013. • The RCC representatives met several times the Chairman of the NATO SEEGROUP, together with the NATO International Secretariat's staff coordinating the activity of this group related to SEE region, and discussed the RCC SWP 2011-2013, as well as the support that RCC Secretariat could offer to the BiH Chairmanship of the SEEGROUP in 2011. A briefing was organized to the SEEGROUP members on the activities planned for the RCC SWP in 2011. 	

<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">2. Continue its work towards establishment of regional structures for disaster risk reduction, in cooperation with international partners</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCC Secretariat held consultations with Civil protection institutions in Croatia and Slovenia. The future work of DPPI was discussed in view of the upcoming (DPPI SEE) Extraordinary Regional Meeting. • On his request a meeting took place with the Assistant Minister – Civil Protection Sector of the Ministry of Security of BiH. Detailed discussion on the DPPI management and future development took place. It was agreed that a meeting with representative of the Balkan Institute for Risk Assessment and Emergency Management will be initiated. It was mutually accepted that there is a need of organising a in-depth discussion among the Heads of the CP Agencies signatories of MoU of DPPI in March 2011, which should outline the future activities of DPPI and measures to be taken to strengthen DPPI Secretariat capacity. A mutual assessment was made of the DPPI Secretariat work in the previous two years. RCC representative underlined RCC Secretariat role and commitment stipulated in the RCC SWP in the field of Disaster Risk Reduction. In this respect the synergy of efforts will be further strengthened among RCC Secretariat and DPPI CiO in achieving these mutually acceptable goals. • RCC Secretariat was visited by WMO and UNDP representatives. Discussion on the final phase of implementation of the joint UNDP and WMO project “Regional Programme on Disaster Risk Reduction in South-East Europe” aimed to building capacity in disaster risk reduction through regional cooperation and collaboration in South Eastern Europe. RCC representative pointed out that although WMO and UNDP representatives declared several times last year readiness to submit to RCC the project text its amendments and intermediate reports this was not done and RCC has no information how the project was implemented and what is the positive effect of it. It was pointed out that the mandate of RCC is to monitor regional activities and to report to RCC Board of their effectiveness and issues of duplication of efforts. The representatives of WMO and UNDP once again declared that they will keep effective contact with RCC and will submit the necessary information especially with respect of the second Project that WMO has been awarded by the EC on Building Resilience to disaster in the Western Balkans and Turkey to be implemented 2011 onwards. • The RCC representatives met several times the coordinator of the IPA-MB programs in the Disaster Risk Reduction and EU Civil Protection Mechanism areas from the DG ECHO and IPA – MB program coordinator for Environment and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Working Group from the DG ENLARG as part of the periodical consultations and strategic planning for future activities, in particular those related to the implementation of the RCC SWP 2011-2013 and related to the strategic choices of the region for the IPA MB programs 2011-2013. • Issues related to the future implementation of the EU project ‘Building Resilience to Disasters in the Western Balkans and Turkey’ were discussed with the Brussels Head of Regional Office for Europe of the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR). The expectations on both sides and the role of RCC in the implementation of the program were defined and mutually accepted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RCC Secretariat took part in the Disaster Preparedness and Prevention Initiative for South Eastern Europe (DPPI SEE) Extraordinary Regional Meeting in BiH held in December 2010. <u>Role of RCC</u> Monitored regional initiative activity as a member of the Regional meeting, presented RCC view on the future development of DPPI and implementation of UNDP DRR project. • The RCC representative participated in the Inception meeting IPA-MB Program on Civil Protection Cooperation for the candidate countries and potential candidates, and actively engaged in the discussions related to a more strategic coordination and planning at both national and regional level.
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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"> RCC Secretariat representatives met with representatives of EC DG Enlargement and with representative of CoE Secretariat on several occasions. The subject of the meetings was current state of play as well as the next steps to be taken with the aim of establishment effective regional mechanism for continuation of the Ljubljana Process. In the light of the establishment of the TF Culture and Society, Ministers of Culture from SEE, RCC, European Commission and Council of Europe, nominated their representatives to the membership of the Task Force. During the SEECF Informal Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, held in Budva on 28 January, the Protocol between the Government of Montenegro and the Regional Cooperation Council Secretariat on the Host Country Arrangements for the Secretariat of the Regional Cooperation Council Task Force on Culture and Society was signed. Panel for selection of the candidates for the posts in the Secretariat of the RCC Task Force on Culture and Society, comprised of the representatives of the European Commission, Council of Europe, and RCC Secretariat, adjourned on 15 and 16 February in Sarajevo. After interviewing short-listed candidates and taking careful consideration of the competences of the candidates on the basis of previously agreed criteria, the Panel ranked the best candidates for each position and presented the list to the RCC Secretary General, who made a Decision on the appointment of 3 members of the TF Secretariat. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Round Table meeting of the RCC Secretary General with the Directorate of Culture and Cultural and Natural Heritage of Council of Europe, held on 11 January. <u>RCC role:</u> Strengthening cooperation of two Secretariats in the process of establishment a mechanism for coordination of the second phase of Ljubljana Process, assessing the possibilities for improving cooperation in other fields of joint interest.
<p>2. Support to education reform, with emphasis on higher education</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring coordination meetings on the “Building Capacity for Structural Reform in Higher Education of Western Balkan Countries” - STREW Project. During the reporting period the meetings have been held with partner institutions in the beneficiary countries. The aim of the meetings was to define and concretize working packages for each partner institution, receive the input from the partners on their expectations of the project, discuss the actual issues on management of parts of the grant which will be allocated to partners. Regional Workshop for Senior Officials and Experts on Cooperation around Clusters of Knowledge, Sarajevo, 14 – 15 December 2010, organized by the Task Force Fostering and Building Human Capital of the Regional Cooperation Council and hosted by the Regional Cooperation Council Secretariat. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting of the RCC Secretary General with the Director of Education and Languages of CoE, 11 January. <u>RCC role:</u> Possibilities of enhancing coordination between two Secretariats in elaborating and developing joint projects in the area of education. Meeting of the Head of BHC Unit with Director of European Training Foundation in Turin on 10 February. <u>RCC Role:</u> discussing modalities for fostering regional cooperation in the area of human capital in SEE; sharing information on the objectives and activities planned for 2011.

