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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 11 September and 26 November 2010.

I. Summary

Following strong and unequivocal support for the endorsement of the new RCC strategic document and reappointment of the incumbent RCC Secretary General at the RCC Annual Meeting and the SEECP Summit taking place back-to-back in Istanbul, June 2010, the reporting period was marked by deliberations on and undertakings of concrete steps within the context of 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. Regular Coordination Meeting between the SEECP and the RCC, with the participation of the EU institutions, took place on 16 September 2010. The meeting focused on future practical steps and actions in the context of the process of streamlining of regional taskforces and initiatives in South East Europe. A conclusion was reached to proceed with the preparation of a draft questionnaire on achieved results and added value of the regional taskforces/initiatives. Its presentation and endorsement is forecasted for the next Coordination Meeting on 2 December 2010. Close cooperation with the European Commission and the European Union (EU) institutions was continued, in particular in relation to the implementation of the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013. The RCC Secretariat's representatives continued with their active participation and contribution in the context of the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) Multi-beneficiary planning and programming as well as in respect of the Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF). The RCC Secretary General continued with the practice of consultations with RCC members from South East Europe and, in this context, consultations with high-level officials of Bulgaria and Slovenia were held in October and November 2010 respectively.

The RCC Secretariat co-organized with the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) an international conference "Addressing Europe's Digital Divide: Towards Sustainable Public Service Media in South East Europe" (Sarajevo, 14-15 October 2010). The results of the conference paved the way for the establishment of structured regional cooperation in the field of public service media in South East Europe. The RCC Secretariat also continued with the promotion of regional cooperation and in particular activities within the RCC framework through continued publication of the Newsletter, which has proven to be an adequate tool for reaching the wider public as well as stakeholders in the region and beyond.

In the area of economic and social development the reporting period was marked by the consultations held with relevant partners in relation to the implementation of the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013, in particular with regard to the transfer of South East European Investment Committee (SEEIC), strengthening of links and cooperation with the Central European Free Trade Agreement (CEFTA). Consultations with region's prominent

donors were held, with a view to exploring donor's interest for future regional programmes and to present the implementation of the RCC's Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013.

In the field of infrastructure and energy, focus was kept on the continuation of cooperation with the Energy Community Secretariat (ECS) in planning and realizing joint activities as well as on the joint organization of the first meeting of the Sustainable Energy Development Regional Initiative (SEDRI) Task Force, together with the Central European Initiative (CEI), which took place on 7-8 October 2010. The RCC Secretariat organized jointly with the Belgian EU Presidency the Workshop on the Establishment of Aviation National Supervisory Authorities and Certification, Designation and Oversight, which was held in Sarajevo on 23-25 November 2010.

In the area of justice and home affairs the RCC Secretariat continued with active coordination of activities of relevant regional taskforces and initiatives as well as with the cooperation with key international partners.

The RCC Secretariat continued with the work on the preparation of the Strategic Regional Document and Action Plan in the field of justice and home affairs, in particular with a view of preparation of the decisive Coordination Meeting on the Strategic Document and the Action Plan, scheduled to place in Sarajevo on 30 November-1 December 2010. Together with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) Strategic Police Matters Unit (SPMU), the RCC Secretariat organized in Sarajevo on 30 September-1 October 2010 the Regional Workshop on Democratic Policing - Organizational and Managerial Issues in the Police, as part of a series of regional workshops aiming at disseminating the principles of the Guidebook on Democratic Policing. Together with the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Directorate and the Southeast European Cooperation Initiative Regional Center for Combating Trans-border Crime (SECI Center), the RCC Secretariat organized the Southeast Europe Regional Workshop on National Coordination and Regional Cooperation in Counter-Terrorism (Sarajevo, 27-28 October 2010). The workshop, as an important step in the implementation of the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013, discussed solutions for better internal coordination and effective regional cooperation in counter-terrorism matters

In the area of security cooperation, the reporting period was marked by the Second South East Europe Military Intelligence Chiefs Conference (SEEMIC), co-organized by the RCC Secretariat and the Military Intelligence Agency of the Ministry of Defence of Serbia in Belgrade on 29-30 September 2010 and held under the patronage of the Director of the EU Military Intelligence Staff (EUMS). As a result of the Conference, the heads of delegations of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia and Slovenia signed the "Statement on Cooperation among the Military Intelligence Institutions of the Members of Regional Cooperation Council from Southeast Europe". The statement is opened for signature to all RCC members from South East Europe. Cooperation with relevant defence cooperation fora in South East Europe has been further enhanced, in particular with South Eastern Europe Defence Ministerial (SEDM) and South-East Europe Clearinghouse Conference (SEEC), with the aim of reducing duplication of activities and achieving full synergy at the regional level.

In the field of building human capital, the reporting period was marked by the adoption of the decision on the establishment of the RCC Task Force on Culture and Society by the RCC Board. The Terms of Reference of the RCC Task Force on Culture and Society were adopted and it was decided that the seat of the Secretariat of the RCC Task Force on Culture and Society is in Cetinje, Montenegro. This decision sets the legal framework for the establishment of the mechanism which will enable the RCC to take the role of the coordinator in the new phase of Ljubljana Process after 2010. Terms of Reference for three positions in the Task Force Secretariat are agreed among the RCC Secretariat, the European Commission and the Council of Europe and the vacancies for mentioned posts were published on 1 November 2010.

International Forum on Higher Education Reform – Foresight 2020, took place in Dubrovnik on 27-29 September 2010. Event was co-organized by the RCC Secretariat, University of Novi Sad and University of Zagreb. On the margins of the Forum, the Letter of Intent on doctoral education was signed by five universities from the region. Through this Letter of Intent, universities from the region expressed commitment to enhance regional cooperation in doctoral education, namely to promote and support mobility of doctoral candidates, develop infrastructure for mutual recognition of awarded doctoral degrees, initiate exchange of post-doctoral researchers, participate in collaborative research grants in order to increase institutional capacities both in research expertise and infrastructure. Regional Conference - The Role of Inspectors in Education Quality Assurance, organized jointly by the RCC Secretariat and the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina was held Sarajevo on 20 and 21 October 2010. This first-of-its-kind event gathered representatives of inspectorates and other state institutions responsible for education inspection from Western Balkans.

In the field of parliamentary cooperation, during the reporting period, the RCC Secretariat concentrated its work on the implementation of activities envisaged under the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013, in relation to providing support to the development of parliamentary dimension of the SEECP. The RCC Secretariat prepared the activities of the Regional Conference on “Fight Against Poverty and Social Exclusion in the Context of European Integration Process: The Role of National Parliaments” held on 11-13 October 2010 in Belgrade, in co-organization with the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia and with the support of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation Office in Belgrade.

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

RCC Board Meeting

In the reporting period, the RCC Board meeting was held on 16 September 2010 and included the presentation of the Report of the RCC Secretary General on the activities of the RCC Secretariat, information on the planned future activities, discussion on the establishment, terms of reference and seat of the permanent secretariat of the Task Force on Culture and Society as well as the state of contributions to the budget of the RCC Secretariat for 2010. The Secretary General presented the report on the activities of the RCC Secretariat and highlighted its congruence with the views of the RCC members for more exhaustive and targeted reporting of the activities of the organization. A segment of the agenda was dedicated as well to information

on the planned future events, were the RCC Secretary General elaborated on the significance that these carry for the implementation of the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011 – 2013. In view of the absence of the representatives of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo on behalf of Kosovo in accordance with the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 (UNMIK/Kosovo) at the meeting, the RCC Secretary General informed on the letter of the Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary General in Kosovo/Head of UNMIK, Ambassador Zannier, in which it was outlined that the representatives of UNMIK will not participate at the meeting due to announced non-participation of the representatives of Kosovo authorities. Furthermore, he underlined the importance of overcoming challenges to the benefit of a regional cooperation based on the principle of all-inclusiveness.