<p>3. Development of Regional Strategy for Research and Development for Innovation for the Western Balkans</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the area of science and research, the RCC Secretariat's continued consultations with the members of the Coordination Body of the project <i>Regional Strategy for Research and Development for Innovation for the Western Balkans</i>. Project will be launched in the second part of 2011. The RCC addressed the World Bank, as the Contracting Authority of the project, for organization of the preparatory meeting of the Coordination Body for start-up of the project, envisaged for spring 2011. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting of the RCC Task Force Building Human Capital leadership, held in Zagreb on 19 January. <u>RCC role:</u> Exchange of information on the activities of joint concern; coordinating regional cooperation; explaining the concept of planned Western Balkans Donor Coordination Conference (31 March 2011, Brussels)
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Priority Area 6: Parliamentary Cooperation

Objectives:	Activities organized/co-organized by the RCC	Participation at events organized by other partners/institutions
<p>1. Assisting the development of the Parliamentary dimension of the SEECF</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parliamentary seminar on: 'Role of the parliaments in the Legislative Processes and in the Oversight of the Governments', Sarajevo, 23 – 24 February 2011, organized by the European Parliament in cooperation with the RCC Secretariat. 	
<p>2. Assisting the institutionalization of the Cetinje Parliamentary Forum</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Head of BHC Unit met on 22 February with the Secretary General of Montenegrin Parliament. Counterparts discussed modalities for strengthening the role of CPF in fostering regional parliamentary cooperation. It was concluded that excellent opportunity in this endeavour is the upcoming Regional Meeting: Role of National Parliaments in Negotiations for the EU Accession, which will take place at the premises of the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) Secretariat in Sarajevo on 17 and 18 March 2011. 	

ANNEX II

Future Activities of the RCC Secretariat

Covering the period March – May 2011

Priority area 1: Economic and Social Development

Nr.	TITLE	ORGANIZER	PERIOD	LOCATION	MAIN TOPICS	ACTIONS IMPLEMENTED FROM THE WORK PROGRAM
1.	Western Balkans Donor Coordination Conference	RCC with the support of the USAID and EC	30-31 March 2011	Brussels, Belgium	Conference to help coordinate regional donor efforts and programs and offer possible regional programs for prospective donor financing	Providing regional perspective in donor assistance
2.	Western Balkans in 2020 Project Group meeting	RCC/	April 2011	TBD	Review and finalize documents and possible implementation arrangements of the Western Balkans in 2020 Project	Exerting strategic leadership in regional cooperation
3.	Meetings of the SEE Investment Committee	RCC/	May 2011	TBD	Regular meeting of the SEEIC to review progress and determine next steps	Transfer and management of SEEIC

4.	Preparatory meeting for the Ministerial on Investment	RCC/	May 2011	TBD		Transfer and management of SEEIC
5.	Social Agenda 2020 Meetings	RCC/	May 2011	TBD		Mainstreaming employment and social agenda into economic reform deliberations

Priority area 2: Energy and Infrastructure

Nr.	TITLE	ORGANIZER	PERIOD	LOCATION	MAIN TOPICS	ACTIONS IMPLEMENTED FROM THE WORK PROGRAM
1.	Possible workshop for Parliamentary Committee responsible for Energy representatives from one of the RCC members from SEE	RCC/ECS	2011 1 st semester	TBD	Tailor-made workshop to build capacities of Parliamentarians and their technical support services on Energy Community and related global challenges and facilitate law-making process	Explore potential for cooperation with the Energy Community Secretariat (ECS)
2.	Follow up of the Conference on Road Infrastructure Safety Management	RCC/Min. of Communication and Transport of BiH/ACE	2011 20 April	Sarajevo	Conference to analyze road safety situation in the region and review legal framework on critical road safety issues	Contribute to promotion of road safety

Priority area 3: Justice and Home Affairs

Nr.	TITLE	ORGANIZER	PERIOD	LOCATION	MAIN TOPICS	ACTIONS IMPLEMENTED FROM THE WORK PROGRAM
1.	2010 Bled Conference on Stolen Vehicles	RCC/SEPCA	2011 April	TBD Sarajevo preferred		Strengthen judicial and prosecutorial cooperation in criminal matters
2.	Meeting of Directors of National Institutions and Agencies for combating against corruption and organized crime	RCC proposal Org. Montenegro CiO SEECF	2011 May			Support the existing initiatives in the area of fighting against corruption

Priority area 4: Security Cooperation

Nr.	TITLE	ORGANIZER	PERIOD	LOCATION	MAIN TOPICS	ACTIONS IMPLEMENTED FROM THE WORK PROGRAM
1.	SEESIAM – First meeting of the Head of National Security Authorities (NSA's) from SEE	RCC/NSA Bulgaria	9 – 13 May 2011	Sofia, Bulgaria		Facilitate and support development of regional mechanisms in the area of security

Priority area 5: Building Human Capital and Parliamentary Cooperation

Nr.	TITLE	ORGANIZER	PERIOD	LOCATION	MAIN TOPICS	ACTIONS IMPLEMENTED FROM THE WORK PROGRAM
1.	Science and Research: Preparatory meeting for the launch of Regional Strategy for Research and Development for Innovation for the Western Balkans*	RCC/WB	March or April 2011	TBD	Preparatory meeting for the launch of Regional Strategy for Research and Development for Innovation for the Western Balkans	Development of Regional Strategy for Research and Development for Innovation for the Western Balkans
2.	Culture: Opening of the TF Secretariat and inaugural meeting of the RCC TF on Culture and Society in Cetinje	RCC/RCC TF Culture and Society	22-23 March 2011	Cetinje, Montenegro	Opening of the TF Secretariat and inaugural meeting of the RCC TF on Culture and Society in Cetinje	Taking over coordination of Ljubljana Process
3.	Parliamentary Cooperation: Meeting of the representatives of national parliaments on a project proposal within domain of parliamentary cooperation to be funded through MB IPA	RCC/EC	17 – 18 March 2011	Sarajevo, RCC premises	Meeting of the representatives of national parliaments on a project proposal within domain of parliamentary cooperation to be funded through MB IPA	Assisting the development of the parliamentary dimension of the SEECIP

*Events to be further discussed and confirmed

ANNEX III

LIST OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS ATTENDED BY THE RCC SECRETARY GENERAL AND THE RCC SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS IN THE PERIOD FROM 4 DECEMBER 2010 TO 4 MARCH 2011

- Meeting with the Founder and Chairman of MIT Media Lab and the Founder and Chairman of the Association One Laptop per Child (OLPC) - Brussels, 6 December 2010 (Head of Liaison Office)
- IPA 2010 Conference: Sustainable Results and Impacts and Specialist meeting on IPA cross-border cooperation in Western Balkan Countries – Brussels, 6 – 7 December 2010, organized by the EC (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool, Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Liaison Office Advisor)
- Meeting on regional co-operation project under the IPA on the protection of minority rights in the Western Balkans – Bécici, 6 – 7 December 2010, organized by the Council of Europe (Senior Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)
- Participation in the Forum for European local decision makers and stakeholders “Concerto Forum” - Brussels 6 - 7 December 2010 (Liaison Office Advisor)
- eSEE Working Group and bSEE Task Force meetings – Zagreb, 7 – 9 December 2010, organized by the Ministry of the Sea, Transport and Infrastructure of the Republic of Croatia, UNDP and HAKOM (Expert on Economic and Social Development)
- Western Balkans Cross- Border Surveillance Exercise – Skopje, 7 – 10 December 2010, organized by the PCC SEE (Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)
- Meeting with former Director General in the EC - Brussels, 7 December 2010 (Head of Liaison Office)
- Meeting with the Head of the Mission of Albania to the EU - Brussels, 7 December 2010 (Head of Liaison Office)
- Participation in the Cross-Border Cooperation between Western Balkans Countries, European Commission - Brussels, 7 December 2010 (Deputy Secretary General, Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Liaison Office Advisor)
- Participation in the European Forum for Democracy and Solidarity, Council Meeting - Brussels, 7 December 2010 (Deputy Secretary General, Liaison Office Advisor)
- Meeting with the Head of Unit, DG Internal Market and Services, Internal Coordination Officer, Enlargement Desk Officers, External aspects of the Internal Market, European Commission - Brussels, 8 December 2010 (Head of Liaison Office, Liaison Office Advisor)
- Meeting with the Deputy Chief of the Greek Embassy to Belgium – Brussels, 8 December 2010 (Head of Liaison Office)
- Meeting with the Secretary General of the EPP - Brussels, 8 December 2010 (Head of Liaison Office)

- Participation in the European Policy Summit *"Beating the Balkans blues"* - Brussels, 9 December 2010 (Secretary General, Head of LO, Special Envoy of SG for relations with the EU Presidency, Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Spokesperson, Liaison Office Advisors)
- Participation in a Conference dedicated to the former Legal Counsel of the GSC - Brussels, 9 December 2010 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Meeting with the Commissioner for Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy Brussels, 9 December 2010 (Secretary General, Head of LO, Special Envoy of SG for relations with the EU Presidency, Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Liaison Office Advisor)
- Meeting with Deputy Director of RACVIAC – Sarajevo, 9 December 2010 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool)
- Conference *"The Impact of EU Integration on Democracy and Constitution"* – Sarajevo, 9 December 2010, organized by the Konrad Adenauer (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool)
- Opening Ceremony of the ILECU project in Podgorica, Montenegro – Podgorica, 9 – 10 December 2010 (Senior Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)
- Meeting with an Advisor on the Western Balkans to the EU High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy - Brussels, 10 December 2010 (Secretary General, Head of LO, Special Envoy of SG for relations with the EU Presidency, Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Liaison Office Advisor)
- CeGD Supervisory Board meeting – Ljubljana, 10 December 2010 (Senior Expert on Economic and Social Development)
- Evaluation meeting of the International Conference on Integrated Environmental Management of the Adriatic/Mediterranean Black Sea Coastal Areas and Danube/Sava River Basins held on 10 – 11 November 2010 – Ljubljana, 9 December 2010, organized by the International Center for Promotion of Enterprises (Senior Expert on Energy and Infrastructure)
- Lecture at the Post-Graduate Course in European Studies, Center for Interdisciplinary Studies, University of Sarajevo – Sarajevo, 11 December 2010 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of the Expert Pool)
- Meeting with the Director General for Enlargement, Brussels, 13 December 2010 (Secretary General, Head of Liaison Office, Special Envoy of SG for relations with the EU Presidency, Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Liaison Office Advisor)
- Meeting with the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Tadjikistan - Brussels, 13 December 2010 (Head of Liaison Office)
- Extraordinary DPPI SEE Regional meeting – Sarajevo, 13 – 14 December 2010 (Senior Expert on Security Issues)
- Meeting with academic Professor – Sarajevo, 13 December 2010 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool)