The discussions progressively focused on the establishment, terms of reference and seat of the permanent secretariat of the RCC Task Force on Culture and Society. Their adoption, as it was reflected by the RCC Secretary General, would be a pertinent stepping-stone for the commencement of the transition of the Ljubljana Process to the regional ownership. The discussions and interventions made by the RCC Board members exhibited a reiterated firm support to the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011 – 2013 and consequently welcomed the establishment of the RCC Task Force on Culture and Society. The agenda of the meeting included as well discussions on the state of contributions to the RCC Secretariat's budget. The RCC Secretary General in this context thanked the respective RCC Board members for the announced contributions to the RCC Secretariat's budget for 2011, which is of particular importance in the context of timely preparation of the draft budget for the next year based on objective projections. He further underlined his intention to proceed with the restructuring of the RCC Secretariat and the introduction of the new revised salary policy for the RCC Secretariat which will be applicable as of 2011. Regarding the new structure of the Secretariat, the RCC Secretary General stressed the necessity to adapt the structure of the whole Secretariat, including the Liaison Office, to its role in the context of the implementation of the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013 and existing financial resources.

In conclusion of the meeting, the RCC Board adopted the decision on the establishment of the RCC Task Force on Culture and Society and its terms of reference as well as on the seat of the permanent secretariat in Cetinje (Montenegro). Subsequently, the RCC Secretary General was authorized to conclude with Montenegro the agreement on host country arrangements regarding the permanent secretariat of the Task Force. It was decided that following the establishment of the Task Force, the RCC Secretariat shall proceed, in close cooperation with the European Commission and the Council of Europe, with the recruitment of the staff of the permanent secretariat. The RCC Secretary General informed on his intention to present to the RCC Board, at its meeting on 2 December 2010, the new structure of the RCC Secretariat, which shall be applicable as of the beginning of 2011.

Consultations of the RCC Secretary General with RCC members

The RCC Secretary General Hido Bišćević held talks with the high-level Bulgarian officials in Sofia on 6 October 2010 where he met Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Milen Ljutzkanov, Ambassador-at-large for Energy Security and Climate Change/Coordinator for NABUCCO project Peter Poptchev, Deputy Minister for Energy Mario Kossev and Deputy Minister for Transport Ivaylo Moskovski. The RCC Secretary General informed on the initial steps within the

framework of implementation of the RCC Strategy and Work Program 2011 – 2013 underlining the importance of all-inclusive and project-oriented regional cooperation for social and economic development of the region as well as bolstering European and Euro-Atlantic integration processes. The Bulgarian interlocutors extended full support to enhanced regional cooperation within the RCC framework. In this context, they underlined that improved coordination at the national level through strengthening of the position of the RCC National Coordinators could have positive effects to regional cooperation activities in general and suggested that cooperation between the public and private sectors in projecting and financing of regional development projects is additionally explored. The Bulgarian side pointed out that it might be valuable to look at the possibilities for a facilitating role of the RCC in the context of coordination of fund-raising for regional energy projects in the Western Balkans. The interlocutors agreed that the strategic position of South East Europe should be capitalized, in particular through further development of regional energy and transport infrastructure. In this context, the RCC Secretary General informed on the follow-up concerning the conclusion of the South-East European Cooperation Process (SEEC) Political Directors, at their meeting in Podgorica on 10 September 2010, to task the RCC Secretariat to prepare a Concept Paper on the Establishment of the High-Level Expert Group (HLEG) for Regional Development Projects under the auspices of the RCC.

Within the context of the ongoing consultations with the RCC members from South East Europe, the RCC Secretary General held high-level consultations with Slovenian officials on 15 November 2010 in Ljubljana. On that occasion he met Slovenian Minister of Foreign Affairs Samuel Žbogar and Ambassador Mitja Štrukelj, National Coordinator for the Western Balkans in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovenia, to discuss regional cooperation in South East Europe. Secretary General Biščević underlined the importance of Slovenia's joining the SEEC that would provide an additional impulse to cooperation and EU integration in the region and informed on the implementation of the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013 as well as on deliberations regarding possible development of large-scale regional projects in infrastructure, transport and energy. Minister Žbogar supported the work of the RCC and its Secretariat, and the principles of regional ownership and all-inclusiveness and announced even more active role of Slovenia in regional cooperation activities. The interlocutors positively assessed the findings of the recently issued European Commission's Enlargement Strategy Paper and progress reports, as a further step in stimulating the European Union (EU)- related reforms and maintaining the enlargement momentum in the region. Ambassador Štrukelj supported the activities of the RCC aimed at targeted and concrete project cooperation along the priority areas of cooperation and stressed the importance of close cooperation between the RCC and the SEEC. He underlined the added value of the strengthened role of the RCC National Coordinators within the context of enhanced regional cooperation, commended the steps undertaken within the transition of the Ljubljana Process, highlighting the importance of maximal utilisation of the EU Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) funds and added that looking at other sources of financing of regional projects might be also considered. Ambassador Štrukelj informed on the forthcoming meetings of the Brdo Process and announced that the RCC will be invited to participate.

Coordination between the SEEC and the RCC

The Coordination Meeting convened on 16 September 2010 in Sarajevo and assembled the representatives of the Troika of the SEEC, EU institutions – the Presidency of the EU Council

and the European Commission as well as the RCC Secretariat. In line with the relevant conclusions from May 2010, the scope of the meeting sought to further stimulate the practical coordination of the activities between the SEECP and the RCC, the possibility to achieve full harmonization between the activities of the two, full continuity of activities within the SEECP framework and attain maximum possible functional and substantial correlation and coherence between the programme of the Montenegrin Chairmanship-in-Office of the SEECP and the new triennial RCC Strategy and Work Programme. During the meeting, the RCC Secretary General thoroughly elaborated on the envisaged activities that dovetail with the implementation of the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013. For its part, the Montenegrin SEECP Chairmanship-in-Office presented the results of the Meeting of the Committee of Political Directors of the SEECP that took place in Podgorica on 10 September 2010 as well as presented the priorities and calendar of events planned for the duration of the Chairmanship-in-Office. The pivotal issue on the agenda was elaboration of the further steps in the process of streamlining of regional taskforces and initiatives in South East Europe. A conclusion was reached to, firstly, proceed with the preparation of a draft questionnaire on achieved results and added value of the regional task forces/initiatives. Its presentation and possible endorsement is forecasted for the next Coordination Meeting to be held on 2 December 2010. Secondly, it is envisaged to address the questionnaire to all relevant regional taskforces and initiatives in the context of the preparation of the 2010-2011 Annual Report of the RCC Secretary General on regional cooperation in South East Europe by mid-December 2010 with a request for feedback by mid-February 2011. Finally, the SEECP Chairmanship-in-Office and the RCC Secretariat shall prepare an evaluation document which shall be presented to the SEECP Troika and reviewed and discussed at the Coordination Meeting in March 2011 with a view to possible endorsement by the participants of the Coordination Meeting. Subsequently, this evaluation document shall be presented to the relevant SEECP and RCC fora.

Cooperation with the EU and other Brussels-based institutions

In the reporting period, 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, particularly, the European Commission, the European Parliament, the General Secretariat of the EU Council and the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), resulting in a number of meetings held. The activities of the Special Envoy of the RCC Secretary General for Relations with the Presidency of the Council of the EU were mainly focused on further development of the relations and contacts with the representatives of the current Belgian and the incoming Hungarian Presidency of the EU Council.

The RCC Secretary General participated at the EU-Western Balkans Ministerial Forum on Justice and Home Affairs, which took place in Brussels on 23-24 November 2010. The Ministerial Forum represented an excellent occasion for the exchange of views on regional priorities in the field of justice and home affairs and remaining challenges in the context of the development of cooperation between the Western Balkans countries and the EU institutions in this respect. On the occasion of the Ministerial Forum, the RCC Secretary General presented the regional cooperation activities in the area of justice and home affairs envisaged under the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013.

Representatives of the RCC Secretariat actively participated in the work of the Strategic Working Groups' of the IPA Multi-beneficiary Programme in preparing Multiannual Planning Document for 2011-2013 establishing close cooperation with the European Commission's representatives as well as with other working group members and contributing to preparation of relevant documents. Communication with the European Commission has also been intensified through participation in IPA Multi-beneficiary Coordination Meetings, Donor Coordination Meetings, and workshops for National IPA Coordinators (NIPACs) and through direct consultations. The RCC Secretariat also established or intensified contacts with Directorate-Generals for Regional Policy, Mobility and Transport and Education and Culture of the European Commission respectively.