- Meeting with the representative of the Gea College of Entrepreneurship, Sarajevo, 13 December 2010 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool and Expert on Economic and Social Development)
- Meeting with the EC Deputy Director-General for Enlargement – Brussels, 14 December 2010 (Secretary General)
- Meeting with representatives of TRADUKI regional office in Sarajevo – Sarajevo, 14 December 2010 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool)
- Regional Workshop for Senior Officials and Experts on Cooperation around Clusters of Knowledge – Sarajevo, 14 – 15 December 2010, organized by the Task Force Fostering and Building Human Capital of the Regional Cooperation Council and hosted by the Regional Cooperation Council Secretariat (Senior Expert on Building Human Capital and Cross-Cutting Issues and Junior Political Advisor)
- Meeting with a Director of DG Agriculture of the EC - Brussels, 15 December 2010 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Meeting with the Commissioner for Regional policy, Brussels, 15 December 2010 (Secretary General, Head of Liaison Office, Special Envoy of SG for relations with the EU Presidency, Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Liaison Office Advisor)
- Public lecture, in organization of the Belgian EU Presidency and the EGMONT Institute, on the topic "The Regional Cooperation Council in South East Europe and the EU" - Brussels, 15 December 2010 (Secretary General, Head and Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Special Envoy of the RCC Secretary General for Relations with the Presidency of the EU, Liaison Office Advisor)
- Conference of National Councils of the European Movement in the SEE – Podgorica, 15 December 2010, organized by the European Movement Montenegro (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool)
- Conference: "Unprecedented Wave of Security Vulnerability: Cyber Security threats in SEE" – Zagreb, 14 – 15 December 2010, organized by the RACVIAC (Senior Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)
- 2nd meeting of the Regional Expert Network on Energy – Sarajevo, 16 December 2010, organized by the Regional Cooperation Council Secretariat (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool and Senior Expert on Energy and Infrastructure)
- Western Balkans Investment Framework Steering Committee – London, 16 – 17 December 2010, organized by the Ministry of Finance of Czech Republic and EC (Senior Expert on Economic and Social Development)
- Lecture at the Master Program Interdisciplinary Balkan Studies, University of Vienna – Vienna, 18 December 2010 (Deputy Secretary General/ Head of the Expert Pool)
- Meeting representatives of the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Bulgaria – Sofia, 20 December 2010 (Senior Expert on Security Cooperation)
- Participation at the briefing organized by EuroComment on the results of the December EU summit - Brussels, 20 December 2010 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Liaison Office Advisor)

- Meeting with the ambassadors of the countries of the SEE region accredited to EU and NATO - Brussels, 20 December 2010 (Head of LO, Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Liaison Office Advisor)
- MARRI Ceremony of signing Memorandum of Understanding on substantiality of established cooperation network between Border Police Units on International Airport Border Crossing Points in MARRI member countries – Belgrade, 21 December 2010 (Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)
- Meeting with the Second Secretary, Mission of the Republic of Serbia to the EU - Brussels, 22 December 2010 (Liaison Office Advisor)
- Meeting with the Head of Mission of Croatia to the European Union - Brussels, 5 January 2011 (Liaison Office Advisor)
- Meeting with the Head of Ukraine Mission to EU - Brussels, 5 January 2011 (Head of Liaison Office)
- Meeting with NATO's director on Euro-Atlantic Integration and Partnership for presenting the planned steps in implementing the RCC Strategy and work program 2011-2013 and requesting support in launching the initiative on SEE Heads of Classified Information Agencies – Brussels, 5 January 2011 (Expert on Security Cooperation)
- Meeting with the Council of the EU – External Action Service for the overall activities in the area of Security Cooperation, Justice and Home affairs according to the Strategy and Work program for 2011-2013 – Brussels, 7 January 2011 (Expert on Security Cooperation)
- Meeting NATO's staff in Euro-Atlantic Integration and Partnership directorate for discussing details of the planned steps in implementing the RCC Strategy and work program 2011-2013 and requesting support in launching the initiative on SEE Heads of Classified Information Agencies – Brussels, 10 January 2011 (Expert on Security Cooperation)
- Visit to the Council of Europe - Meeting with the Secretary General of the Council of Europe – Strasbourg, 11 January 2011 (Secretary General, Senior Expert on Building Human Capital and Cross – Cutting Issues)
- Participation in a conference organized by CEPS: 'Climate Change policy post-Cancún' - Brussels, 12 January 2011 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Meeting with the Council of the EU – External Action Service for identifying the most appropriate structure for assisting the launching and the implementation of the initiative on SEE Heads of Classified Information Agencies – Brussels, 12 January 2011 (Expert on Security Cooperation)
- Briefing by the German Ambassador to NATO on the new challenges ahead for the Allies after the Lisbon NATO summit – Brussels, 13 January 2011 (Expert on Security Cooperation)
- Participation in EPC Policy Dialogue: 'The European economy in 2011' - Brussels, 13 January 2011 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Meeting with the Head of Unit DG Regio - Brussels, 13 January 2011 (Head of Liaison Office)

- Meeting the EU Member States Intelligence Directorate for presenting the planned steps in implementing the RCC Strategy and work program 2011-2013 and requesting support in launching the Counter-Intelligence Forum – Brussels, 14 January 2011 (Expert on Security Cooperation)
- Meeting the NATO staff in Political Affairs and Security Policy Division for discussing details of the planned steps in implementing the RCC Strategy and work program 2011-2013 and requesting support in launching the initiative on SEE Heads of Classified Information Agencies – Brussels, 17 January 2011 (Expert on Security Cooperation)
- Meeting with the EFTA Director of Administration - Brussels, 17 January 2011 (Head of Liaison Office, Liaison Office Advisor)
- Meeting with the EEAS desk officer for RCC - Brussels, 18 January 2011 (Liaison Office Advisor)
- Meeting with the Head of Operational Sector Thematic Policies, DG Regional Policy - Brussels, 18 January 2011 (Liaison Office Advisor)
- Meeting with the Ambassador of Greece to Belgium - Brussels, 19 January 2011 (Head of Liaison Office)
- Meeting of the RCC Task Force Building Human Capital leadership – Zagreb, 19 January 2011 (Senior Expert on Building Human Capital and Cross-Cutting Issues)
- Meeting of the South East European Cooperation Process (SEEC) Heads of Consular Services “Visa policy of the SEEC participating countries” and “Possibilities of mutual representation in consular matters (visa issuance and consular protection) in third countries” – Podgorica, 19 January 2011, organized by the Montenegrin Chairmanship-in-Office of SEEC (Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)
- Meeting the Head of the Romanian Registry Office for Classified Information – Brussels, 19 January 2011 (Expert on Security Cooperation)
- Meetings with the representatives of Serbian Ministry of Mining and Energy, Hydro-Meteorological Services, Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (BFPE) – Belgrade, 19 – 20 and Danube Media Network (DAMEN)/Sodalitas – Novi Sad, 21 January 2011 (Senior Expert on Energy and Infrastructure)
- Meeting with the General Secretariat of the Council of the EU – Security Office for the launching of the SEE Forum of the Heads of Classified information Agencies – Brussels, 20 January 2011 (Expert on Security Cooperation)
- Meeting with the Head of Albanian Mission to the EU - Brussels, 20 January 2011 (Head of Liaison Office)
- Meeting the EU Member States Intelligence Directorate for the feed-back in requesting support in launching the Counter-Intelligence Forum – Brussels, 21 January 2011 (Expert on Security Cooperation)
- Workshop “Conflict of Interest Prevention, Tools and Measures” – Tirana, 20 – 21 January 2011, organized by the Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative (Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)

- Meeting with representatives of the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung – Sarajevo, 21 January 2011 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool, Senior Expert on Economic and Social Development and Expert on Economic and Social Development)
- Meeting with the Representative Greek Orthodox Church in the EU – Brussels, 21 January 2011 (Head of Liaison Office)
- Participation in a conference organized by S&D Agenda: 'Securing Europe's energy infrastructure and preparation' - Brussels, 24 January 2011 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Meeting with the Head of Mission of Serbia to the EU - Brussels, 24 January 2011 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Meeting with the Head of Unit Horizontal matters DG Home for presenting the planned steps in implementing the RCC Strategy and work program 2011-2013 and requesting support in meeting the Albanian MARRI Presidency and MARRI Center – Brussels, 24 January 2011 (Expert on Security Cooperation)
- 2nd meeting of the Education Committee of the European Association of Public Service Media in South East Europe, Ankara, 24-25 January 2011 (Spokesperson)
- Meeting with the Vice-Chair of the European Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET), Vice-Chair of the Delegation for the relations with NATO Parliamentary Assembly and member of the Subcommittee on Security and Defence about the RCC Strategy and Work Program – Brussels, 25 January 2011 (Expert on Security Cooperation)
- Participation in EPC Policy Briefing 'Towards competitive, sustainable and secure energy' with the Commissioner for Energy - Brussels, 25 January 2011 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Meeting with the Head of Mission of FYR of Macedonia to the EU – Brussels, 25 January 2011 (Head of Liaison Office)
- The sixth meeting of the South East European Research Area for e-Infrastructure (SEERA-EI) – Sarajevo, 25 – 28 January 2011, organized by the Ministry of Communication and Transport of Bosnia and Herzegovina and hosted by the Regional Cooperation Council Secretariat (Expert on Economic and Social Development)
- 25th Session of the International Sava River Basin Commission – Zagreb, 25 - 26 January 2011 (Senior Expert on Energy and Infrastructure)
- Meeting with the European Commission's Head of Visa Section, DG Home, in preparation for the meetings with the Albanian MARRI Presidency and MARRI Center – Brussels, 26 January 2011 (Expert on Security Cooperation)
- Meeting with representatives of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and United National Development Programme (UNDP) on Disaster Preparedness Projects – Sarajevo, 26 January 2011 (Senior Expert on Security Issues)
- Opening speech at the Meeting of the South East European Research Area for eInfrastructure – Sarajevo, 26 January 2011 (Secretary General)
- Participation in a Debate in CEPS: 'Voting Behaviour in the European Parliament' - Brussels, 26 January 2011 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office)

- 2nd Police Cooperation Convention for South East Europe Secretariat (PCC SEE) Implementation Programme Way Ahead Meeting – Ljubljana, 26 – 27 January 2011, organized by the PCC SEE Secretariat (Senior Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)
- Meeting of the Unit Representatives Responsible for the Fight Against Terrorism – Ljubljana, 26-27 January 2011, organized by the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Slovenia (Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)
- Meeting of the SEECF Political Directors – Budva, 27 January 2011 (Secretary General, Expert on Parliamentary Cooperation)
- Meeting with SIDA representatives – Sarajevo, 27 January 2011 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool and Expert on Economic and Social Development)
- Meeting with Military Intelligence representatives – Sarajevo, 27 January 2011 (Senior Expert on Security Issues)
- Meeting with Head of Military Intelligence of the Ministry of Defence of Bosnia and Herzegovina – Sarajevo, 27 January 2011 (Senior Expert on Security Issues)
- Participation in EPC Policy Briefing: 'Turkey-EU relations-where next?' with the Turkish minister of EU affairs - Brussels, 27 January 2011 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Informal meeting of the SEECF Ministers of Foreign Affairs – Becici, 27 - 28 January 2011, organized by the Montenegrin Chairmanship-in-Office of SEECF (Secretary General, Senior Expert on Building Human Capital and Cross-Cutting Issues and Expert on Parliamentary Cooperation)
- Meeting with representatives of the Croatia Airlines – Sarajevo, 28 January 2011 (Senior Expert on Energy and Infrastructure and Expert on Infrastructure)
- Meeting with the coordinator of the IPA-MB programs in the Disaster Risk Reduction and EU Civil Protection Mechanism areas from the DG ECHO related to the future inception meeting in a IPA-MB 2009 program – Brussels, 28 January 2011 (Expert on Security Cooperation)
- Meeting with the Director-General on JHA, General Secretariat of the Council of the EU, for presenting the planned steps in implementing the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013 and requesting support in meeting the Albanian MARRI Presidency and MARRI Center – Brussels, 28 January 2011 (Expert on Security Cooperation)
- Participation in the meeting organized by the Baden-Wurttemberg Representation in Brussels to provide information on the process of the adoption of the EU Strategy for Danube - Brussels, 28 January 2011 (Liaison Office Advisor)
- Meeting with the Danube Civil Society Forum Representative - Brussels, 28 January 2011 (Liaison Office Advisor)
- Political consultations - Meeting with the Secretary of State/MFA of Romania – Bucharest, 31 January 2011 (Secretary General, Expert on Parliamentary Cooperation)
- Meeting with IFI Coordination Office and ISIS Secretariat - Brussels, 31 January 2011 (Liaison Office Advisor)