The meeting between the RCC Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool and the Head of Unit for European Transnational and Interregional Cooperation in Directorate-General for Regional Policy of the European Commission took place in the context of the implementation of the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013 as well as in relation to the envisaged contribution of the RCC within the context of the preparation and implementation of the Danube Region Strategy. The Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool outlined the activities of the RCC Secretariat and presented an overview of cooperation with regional task forces/initiatives. The representative of the Directorate-General for Regional Policy of the European Commission stressed the significance of structured cooperation with the RCC that could be additionally expanded beyond the current multi-sectorial cooperation within the framework of the Danube Region Strategy. The Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool met also with the Head of Unit for Regional Programmes in the Directorate-General for Enlargement of the European Commission. On this occasion, the Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool presented the draft questionnaire prepared in the context of streamlining of regional task forces/initiatives and added that the process in question could facilitate fund raising for regional task forces/initiatives. In this context, a meeting that could be organized in March 2011 gathering regional task forces/initiatives and the donor community could represent a further step.

A number of meetings were held by the officials of the Liaison Office with the representatives of the European Commission's Directorates-General for Enlargement, Justice, Home Affairs, Mobility and Transport, Regional Policy and Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities. Meetings were also held with members of the European Parliament, the General Secretariat of the EU Council and representatives of EU member states. Due attention was also paid to RCC's cooperation with NATO. The Deputy Head of the Liaison Office together with the Special Envoy of the RCC Secretary General for Relations with the Presidency of the EU met, on 17 November 2010, with the Head of the Enlargement Strategy Unit in the Directorate-General for Enlargement of the European Commission to discuss some regional cooperation aspects of the European Commission's Enlargement Strategy 2010-2011 and the role of RCC in that respect as well as the preparations for the forthcoming RCC Board meeting. The representatives of the RCC Secretariat's Liaison Office participated, on 30 September 2010, at the Ministerial Meeting to launch Regional Environmental Network for Accession (RENA) and to discuss the environmental challenges to be addressed during the accession process.

The Special Envoy for Relations with the Presidency of the EU Council has realized a series of meetings with the representatives of both the current Belgian and the incoming Hungarian Presidency of the EU Council with the main aim of exchanging views about the most important activities and future plans of the RCC and of preparing the implementation of the concrete joint activities between RCC and the two respective EU Presidencies.

In the context of the Presidency activities aimed to strengthen the regional cooperation, the Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of Belgium has financially supported the RCC Secretariat's initiative for a joint organization of a thematic Workshop "The Establishment and Empowerment of National Supervisory Authority and the Certification, Designation and Oversight of Service Providers in the Field of Aviation Safety". The Workshop that was in function of the EU candidates and potential candidate's efforts in meeting the EU accession criteria took place in the premises of the RCC Secretariat in Sarajevo from 23 to 25 November 2010. The Presidency will also organize, in cooperation with the Egmont Royal Institute for International Relations (RIIR) a Public lecture of the RCC Secretary General on 15 December 2010 at Val-Duchesse in Brussels. The concrete examples of closer cooperation between the RCC Secretariat and the Belgian Presidency and the other Presidency's concrete steps regarding the enlargement process of the Western Balkans countries are a clear proof of a practical implementation of its commitments.

The Hungarian Presidency of the Council of the EU will coincide with the practical commencement of the implementation of the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013 which should be seen as an excellent opportunity for enhanced cooperation between the RCC Secretariat and the EU Presidency. In the contacts realized so far with the Presidency representatives it has been confirmed their will for establishing substantial dialogue with the RCC Secretary General and RCC Secretariat that could possibly result in implementing joint concrete cooperation activities in the course of its term-in-office. In this framework, on 29 November 2010 in Budapest, the RCC Secretary General and the Special Envoy will hold consultations with high-level officials of the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. On the same occasion, the RCC Secretary General will give a public lecture on the topic of "EU Enlargement and Remaining Challenges in South East Europe" at the Hungarian Institute of International Relations in Budapest. The regional cooperation and the European perspectives of the countries of the region shall represent the priorities of the Work Programme of the incoming Hungarian EU Presidency within the context of the new division of competences set by the Lisbon Treaty.

Regional cooperation in the field of media

An 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 (EBU), was held in Sarajevo on 14-15 October 2010, gathering senior representatives of governments, broadcasters and regulators from 10 countries of the region as well as the EU and other relevant institutions. Among the key conclusions, formulated as A Way Forward for 2010-2020, the participants agreed to establish an enduring cooperation to ensure the sustainability of all public service broadcasters in South East Europe by 2020; promote the values and principles of public service media, as recognized by the Council of Europe and the European Union; and call on the European Union to support these goals politically and financially under its aim to guarantee European cohesion. Follow-up meeting, to be organized by

the Croatian Radio-Television, is scheduled to take place in Novi Vinodolski on 26-27 November 2010. The meeting is expected to carry forward the conclusions of the Sarajevo Conference.

Outreach activities and visibility

In the reporting period, activities to promote the RCC mandate and achievements as well as the importance of regional cooperation were continued with the aim to bring the work of the RCC and its Secretariat closer to the European and South East European opinion makers and stakeholders and increase visibility of its activities. In the reporting period three issues of newsletter, dedicated to the infrastructure and energy, security cooperation and parliamentary cooperation, were published and circulated to the wide audience. The RCC newsletter as well as redesigned website met very positive assessments and feedback from a number of relevant stakeholders both in and outside the region and a number of articles and interviews from the newsletter have been republished by influential media in the region and beyond.

Evaluation of general and institutional aspects in the reporting period

The reporting period was marked by deliberations on and undertakings of concrete steps within the context of implementation of the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011 – 2013, in particular having in mind the importance of efficient and target-oriented, regionally owned and all-inclusive regional cooperation. In this context and taking into consideration available financial resources, appropriate adjustment of the structure of the RCC Secretariat, including the Liaison Office, was considered with the aim to be carried out as of 2011.

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 in pursuit of aligned activities. In this light, the coordination meeting co-organized by the RCC Secretariat and the Montenegrin SEECP Chairmanship-in-Office represented an important step, in particular, regarding the process of streamlining of regional task forces/initiatives, deciding on clear timetable regarding future joint activities in this context. Additionally, reiterated interest of South East Europe for full utilization of available human and material resources by focusing, inter alia, on the development of the regional energy and transport infrastructure was stressed on a number of occasions and reflected accordingly in the conclusions of the Meeting of the Committee of Political Directors of the SEECP and ensuing appropriate steps of the RCC Secretariat with a view of exploring the possibilities for enhanced high-level regional development project coordination under the auspices of the RCC.

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 16 September 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 economic and social development as well as European and Euro-Atlantic integration processes. The RCC Secretary General continued

to reiterate, in the context of his consultations with the high-level representatives from the region as well as in the broader framework the idea conveyed to the authorities in Belgrade and Pristina to try to engage in deliberating a possible permanent solution to the issue of participation at the meetings organized under the RCC auspices, which would be limited solely and exclusively to the RCC framework. On the same line, the RCC Secretary General conveyed the idea of the establishment of a permanent mechanism/body of support to the envisaged dialogue between the authorities in Belgrade and Pristina with the facilitation from the EU.

Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament and the Council “Enlargement Strategy and Main Challenges 2010-2011” issued in November 2010 provided an assessment of the regional cooperation activities, pinpointed possible gaps and overlaps, reiterated the importance of regional cooperation as a political criteria within the Stabilization and Association Process and a key role of the RCC in guiding and monitoring regional cooperation underlining the need to implement the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013, with a focus on result-oriented activities where the RCC can add real value.

III. Priority areas of the RCC Activities

Six priority areas, representing the main direction of the RCC Secretariat’s work are economic and social development; infrastructure and energy; justice and home affairs; security cooperation, building human capital and parliamentary cooperation as an overarching theme. During the reporting period, under each of these objectives the RCC Secretariat, in particular its Expert Pool, focused on the following activities:

1. Economic and Social Development

Investment and Business Enabling Environment

In its efforts to prepare for the takeover of the South East European Investment Committee (SEEIC), the RCC has forged new and strengthened existing links with regional and international partners and stakeholders to explore their potential role in the SEEIC proceedings going forward. RCC took an active part in a General Assembly Meeting of the Association of Balkan Chambers (ABC) on 4 November 2010 in Sarajevo, to discuss future cooperation in the light of RCC’s Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013. There was mutual agreement on the need to involve ABC further in RCC’s work especially given its potential contribution in the SEEIC proceedings. In addition to ABC’s prospective role in SEEIC, the idea of establishing a regional council of women entrepreneurs as a new activity for ABC was welcomed.