- Participation in EPC Policy Briefing: 'The European External Action Service - a new impetus for EU foreign policy?' - Brussels, 31 January 2011 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Liaison Office Advisor)
- Lecture on Regional Cooperation and Role of the RCC at the Diplomatic Academy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia – Belgrade, 31 January 2011 (Deputy Secretary General)
- Meeting with the Coordinator in the Team for Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction, Office of the Deputy Prime Minister for European Integration, Government of Serbia; with the Researcher&Consultant from the Institute of Social Sciences, and with the Secretary General of the European Movement in Serbia – Belgrade, 31 January 2011 (Deputy Secretary General)
- Meeting with the Assistant Minister, Labour Department, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, Serbia - Belgrade, 1 February 2011 (Deputy Secretary General)
- Meeting with the Assistant Minister, Employment Department, Ministry of Economy and Regional Development, Serbia – Belgrade, 1 February 2011 (Deputy Secretary General)
- Meeting with the RCC Desk Officer, DG Enlargement – Brussels, 1 February 2011 (Liaison Office Advisor)
- Meeting with the former Deputy Special Coordinator for the Stability pact - Brussels, 1 February 2011 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Liaison Office Advisor)
- Meeting with representatives of the Center for Energy Efficiency of B&H – Sarajevo, 1 February 2011 (Senior Expert on Energy and Infrastructure)
- Meeting with the Council of the EU – External Action Service representative for RCC in preparation of the meeting with the Deputy Director-General on Security, Safety and Communication and Information Systems, General Secretariat of the Council of the EU, for launching the Forum of the SEE Heads of Classified information agencies – Brussels, 2 February 2011 (Expert on Security Cooperation)
- Meeting with the representative of the Ministry of Defence of Bosnia and Herzegovina with reference to the SEEMIC WG agenda – Sarajevo, 2 February 2011 (Senior Expert on Security Issues)
- Political consultations – Meeting with representatives of the Government of Hellenic Republic– Athens, 2 February 2011 (Secretary General, Expert on Parliamentary Cooperation)
- Meeting with the Executive Director of Association of the units of local self-government, ZELS, FyROM - Brussels, 2 February 2011 (Liaison Office Advisor)
- Meeting with the Ambassador of Montenegro to the European Union - Brussels, 2 February 2011 (Liaison Office Advisor)
- Meeting with the Head of the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) Office in Sarajevo, 3 February 2011 (Liaison Office Advisor)

- Participation in a conference organized by Friends of Europe: 'Securing the EU energy supply' - Brussels, 2 February 2011 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Meeting with the MEP, Member of the AFET - Brussels, 3 February 2011 (Liaison Office Advisor)
- Meeting with the Senior Evaluator, of "Thematic evaluation of EU's support to civil society in the Western Balkans and Turkey" - Brussels, 3 February 2011 (Liaison Office Advisor)
- Participation in a debate organized by Friedrich Ebert Stiftung: 'Next stop: Brussels - Future of Bosnia-Herzegovina lies in European integration' - Brussels, 3 February 2011 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Meeting with the Mayor of Corfu - 3 February 2011 (Head of Liaison Office)
- Meeting with the Deputy Director-General on Security, Safety and Communication and Information Systems, General Secretariat of the Council of the EU, for launching the Forum of the SEE Heads of Classified information agencies – Brussels, 3 February 2011 (Expert on Security Cooperation)
- Meeting with NATO staff from the Euro-Atlantic Integration and Partnership Directorate and Political Affairs and Security Policy Division for preparing the discussions with NATO Office for Security, Brussels, 3 February 2011 (Expert on Security Cooperation)
- Triple Helix Conference – Sarajevo, 3 February 2011, organized by the OECD and Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool and Senior Expert on Economic and Social Development)
- Consultations with the Head of the Military Branch, EU Member States Intelligence (MS INT) Directorate for the SEE Military Intelligence Forum – Brussels, 4 February 2011 (Expert on Security Cooperation)
- Presentation of the RCC work programme to the European Commission's stagiers field trip to Bosnia and Herzegovina – Sarajevo, 4 February 2011 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool, Senior Expert on Economic and Social Development and Senior Expert on Building Human Capital and Cross-Cutting Issues)
- Meeting with representative of the Ministry of Defence of Bosnia and Herzegovina with reference to SEEMIC SOP development – Sarajevo, 4 February 2011 (Senior Expert on Security Issues)
- Meeting with the Head of Europe and Central Asia Unit, World Bank - Brussels, 4 February 2011 (Liaison Office Advisor)
- Capacity Building Conference on Public Private Partnerships (PPPs), organized by the Croatian Agency for Public Private Partnership, UNECE and RCC – Zagreb, 7 February 2011 (Secretary General)
- Meeting with the Head of Mission of Kazakhstan to the EU – Brussels, 7 February 2011 (Head of Liaison Office)
- Participation in a EuroComment briefing on the results of the EU summit of February 2011 - Brussels, 7 February 2011 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office)