The representatives of the RCC Secretariat also held talks with the Vienna Office of the Investment Climate Department of International Finance Corporation (IFC), and a strong interest was expressed on behalf of the IFC in supporting and contributing to the SEEIC platform. The RCC Secretariat and the IFC will explore further opportunities to channel IFC’s analytical capacities and, more importantly, possible implementation work through the SEEIC forum. In the context of international financial institutions (IFI) coordination in the Western Balkans and Turkey, the RCC Secretariat’s representatives contributed to discussions on the ways forward regarding the re-launch of the IFI advisory working group on socio-economic issues, in which RCC is a member.

The RCC Secretariat's representatives took part in the Seventh meeting of the SEEIC, held on 23 November 2010 in Paris, dedicated to the themes of human capital and innovation. The representatives of the RCC Secretariat presented the investment-related activities to the SEEIC meeting and outlined the possibilities to synergize the work of the SEEIC with other investment-related work of the RCC, but also of other partners in the region. This was deemed especially important in the light of ongoing efforts to streamline the efforts of various regional initiatives and avoid fragmentation of regional investment-related work, while helping position the SEEIC as the main investment policy forum in the region. The RCC Secretariat has also contributed to the first Steering Committee of the Regional Competitiveness Initiative (RCI) and the Donor Advisory Board of the SEEIC.

The RCC Secretariat has continued to strengthen the links with the Central European Free Trade Agreement (CEFTA) Secretariat. During the reporting period, the RCC Secretariat's representatives took an active role in the CEFTA Week held on 9-10 November 2010 in Belgrade and together with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) presented the potential joint activities and synergies between CEFTA and the SEEIC going forward. The RCC Secretariat's representatives also took part at the Roundtable on Eliminating Non-Tariff Barriers (NTBs) in the CEFTA area. A welcome development in the ongoing efforts to remove non-tariff barriers (NTB's) and technical barriers to trade (TBT) will be introduction to a monitoring framework that is currently being prepared by the OECD and that would be implemented through CEFTA structures.

The 9th meeting of the Partnership for Improvement of Danube Infrastructure and Navigation (PIDIN), held on 6 October 2010 in Vienna was used as an opportunity present some of the RCC activities in the area of infrastructure development and public-private partnerships (PPPs) in particular. A potential role for the RCC in the implementation of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region was also discussed, and the RCC Secretariat's representatives held follow-up meeting with the representatives of the Directorate-General for Regional Policy of the European Commission to carve out a potential role for RCC in Danube Strategy implementation.

A two day Donors' Working Meeting on Access to Finance in Southeast Europe was organized by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in Tirana on 5-6 October 2010. The purpose of the meeting was to identify gaps and areas where USAID can complement and deepen financial access and strengthen business enabling environment initiatives. The RCC Secretariat has shown its interest to provide a coordinating role and co-organize with donors' events that would promote best practices in local/regional economic development, business enabling environment at the sub-national level, and potential investment promotion and small and medium size enterprises (SME) development activities.

The Fifth Congress of the Women's Enterprises of the Adriatic and Ionian Area was held in Međugorje, Bosnia-Herzegovina on 8-9 November 2010. Under the topic innovate to compete, presentations focused on innovation as a major driver of growth and resource for global competition. The RCC Secretariat's representatives shared with the participants their recent efforts to promote women entrepreneurship through a regional project that aims to address needs of business women who plan to grow and innovate, in the belief that it is important to build future activities on the existing network of women entrepreneurs of the Adriatic and Ionian area.

On 27-30 October 2010, the representatives from South East Europe took part in the 10th Agricultural Policy Forum and adopted the 2010 Dresden Agenda dedicated to bridging the gap in agricultural and rural policies in South East Europe facing the challenges of acquiring EU *acquis*. The 2010 Dresden Agenda outlines potential areas for improvement in agricultural policy going forward, especially in light of the changing EU Common Agricultural Policy in the medium term. The RCC Secretariat was asked to assist in disseminating conclusions of the Agricultural Forum and provide support in the implementation of its conclusions.

The RCC Secretariat also continued its regular cooperation with regional initiatives and structures and has, in this capacity, participated in several regional meetings and conferences. These include the Third Steering Committee Meeting of the Southeast European Centre for Entrepreneurial Learning (SEECCEL), held on 15 November 2010 in Zagreb, the Business Advisory Council meeting held on 3 November 2010 in Istanbul, and a regional Investment and Finance Conference held on 19-20 October 2010 in Belgrade.

Social Development

The 24th Meeting of the Southeast European Health Network (SEEHN) took place in Tirana on 10-12 November 2010. Member States signed the host agreement for the seat of the SEEHN Secretariat in Skopje. Notable progress has also been achieved in the establishment and work of regional health development centres across the region. The fifth such regional centre was inaugurated in Tirana during the event. The RCC Secretariat will also provide support to the organization of the third Health Ministers Forum to be held in Bosnia and Herzegovina in 2011.

The RCC Secretariat's representatives participated at the conference on Welfare State development in South East Europe, co-organized by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES) and the Pan-European Trade Union Council on 21 October 2010 in Sofia. The RCC Secretariat's representatives held discussions with the FES representatives and agreed in principle to support together the regional social policies agenda in the coming year by elaborating concrete activities to be jointly implemented.

2) Infrastructure and Energy

Energy

During the reporting period the RCC Secretariat put focus on activities compliant with the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013. In that respect, intensive communication with the Energy Community Secretariat (ECS) was sustained. Taking into account that the Energy Community is the major framework for regional cooperation in the area of energy, the RCC Secretariat took part at several events (co)organized by the ECS, and initiated exploring possibilities for further strengthening mutual cooperation.

The ECS and the RCC Secretariat jointly organized the workshop ``Reducing Emissions from Energy Sectors in the Energy Community``. The workshop was hosted by the RCC Secretariat on 25-26 October 2010. It put in a focus implementation of the environmental *acquis* of the Energy Community Treaty (ECT) as well as presentation and discussion on the outcomes of the ECS initiated study on Potentials for Climate Change Combating in Power Generation in the Energy Community. Challenges and prospects for addressing climate change in the region, best cases on the ground of necessary environmental improvements and possible mechanisms of

support to prepare and implement environmental activities and projects to minimize negative environmental impact of energy activities, were also discussed. Participation of RENA representative was very important to affirm potentials for cooperation between the Energy Community and RENA as major regional sectoral initiatives in the area of energy and environment, respectively, what is in line with the RCC strategic goal to promote integrated approach and strengthened cooperation between the major regional infrastructure cooperation frameworks.

The first meeting of Sustainable Energy Development Regional Initiative (SEDRI) Task Force was jointly organized by the RCC and the Central European Initiative (CEI). It took place on 7-8 October 2010 and was hosted by the CEI-Executive Secretariat. Task Force meeting had 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. Synergies with other regional activities were explored. It was concluded that there were potentials to expand the scope of the initiative and the CEI was tasked to elaborate on that and inform initiative beneficiaries.

Preparations for organizing the Second Meeting of the Regional Expert Network on Energy started as well. The meeting will put in a focus necessary activities and further steps to reach network operability, institutionalization and self-sustainability.

In addition, the RCC Secretariat supported endeavours of Serbia to launch regional energy strategy to be further elaborated and developed under the Energy Community framework.

Transport

During the reporting period, the RCC Secretariat, jointly with the Belgian Presidency of the Council of the EU, and in cooperation with the European Commission and the Implementation of Single European Sky in South East Europe (ISIS) Programme organized the Workshop on the Establishment of Aviation National Supervisory Authorities (NSA) and Certification, Designation and Oversight, which was held on 23-25 November 2010 in Sarajevo. The participants stressed the importance of the NSA and its increasing role in the future regulatory system aiming to improve safety levels with reference to the Single European Sky (SES) legislation. The event brought together representatives of the transport ministries and civil aviation authorities from South East Europe as well as the Belgian experts, experts from the European Commission, the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA), the European Organisation for the Safety of Air Navigation (EUROCONTROL) and others.

The RCC Secretariat's representative held a preparatory meeting with the representatives of Association of Consulting Engineers of Bosnia and Herzegovina (ACE) in order to define the next steps regarding the organization of the follow-up of the Conference on Road Infrastructure Safety Management, to be held in April 2011 (precise date still to be confirmed). Due to the fact that road safety is a very complex issue, representatives of transport as well as interior and EU affairs ministries will be invited to attend the conference aiming to promote multi-sectoral approach in this field.

In addition, the RCC Secretariat's representatives held a meeting with the representatives of South-East European Transport Observatory (SEETO) Secretariat/Steering Committee in order to explore the possibilities to enhance current and exchange possible views on the future

cooperation between the RCC and SEETO. The RCC Secretariat's representatives made a brief presentation on activities in the transport field emphasizing the priorities in accordance with the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013. SEETO representatives briefly informed on their next activities especially in the light of forthcoming Conference on Transport Ministers to be held on 1 December 2010 in Sarajevo inviting the RCC Secretary General to attend the event.

The RCC Secretariat's representatives participated at the International Financial Institutions (IFI) Advisory Working Group on Transport, which was held on 16-17 September 2010 in Brussels. It brought together representatives of the European Commission, IFIs, the RCC Secretariat as well as of the SEETO Steering Committee and Secretariat. The objective was to develop greater coordination between the SEETO members, the European Commission and IFIs regarding priority transport projects in the region, particularly in the context of the Western Balkans Investment Framework (WBIF). The RCC Secretariat's representatives informed briefly about the activities in the transport field identified within the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013 inviting SEETO Secretariat to cooperate especially in the field of road safety where they have been actively involved.

Environment

The RCC Secretariat participated at an event organized by the Serbian Government and supported by the European Commission and different stakeholders from the Danube River Basin, on the Danube Region Strategy Implementation and Financing, taking into account the envisaged RCC's role to support preparation and implementation of this strategy.

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 has started 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 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 started discussions with some of the relevant stakeholders in order to promote integrated approach in planning infrastructure development. To that end, active involvement of the Energy Community, prospective Transport Community and RENA would be crucial.

During the reporting period, the RCC Secretariat continued communication with the Network of Association of Local Authorities in South East Europe (NALAS), civil society organizations and media as ``bottom-up`` approach implementers and important drivers of community development *inter alia* delivering assistance in preparing project proposals expected to become part of Danube Region Strategy Action Plan or to be supported through IPA Multi-beneficiary Programme. In that respect, the RCC Secretariat participated at the Founding Conference of the Danube Media Network and presented its expectations from the network and potentials for cooperation primarily in mobilizing ``bottom-up`` stakeholders, raising awareness on global challenges and Danube's potential as well as promoting social responsibility and global citizenship concept.

Through participation in the organizing committee, the RCC Secretariat supported organization of the International Conference on Integrated Environmental Management of Adriatic, Mediterranean and Black Sea Coastal Areas and Danube and Sava River Basins based on the experience gained during preparations and realization of the International Conference on Integrated Trans-boundary Water Resources Management in South East Europe, jointly organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UN ECE) and the RCC Secretariat. The event took place in Ljubljana 10-11 November 2010 and was jointly organized by the International Center for Promotion of Enterprises (ICPE), European Center for Peace and Development (ECPD) and the Slovenian Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning. It put in a focus related EU and international legislation and some of the good practices in implementing it. Additionally, it discussed a few project proposals addressing the previous mentioned issues and possibilities for its` financing.

3) Justice and Home Affairs

Assessment of regional cooperation

In criminal matters mainly two forms of cooperation are predominant: law enforcement cooperation (police, custom, border police, specialized agencies), and judicial cooperation (prosecutors and judiciary). Overall, regional police cooperation is relatively advanced while judicial cooperation is less so. Police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters is still fragmented and compartmentalised into a number of different players and spheres which are continually growing. National and regional activities are often uncoordinated. Therefore, it remains crucial to improve operational capacities between law enforcement and judicial authorities within the region and between the region and EU making full use of the existing instruments, framework and networks.

Regional cooperation has increased in the areas of information pooling, cross-border intelligence exchange and collection (International Law Enforcement Coordination Units- ILECU's), risk analysis (Organized Crime Threat Assessment for South-Eastern Europe - OCTA SEE), in legislative harmonization (Convention of the Southeast European Law Enforcement Center - SELEC, Police Cooperation Convention for Southeast Europe - PCC-SEE), in cross-border operations (Southeast European Cooperative Initiative Regional Center for Combating Trans-border Crime - SECI Center, Southeast European Prosecutors Advisory Group - SEEPAG, PCC-SEE) and in policing (Southeast Europe Police Chiefs Association - SEPCA).

Regional Strategic Document and Action Plan

An integrated approach and guidance on the regional priorities is provided by the RCC Secretariat through the implementation of the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011 – 2013. Under RCC Secretariat's coordination relevant stakeholders and partners continue to work on the preparation of the Regional Strategic Document and Action Plan which envisage the harmonized implementation of the strategies, programs and action plans focusing the region. The Regional Strategic Document will contribute to the enhancement of the coordination among the regional organizations, European Commission and the EU agencies, the United Nations (UN) system, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) and the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL). Particular attention is given to the establishment of a regional cooperation monitoring system and to the cross-cutting issues within

justice, security, defence and home affairs areas. The decisive meeting on the Regional Strategic Document is convened for 30 November – 1 December 2010 in Sarajevo.

Judicial, police and law enforcement cooperation

During the Fourth Meeting of the Expert Working Group of Police Cooperation Convention for South East Europe, held on 16 September 2010 in Skopje, the RCC Secretariat's representatives presented the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013 and explained the necessity of preparing the Regional Strategic Document in the field of justice and home affairs for the South East European region. The Expert Working Group adopted the Decision on the Establishment of a Thematic Working Group on Exchange of Information regarding Forged and Fake Documents within PCC SEE. The Decision on the Establishment of a Thematic Working Group on Exchange of DNA within PCC SEE will be discussed in 2011.

Regional cooperation is one crucial way to suppressing organised criminal activity, and some recent cross-border activities are producing results. The prospects for enhanced cooperation among the Western Balkans states to fight organised crime in a coordinated fashion are increasing, as the challenges pose to the police services in order to continue with reforms related to the EU accession process. The Challenges of the Human Resources Management in the Process of the Police Reform were discussed during the meeting organized in Skopje, on 20-21 September 2010.

The first operational meeting on coordination of efforts of the law enforcement agencies of the SECI Center and the Central Asian Regional Information and Coordination Centre for Combating Illicit Trafficking of Narcotic Drugs, Psychotropic Substances and their Precursors (CARICC) member states and their partners in the field of combating trans-border organized crime with focus on drug trafficking, took place in Istanbul from 5 to 6 October 2010. Based on an agreement the two Centers will cooperate in particular to combat trafficking of drugs, psychotropic substances and their precursors, through control delivery operations, analytical work, and bridging among cases with INTERPOL, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the United States of America (different agencies such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation –FBI and Drug Enforcement Administration - DEA), the European Police Office (EUROPOL) and individual EU countries.

The RCC Secretariat's representative participated at the fourth day (6-8 October 2010) of the exercise on Cross-border Surveillance organized by the PCC-SEE Secretariat. The exercise has been organized in order to introduce methodological and legal circumstances related to specific provisions of the PCC-SEE. Police officers from surveillance units of police services of Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina participated in this exercise, using hypothetical situation to enter the territory of other state, crossing the border line.

The 10th Ministerial Conference on Illegal Migration, Organized Crime Corruption and Terrorism which was held on 19 and 20 October 2010 at Brdo kod Kranja decided that OCTA-SEE will be drafted by SECI Center.

Fight against corruption

National representatives from 7 member states took part in the Regional Anti-Corruption Initiative (RAI) Steering Group Preliminary Meeting, held on 21-22 September 2010, in Trogir..