- Meeting with representative of the Ministry of Defence of Bosnia and Herzegovina with reference to SEEMIC – Sarajevo, 7 February 2011 (Senior Expert on Security Issues)
- Capacity Building Conference on Public Private Partnership – Zagreb, 7 – 8 February 2011 (Secretary General, Senior Expert on Economic and Social Development and Expert on Infrastructure)
- Inception meeting IPA-MB Programme on Civil Protection Cooperation for the candidate countries and potential candidates - Brdo, 7 - 8 February 2011 (Expert on Security Cooperation)
- Meeting with Second Secretary of the Russian Embassy in Sarajevo – 8 February 2011 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool and Expert on Parliamentary Cooperation)
- Meeting with the Permanent Chair of COWEB and the EEAS desk officer for RCC - Brussels, 8 February 2011 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Liaison Office Advisor)
- Meetings with the European Commission and Council of Europe representatives with reference to Ljubljana process – Brussels, 8 February 2011 (Senior Expert on Building Human Capital and Cross-Cutting Issues)
- Meeting with the Director on Enlargement policy and communication in DG Enlargement - Brussels, 8 February 2011 (Head of Liaison Office, Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Liaison Office Advisor)
- Participation in a Conference organized by BEPA: ‘Implementing the Lisbon Treaty’ - Brussels, 9-10 February 2011 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Liaison Office Advisor)
- Consultations with the EU Member States Intelligence (MS INT) Directorate for the SEE Military Intelligence Forum – Brussels, 9 February 2011 (Expert on Security Cooperation)
- Meeting with NATO Office of Security – Operational Branch for discussing the idea of launching the Forum of the SEE Heads of Classified Information Agencies – Brussels, 9 February 2011 (Expert on Security Cooperation)
- Meeting with GTF and SEECCEL with reference to Women Entrepreneurship Project – Sarajevo, 9 February 2011 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool, Expert on Economic and Social Development)
- Meeting with GTF, SEECCEL, SIDA, ETF with reference to Women Entrepreneurship Project – Sarajevo, 10 February 2011 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool, Expert on Economic and Social Development)
- Meeting with the Security Office of the General Secretariat of the Council of the EU for the launching of the SEE Forum of the Heads of classified information agencies – Brussels, 10 February 2011 (Expert on Security Cooperation)
- Meeting on Regional co-operation for human capital development in South East Europe – Turin, 10 February 2011, organized by the ETF (Senior Expert on Building Human Capital and Cross-Cutting Issues)
- Working Group IPA 2013 Multi-Beneficiary Sector Working Group on Justice, Freedom and Security: Witness Protection hosted within the EU Grant Project “Cooperation in Criminal

- Justice: Witness Protection in Fight against Serious Crime and Terrorism (WINPRO)” – Zagreb, 10 February 2011 (Senior Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)
- Meeting with the Head of Mission of Serbia to the EU - Brussels, 10 February 2011 (Head of Liaison Office)
 - Meeting with the Head of Mission of the State of Kuwait to the EU - Brussels, 10 February 2011 (Head of Liaison Office)
 - Meeting with MEP (GR/EPP) - Brussels, 10 February 2011 (Head of Liaison Office)
 - Participation in the European Movement Congress, “CSO’s challenge Public Authorities” Biligi University - Istanbul, 10 – 12 February 2011 (Liaison Office Advisor, panellist at the Networking and coalition building workshop)
 - Meeting with the Head of Mission of Croatia to the EU - Brussels, 11 February 2011 (Head of Liaison Office)
 - Participation in EPC workshop: ‘Iceland on the road to the EU’ - Brussels, 11 February 2011 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Liaison Office Advisor)
 - Meeting with the Commission’s EU Civil Protection IPA program manager, DG ECHO, and IPA – MB program coordinator for Environment and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Working Group, 11 February 2011 (Expert on Security Cooperation)
 - Meeting with the Head of Primary Energy and Policy Department of the Ministry of Foreign Trade and Economic Relations of the Bosnia and Herzegovina – Sarajevo, 11 February 2011 (Senior Expert on Energy and Infrastructure)
 - “Rapprochement as a Paradigm Shift: Does the Wheel Come Full Circle in Ex-Yugoslavia?” – Regensburg, 11 – 12 February 2011m, organized by Südost-Institute (Regensburg) and Südosteuropa-Gesellschaft (Munich) (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool)
 - Meeting with representatives of the IPSA Institute - Sarajevo, 14 February 2011 (Expert on Infrastructure)
 - Meeting with the Chairman of the NATO’s SEEGROUP for discussing the activities during the BiH Chairmanship of the group and possible RCC role – Brussels, 15 February 2011 (Expert on Security Cooperation)
 - Meeting with the Head of the Policy Oversight Branch, NATO Office of Security for discussing the patronage for the Forum of the SEE Heads of the Classified information agencies – Brussels, 15 February 2011 (Expert on Security Cooperation)
 - Fourth Regional Conference Economic Crisis Phase-out – Belgrade, 15 – 16 February 2011, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy of the Republic of Serbia (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool) – travel paid by the organiser
 - Meeting with the Head of Unit D.3 of DG Enlargement - Brussels, 16 February 2011 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Liaison Office Advisor)
 - Meeting with the Director General of UNESCO - Brussels, 16 February 2011 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office)

- Meeting with the representative of the European Broadcasting Union, Brussels Project Office - Brussels, 16 February 2011 (Liaison Office Advisor)
- South East Europe Regional e-Health Conference – Ljubljana, 16 – 18 February 2011, organized by the Centre for eGovernance Development and Regional Cooperation Council (Expert on Economic and Social Development)
- Participation in the Conference and round table: European Integration and South Eastern Europe: Prospects and Challenges, College of Europe - Brugge, 18 February 2011 (Liaison Office Advisor, conference panellist and moderator of the round table)
- Meeting with the German Counter-intelligence Liaison Officer in Brussels to discuss the initiative on SEE Counter - intelligence Forum – Brussels, 17 February 2011 (Expert on Security Cooperation)
- 1st Expert meeting on the initiative “Western Balkans Network” and Workshop on the implementation of the 2nd pillar of the European Pact to combat International Drug Trafficking – Berlin, 17 – 18 February 2011, organized by the German Federal Police (Senior Expert on Justice and Home Affairs and Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)
- Meeting with representatives of the Foundation Education in Action (successor of the Initiative of the United World Colleges and International Baccalaureate in BiH) – Sarajevo, 18 February 2011 (Senior Expert on Building Human Capital and Cross-Cutting Issues)
- Media Transformations – Digitalization and Development of New Media in Western Balkan Countries, co-organized by Mediacentar Sarajevo, Communications Regulatory Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the United States Embassy in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Sarajevo, 18-19 February 2011 (Spokesperson)
- Political consultations – Meeting with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia – Belgrade, 21 February 2011 (Secretary General, Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Meeting with the representative of the European Broadcasting Union, Brussels Project Office - Brussels, 21 February 2011 (Liaison Office Advisor)
- Meeting with Balkan Institute for its assessment and emerge management – Sarajevo, 22 February 2011 (Senior Expert on Security Issues)
- Political consultations with high officials of the international community and Kosovo authorities under UNSC Resolution 1244– Pristina, 23 February 2011 (Secretary General, Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Meeting with the Senior Advisor to Deputy Prime Minister of Kosovo (Secretary General, Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Meeting with the EUSR in Kosovo – Pristina, 23 February 2011 (Secretary General, Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Meeting with the UN SRSG/ Head of UNMIK – Pristina, 23 February 2011 (Secretary General, Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Meeting with the Head of Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the EU - Brussels, 23 February 2011 (Head of Liaison Office)