The meeting was the preparatory forum for the 14th Steering Group Meeting in Bucharest. To intensify regional inter-agency cooperation, to foster exchange of experience and good practices on conflict of interest and assets declaration issues, RAI launched the idea of establishing an independent and informal 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 the RAI Secretariat.

As part of the strategy implementation in the justice and home affairs area, the representative of the RCC Secretariat took an active role during the Regional conference on the role of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in combating corruption – experiences and perspectives. The conference has been informed and discussed the only regional case study in this area, conducted by the RCC Secretariat, RAI and Transparency International: 'Integrity and resistance to corruption of the law enforcement bodies in South East European countries'.

The RCC Secretariat's participation at the 14th RAI Steering Group Meeting, held on 11 – 12 November 2010 in Bucharest, has been focused on the implementation of the RAI Strategy, related to better targeting and improving of RAI Secretariat activities. The RCC Secretariat representatives on this occasion also drew attention to the necessity of better flow of information regarding RAI activities, with a view to achieving full coordination and harmonization of activities and avoiding unnecessary duplication.

Migration, asylum and refugees

The fourth meeting of the Migration, Asylum, Refugees Regional Initiative (MARRI) Regional Committee took place on 4 November 2010 in Tirana. High-level officials from the MARRI member states took part in this meeting where the future activities of MARRI were discussed.

During the meeting the Strategy Paper and Action Plan of MARRI for 2011-2013, harmonized with the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013 has been discussed as well as amendments to the Guidelines and Rules of Procedure of the MARRI Regional Centre.

Developing strategic partnerships

The RCC Secretariat continued its strategic partnership with the UNODC within the Regional Programme on Promoting the Rule of Law and Human Security in South Eastern Europe. RAI, under the RCC Secretariat's coordination, is UNODC's associate in two major regional project financed by the European Commission: developing of monitoring instruments for judicial and law enforcement institutions in the Western Balkans, and assessment of corruption and crime in the region

The 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 have been further discussed during the Sarajevo Workshop which took place on 30 September - 1 October 2010. The workshop was co-organized by the OSCE Strategic Police Matters Unit (SPMU) and the RCC Secretariat. The workshop brought together 44 policy makers, police experts, prosecutors and NGOs from eight countries and five international organizations. Police reform must be part of a holistic approach to security sector reform, addressing the entire judicial

system and requiring an inter-ministerial approach. On the regional level, sharing the knowledge and experiences in achieving reform is crucial in the light of similar challenges police services are facing. Furthermore, the adoption of a regional strategy on policing would help the process of modernization of police services in South East Europe.

The RCC Secretariat's representative took an active role in the OSCE Review Conference organized in Vienna from 18 to 26 October 2010, focusing on conflict prevention, transnational threats and challenges (such as proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, terrorism, illicit drug trafficking, trafficking in human beings and all forms of organized crime) energy security as well as strategic look at OSCE structures and activities, co-operation with other organizations and the OSCE's legal framework. During the conference presentation of the RCC Strategy and Work Plan 2011 – 2013 with particular emphasis on justice and home affairs has been organized as side event.

RCC initiated consultations with The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) and the Centre for International Legal Cooperation, as implementors of the Balkan Enforcement Reform Project, in order to coordinate the activities on a more efficient and effective functioning of the law enforcement systems at national and at the regional level. A new project has been envisaged with the RCC partnership under the initiative of GTZ and the Law Schools of the State Universities from South East Europe: the establishment of the South East Law School Network (SEELS) to develop high-quality legal education and research by sharing their experience, educational and scientific resources, with the purpose of sustainable rule of law building, enhancing the legal approximation of the EU *acquis*, increasing regional exchange of legal academic know-how, information and mobility of students, academics and legal professionals. SEELS promotion was organized in Sarajevo on 25 October 2010.

Together with SECI Center and the UN Counter Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate, with support of Governments of Republic of Austria, Republic of Turkey and Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina, the RCC Secretariat organized the Southeast Europe Regional Workshop on national coordination and regional cooperation in Counter-Terrorism in Sarajevo on 27-28 October 2010. The workshop, as an important step in the implementation of the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013, discussed solutions for better internal coordination and effective regional cooperation in counter-terrorism matters. One of the solutions consists in the creation of an antiterrorism regional focal point.

4) Security Cooperation

Coordination and streamlining of regional task-forces and initiatives, consultations with relevant regional and international partners

On the initiative of the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) Secretariat and the Serbian Ministry of Defence - Military Intelligence Agency, the second conference of the South East European Military Intelligence Chiefs (SEEMIC) was jointly organized in Belgrade on 29 – 30 September 2010. The topic of the conference was: "Joint assessments of security threats as a starting point for coordinated action". The Conference was held under the patronage of the Director of the European Union Military Intelligence Staff (EUMS), within the General Secretariat of the Council of the EU.

The Conference was attended by the heads and representatives of military intelligence services of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Greece, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia, Turkey as well as the RCC Secretariat and the International Directorate (IntDir) EUMS.

Representatives shared national views on regional intelligence cooperation and information sharing in South East Europe focusing on common assessments of the security threats as a starting point for coordinated action. Perception of key security threats in the region, cyber threats and supranational aspects of the regional intelligence cooperation were presented during the Conference. Modalities of the military intelligence cooperation were reviewed and specific areas of cooperation considered.

As a result of the Conference, the heads of delegations of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia and Slovenia signed the "Statement on Cooperation among the Military Intelligence Institutions of the Members of Regional Cooperation Council from Southeast Europe". The statement is opened for signature to all RCC members from South East Europe. In this view, Albania has started national procedures for the signing of the Statement. The third SEEMIC will take place in Bosnia and Herzegovina in the course of 2011.

A Letter of intent was received in September 2010 from the President of the State Agency for National Security of Bulgaria offering to co-organize the first meeting of the Heads of the Counter Intelligence Services of from South East Europe (SEECIM) in the beginning of 2011. This proposal is in line with the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013 and was appraised positively by the RCC Secretary General.

The representative of the RCC Secretariat participated at the 23rd South Eastern Europe Defence Ministerial (SEDM) Coordination Committee in September 2010. Upon the request of SEDM an overview of regional initiatives and taskforces in South East Europe in the security cooperation field was presented with recommendations for synergy and streamlining. The representative of the RCC Secretariat also participated at the South East Europe Defence Ministerial that took place in Tirana on 12 October 2010.

The RCC Secretariat participated at the 24 Multinational Advisory Group (MAG) meeting and the 10th Anniversary of Regional Arms Control Verification and Implementation Assistance Centre (RACVIAC)- Centre for Security Cooperation.

In view of the planned activities in the framework of the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013 in the security cooperation area, the RCC Secretariat's representative held consultations with a number of relevant institutions in Bulgaria and Serbia. During the meetings discussions concentrated on the implementation of the following RCC initiatives - the first meeting of the Heads of National authorities on Information security (SEENAIIS), practical implementation of the SEEMIC Statement, the first meeting of the Heads of Counter Intelligence Agencies from South East Europe (SEECIM), Defence Policy Directors Meeting (SEEDPD) and the regional registry of NGO's working in the security sector.

Disaster preparedness and prevention

The representative of the RCC Secretariat took part in the 21st Disaster Preparedness and Prevention Initiative for South Eastern Europe (DPPI SEE) Regional Meeting in Albania held in September 2010. It was agreed that an extraordinary meeting of the Heads of Civil Protection should take place by the end of 2010 to discuss the future of the DPPI SEE.

5) Building Human Capital and Cross-Cutting Issues

Education

During the reporting period the representatives of the RCC Secretariat took part in several activities in accordance with the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013. Regarding Higher Education Reform, one of the priorities, as stated in the new, triennial, strategy is the project “Building Capacity for Structural Reform in Higher Education of Western Balkan Countries” (STREW), which has been recommended for funding from the Tempus Programme.

In the preparatory phase of the project implementation, International Forum on Higher Education Reform – Foresight 2020, took place in Dubrovnik on 27-29 September 2010. Event was co-organised by the RCC Secretariat, University of Novi Sad and University of Zagreb. Forum gathered rectors and professors of the universities from the Western Balkans and the EU, European higher education experts, as well as representatives of a number of international organizations, European higher education authorities, higher education policy centres and institutes. The event lasted for three days and had six sessions: introductory session, five round tables, and closing session. Forum aimed to explore a wider context of European higher education modernization reform. Open discussions, going further from strictly official mindset, tackled important issues, i.e. the way the higher education reform has been carried out, the level of involvement of different players, possible missing issues to be added to the EU modernization agenda, higher education in the context of EU’s economic ambitions. Participants exchanged views on the impact of the ten years of reform and validity of indicators, extent to which key objectives have been achieved, extent to which the voices of higher education institutions, academics and students are included as well as on the quality assurance, as an important and dynamic part of the process. Higher Education was perceived as the best investment for the future of the region.

On the margins of the Forum, the Letter of Intent on doctoral education was signed by five universities from the region. Through this Letter of Intent, universities from the region expressed commitment to enhance regional cooperation in doctoral education, namely to promote and support mobility of doctoral candidates, develop infrastructure for mutual recognition of awarded doctoral degrees, initiate exchange of post-doctoral researchers, participate in collaborative research grants in order to increase institutional capacities both in research expertise and infrastructure.

The coordination meeting on the start of the TEMPUS Project STREW was held at the RCC Secretariat premises on 25 October 2010. The formal kick-off meeting for STREW Project, previously scheduled for 15 November 2010, has been postponed and will be held at the beginning of the next year. Period until the end of 2010 will be used for the meetings with partner institutions in the beneficiary countries. The aim of the meeting 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 Secretariat will be included in the Monitoring Group of the project, tasked with monitoring project realization. Continuation of the active involvement of the RCC Secretariat in the preparatory activities for the realization of STREW Project, which aims to facilitate further advances in effective higher education structural reform in the Western Balkans and its coherent convergence towards the European Higher Education Area (EHEA), is in direct compliance with one of the main goals of the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013, in the area of building human capital.

Regional Conference - The Role of Inspectors in Education Quality Assurance - took place at the premises of the RCC Secretariat in Sarajevo on 20 and 21 October 2010. Conference was co-organized by the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina and the RCC Secretariat. This first-of-its-kind event gathered representatives of inspectorates and other state institutions responsible for education inspection from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia and The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, as well as the representatives of relevant international organizations and other stakeholders. Education inspectors and representatives of other state institutions responsible for education inspection worked together and tried to identify joint approaches to professional development and training at the regional level. At the end of the conference, Conclusions of the Conference were adopted, defining areas in which all participating countries identified the need for additional reform. Conclusions of the Regional Conference represent a founding document for eventual organization of the training of the education inspection officials at the regional level. The RCC Secretariat could play the role of key facilitator of future activities on development and promotion of cooperation in the agreed areas among the members of the RCC from South East Europe.

Following a signing of the Memorandum of Understanding on the Role and Organisation of the Education Reform Initiative for South Eastern Europe (ERI SEE) by education ministers in ERI SEE members, the Ministry of Education of Serbia, on behalf of the future host country of the ERI SEE Secretariat, organized a working meeting to discuss modalities and future steps in the process. Participants at the meeting agreed that the host country institutions will prepare the draft Host Country Agreement, based on existing similar documents, comprising precise regulations on the status of ERI SEE Secretariat and its staff. The 13th meeting of the ERI SEE Governing Board and Consultative Body took place in Belgrade on 18 October 2010. This was the first meeting under the framework of the new Memorandum of Understanding, organized by the Centre for Education Policy, as the interim structure until establishment of ERI SEE Secretariat in Belgrade. Governing Board again made no decisions due to the lack of quorum. It was agreed that decisions on the most important issues regarding future activities of ERI SEE, including Working Plan for 2011, budget, as well as all decisions on the establishment of ERI SEE Secretariat would be discussed by exchange of correspondence and decided at the next meeting of Governing Board, to be held in February 2011.

Science and Research

In the area of science and research, the RCC Secretariat 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 part of the next year. The RCC Secretariat will intensify coordination of the preparatory activities in cooperation with the World Bank, as the Contracting Authority of the project.

Culture

Following the established regional priorities in the area of building human capital set by the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013, the RCC Board, at its meeting on 16 September 2010 passed a decision on establishment of the RCC Task Force on Culture and Society. The Terms of Reference of the RCC Task Force on Culture and Society were adopted and it was decided that the seat of the Secretariat of the RCC Task Force on Culture and Society is in Cetinje, Montenegro. The host country will provide for the premises, communications and logistical assistance to the Secretariat. The Secretariat shall have legal capacity as is necessary for the exercise of its functions. The Secretary General of the RCC is authorized to conclude with the host country of the Secretariat of the RCC Task Force on Culture and Society a protocol on host country arrangements for the Secretariat of the RCC Task Force on Culture and Society. This document is in the preparatory phase and it is planned to be signed by the end of 2010. Adopted decisions set the legal framework for the establishment of the mechanism which will enable the RCC to take the role of the coordinator in the new phase of Ljubljana Process after 2010. Terms of Reference for three positions in the Task Force Secretariat are agreed among the RCC Secretariat, the European Commission and the Council of Europe and the vacancies for mentioned posts were published on 1 November 2010.

6) Parliamentary Cooperation

In the parliamentary cooperation field, the RCC Secretariat concentrated its work on the implementation of the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013. The RCC Secretariat prepared the activities of the Regional Conference on “Fight Against Poverty and Social Exclusion in the Context of European Integration Process: The Role of National Parliaments” held on 11-13 October 2010 in Belgrade, in co-organization with the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia with the support of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation Office in Belgrade. The regional conference gathered members of parliaments from Western Balkans countries, Turkey and Slovenia as well as representatives from the EU institutions such as the European Parliament and the European Commission.

The objective of the regional conference was to highlight the fact that in the forthcoming period the Western Balkan countries and Turkey are expected, in the context of European integration processes, to enhance their administrative capacities in order to align their national legislation with the EU *acquis*. The topic of the conference was also closely linked to the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion and represented a regional contribution to the EU targets and achievements in the subject area.

The workshop with the SEECP National Coordinators for Parliamentary Cooperation was organized by the Regional Secretariat for Parliamentary Cooperation in South East Europe (RSPC SEE) in Sofia. The aim of the workshop was the preparation of the first Working Group which will involve members of parliaments from the SEECP Participating States with a view of possible further institutionalization of the SEECP parliamentary dimension, following the adoption of the Eighth Declaration of the Meeting of the SEECP Speakers of Parliament (Antalya, 6 June 2010) and which also represents a priority outlined in the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013.

The RSPC SEE organized this meeting as a first step in coordination of tasks and activities and how best to approach the fulfillment of this task. Representative from the Parliament of Montenegro stated the priorities of the Montenegrin SEECF Chairmanship-in-Office and offered to host the first meeting of the Working Group. Most of the national parliaments of the SEECF Participating States have nominated members of the Working Group. Once all SEECF Participating States nominate their representatives the first meeting of the Working Group will be held in Montenegro in January or February 2011. The RCC Secretariat will be taking part in the Working Group's activities and will continue to provide assistance and support in this respect in line with the RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2011-2013.

IV. Operation of the RCC Secretariat

The RCC Secretariat currently comprises of a total of 37 staff members, out of which 32 Secretariat's officials and five members of technical and service staff (public affairs assistant, driver/security officer, two drivers/couriers, receptionist). A complete list of the RCC Secretariat's staff is appended in Annex II 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 will bring 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 Strategy and Work Programme 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 SEECF 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. Financial Sub-Committee to the RCC Board

The fifth meeting of the Financial Sub-Committee to the RCC Board was held on 27 October 2010 in Sarajevo. The Sub-Committee discussed preliminary execution of the budget of the RCC Secretariat for 2010, foreseen expenditures until the end of the year 2010 and the information on the principles of the budgeting process for 2011, which were presented in the context of the discussion on the Draft Budget for year 2011. The Financial Sub-Committee accepted a recommendation to the RCC Board to adopt the Draft Budget of the RCC Secretariat for 2011. The Financial Sub-Committee also recommended to the RCC Board to approve the reallocation of 4.000 EUR from the economies made under “Staff costs” line to the “Financial costs” line of the RCC Secretariat’s budget for 2010, due to increased costs of bank charges related to financial operations of the RCC Secretariat.