- Parliamentary Seminar “Parliaments’ role in the legislative processes and in the oversight of the governments” – Sarajevo, 23 - 24 February 2011, organized by the European Parliament in cooperation with Regional Cooperation Council Secretariat (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool, Head of Building Human Capital Unit and Cross Cutting Issues, Expert on Parliamentary Cooperation)
- Meetings with representatives of the Croatia Airlines, Sava Commission, Heinrich Boll Stiftung and Human Rights Center – Zagreb, 23 - 25 February 2011 (Senior Expert on Energy and Infrastructure)
- Meeting with representatives of the Croatia Airlines – Zagreb, 23 February 2011 (Expert on Infrastructure)
- Meeting with the Director of American Chamber in Brussels - Brussels, 24 February 2011 (Head of Liaison Office)
- Association of Balkans Chambers meeting – Sofia, 24 - 25 February 2011 (Senior Expert on Economic and Social Development)
- Meeting with the Head of the Belgrade Bureau of the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung - Brussels, 25 February 2011 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Liaison Office Advisor)
- Meeting with the Commissioner for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response - Brussels, 28 February 2011 (Secretary General, Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Senior Expert on Security issues)
- Meeting with the Permanent Representative of Poland to EU - Brussels, 28 February 2011 (Secretary General, Head of Liaison Office, Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Meeting with the Deputy Director General for Enlargement, EC - Brussels, 28 February 2011 (Secretary General)
- Coordination discussion with the European Commission on the Disaster Risk Reduction and the Civil Protection issues for SEE (DG ENLARG and DG ECHO) – Brussels, 28 February 2011 (Senior expert on Security Cooperation and Expert on Security Cooperation)
- Meeting with the EEAS Managing Director for Russia, Eastern Neighbourhood and the Western Balkans– Brussels, 1 March 2011 (Secretary General)
- 8th Annual Review Conference on Cooperation in the Field of Border Security in South East Europe – Ljubljana, 28 February – 1 March 2011, organized by the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Slovenia and Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) (Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)
- Workshop on ICAO Safety and Performance, Skopje, 1 - 3 March 2011, organized by ISIS, ICAO and the Civil Aviation Agency of the FYR of Macedonia (Expert on Infrastructure)
- Energy Community Workshop on Outcomes of the Study “Emergency Oil Stocks in the Energy Community Level” – Vienna, 1 March 2011, organized by the Energy Community Secretariat (Senior Expert on Energy and Infrastructure)

- Consultations with the EU Member States Intelligence (MS INT) Directorate for the SEE Military Intelligence Forum – Brussels, 1 March 2011 (Senior Expert on Security Cooperation and Expert on Security Cooperation)
- Meeting UN ISDR Office in Brussels - Brussels, 1 March 2011 (Senior Expert on Security Cooperation and Expert on Security Cooperation)
- Meeting NATO Office of Security (NOS) director – Brussels, 1 March 2011 (Senior Expert on Security Cooperation and Expert on Security Cooperation)
- Meeting the NATO SEEGROUP Chairman - Brussels, 1 March 2011 (Senior Expert on Security Cooperation and Expert on Security Cooperation)
- Meeting with Deputy Director General, DG Security, safety and communications, and Information Systems, General Secretariat of the Council of the EU – Brussels, 2 March 2011 (Senior Expert on Security Cooperation and Expert on Security Cooperation)
- Meeting External Action Service coordinator for RCC for discussing the RCC Security Cooperation Strategy and work program 2011-2013 - Brussels, 2 March 2011 (Senior Expert on Security Cooperation and Expert on Security Cooperation)
- Meeting with the EC DG Home and DG Enlargement for the MARRI meetings – Brussels, 3 March 2011 (Expert on Security Cooperation)
- Meeting with the MEPs that are involved in visa issues for the MARRI consultations - Brussels, 3 March 2011 (Expert on Security Cooperation)
- Meeting with the General Secretariat Of the Council of the EU for the MARRI meetings - Brussels, 3 March 2011 (Expert on Security Cooperation)
- Meeting with the Hungarian EU Presidency JHA Unit for the overall JHA strategy and MARRI meetings - Brussels, 3 March 2011 (Expert on Security Cooperation)
- Bled Forum on Europe “Governance and Fear and Prosperity” – Bled, 3 – 4 March 2011, organized by the CeGD (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool)

ANNEX IV

LIST OF OFFICIALS OF THE REGIONAL COOPERATION COUNCIL (RCC) SECRETARIAT (Until 4 March 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. Mr. Dorin Vremis - Expert on Parliamentary Cooperation and Cross-Cutting Issues
12. Ms. Maja Taylor- Assistant to the Head of Expert Pool
13. 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. Jasna Sinančević- Personal Assistant to the Secretary General
4. 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- Lihčić- 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