VII. State of the financial contributions to the RCC Secretariat’s budget

Until 26 November 2010 the following contributions to the RCC Secretariat’s budget were received:

- Czech Republic	50,280.78 EUR	10 December 2009
- Italy	49,973.73 EUR	22 December 2009
- Bulgaria	140,000.00 EUR	26 January 2010
- Croatia	80,000.00 EUR	4 February 2010

- Sweden	150,842.35 EUR	11 February 2010
- UNMIK/Kosovo	39,960.00 EUR	12 February 2010
- Latvia	50,000.00 EUR	2 March 2010
- Greece	140,000.00EUR	2 March 2010
- Poland	50,000.00 EUR	9 March 2010
- Moldova	40,000.00 EUR	29 March 2010
- Montenegro	19,980.00 EUR (remaining portion of contribution unpaid - 20,020.00 EUR)	13 April 2010
- Serbia	60,000.00 EUR	13 April 2010
- Slovenia	50,000.00 EUR	12 May 2010
- Hungary	50,000.00 EUR	14 May 2010
- Ireland	50,000.00 EUR	18 May 2010
- Romania	140,000.00 EUR	4 June 2010
- Turkey	140,000.00 EUR	16 June 2010
- France	50,281.20 EUR	17 August 2010
- Norway	101,829.74 EUR	18 August 2010
- Switzerland	107,223.64 EUR	24 September 2010
- Bosnia and Herzegovina	60,000.00 EUR	14 October 2010
- United States of America	141,473.20 EUR	9 November 2010
- Germany	200,000.00 EUR	11 November 2010

The RCC Secretariat received, until 26 November 2010, a total of 2,967,914.58 EUR as financial contributions of the RCC Board members to the RCC Secretariat's budget for 2010. This sum represents 82,23% of the overall RCC Secretariat's budget for 2010 of 3,238,750.97 EUR.

VIII. Future activities of the RCC Secretariat

- Coordination Conference of Regional Organizations and International Partners in Justice, Home Affairs and Security Cooperation – Sarajevo, 30 November -1 December 2010 – organized by the RCC Secretariat;
- Meeting of the RCC Board – Sarajevo, 2 December 2010 – organized by the RCC Secretariat;
- Coordination Meeting between the SEECP and the RCC - Sarajevo, 2 December 2010 – co-organized by the Montenegrin Chairmanship-in-Office of the SEECP and the RCC Secretariat;
- RCC Annual Reception – Sarajevo, 7 December 2010 – organized by the RCC Secretariat;
- Second Meeting of Regional Expert Network on Energy in South East Europe – Sarajevo, 16 December 2010 – organized by the RCC Secretariat;
- Meeting of the RCC Board – March 2011 – organized by the RCC Secretariat;

ANNEX I

LIST OF MEETINGS AND EVENTS ATTENDED BY THE RCC SECRETARY GENERAL AND THE RCC SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS IN THE PERIOD FROM 11 SEPTEMBER TO 26 NOVEMBER 2010

- eDemocracy – ICT a driver for improving democracy – Ohrid, 12 – 14 September 2010 (Senior Expert on Building Human Capital)
- Preparatory meeting of the conference on Integrated Environmental Management of the Adriatic/Mediterranean-Black Sea Coastal Areas and the Danube/Sava River Basin to be held in November 2010 – Ljubljana, 12 – 14 September 2010, organized by the ICPE (Senior Expert on Infrastructure and Energy)
- Meeting with the Member of the European Commission responsible for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries - Brussels, 13 September 2010 (Head of Liaison Office)
- Meeting with MEP (EPP) - Brussels, 13 September 2010 (Head of Liaison Office)
- Meeting with Head of unit for Bulgaria, Greece and Romania in Directorate-General for Regional Policy in the European Commission - Brussels, 13 September 2010 (Head of Liaison Office)
- Meeting with MEP (Socialist Group) - Brussels, 13 September 2010 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Meeting with the President of the EU-Russia Center and the Director of the EU-Russia Center - Brussels, 13 September 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- PMSC/MPFSEE and SEDM Coordination Meeting – Sofia, 13 – 15 September 2010 (Senior Expert on Security Issues)
- Participation at the EPC Breakfast Policy Briefing "A new momentum for climate action in Europe?" with the Commissioner for Climate Action - Brussels, 14 September 2010 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Participation at the launching of the Report “The missing Peace: The need for a long term strategy in Bosnia and Herzegovina” – Brussels, 14 September 2010 (Special Envoy of the RCC Secretary General for Relations with the Presidency of the EU)
- Meeting with the Head of the European Judicial Network Secretariat - Brussels, 14 September 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Meeting with MEP (ALDE) - Brussels, 14 September 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Meeting with the Enlargement Strategy Policy Officer, Directorate General for Enlargement of the European Commission, Brussels - 14 September 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Meeting with IPSA Institute representatives – Sarajevo, 14 September 2010 (Expert on Infrastructure)
- 18th meeting of the Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group (SWG) in South East Europe – Biograd, 14 – 18 September 2010 (Expert on Economic and Social Development)

- Meeting with the Head of Mission of China to the EU - Brussels, 15 September 2010 (Head of Liaison Office)
- Meeting with the Head of Mission of Kazakhstan to the EU - Brussels, 15 September 2010 (Head of Liaison Office)
- Participation at the Hearing “EU anticorruption policy for a sustainable future” organized by the EPP members of the Budgetary Control and Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committees of the European Parliament - Brussels, 15 September 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Participation at an exclusive presentation on the United States' perspective on ‘cyber security and the role of NATO’ with the U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defence - Brussels, 15 September 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Participation at the meeting of the Evaluation Committee of the call for proposal, IPA - Socio-Economic Partnership Programme, European Commission - Brussels, 15 September 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- IFI Advisory Group’s Working Group on Transport – Brussels, 15 – 17 September 2010 (Expert on Infrastructure, Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- RCC Board meeting – Sarajevo, 16 September 2010 (Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool, Chief of Staff, Special Envoy of the RCC Secretary General for Relations with the Presidency of the EU; Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Senior Expert on Economic and Social Development, Senior Expert on Infrastructure and Energy, Senior Expert on Justice and Home Affairs, Senior Expert on Building Human Capital, Expert on Parliamentary Cooperation, Political Advisors, Legal Advisor)
- Coordination Meeting between the South-East European Cooperation Process (SEECP) and the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) – Sarajevo 16 September 2010 (Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool, Chief of Staff, Special Envoy of the RCC Secretary General for Relations with the Presidency of the EU, Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Political Advisors, Legal Advisor)
- Meeting with MEP (ALDE) - Brussels, 16 September 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Meeting with the Programme Manager, Regional Programmes, Economic Development and IFI Cooperation Section, Directorate-General for Enlargement, European Commission – Brussels, 16 September 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Meeting with the Permanent Representative of Romania to NATO and the Head of the Military Section within the Romanian Delegation to NATO - Brussels, 16 September 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- 4th Meeting of the Expert Working Group – Skopje, 16 – 17 September 2010, organized by the PCC SEE Macedonian Chairmanship in Office (Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)
- Crans Montana Forum high level panel meeting - Crans Montana, Switzerland, 16-19 September 2010 (Head of Liaison Office)
- International Conference: “Beyond the Vienna Initiative: Towards a New Banking Model for Central, East and Southeast European Economies (CESEE)” – Vienna, 17 September 2010, organized by the Federal Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Austria (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool)
- Participating as member of the Evaluation Committee of the European Commission on IPA – Multi-Beneficiary Call for Proposals on Civil Society Facility on Vulnerable Groups and Minority Rights – Brussels, 17 September 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)

- Participation at the meeting of the Evaluation Committee of the call for proposal, IPA 2009, Civil Society Facility, Regional Programmes, Support to Partnership Actions between Cultural Organisations, European Commission - Brussels, 17 September 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Participation in EuroComment briefing for the September European Council meeting - Brussels, 20 September 2010 (Special Envoy of the RCC Secretary General for Relations with the Presidency of the EU, Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Participation at the Roundtable “The A-Z of Cohering Crises Management in the post-Lisbon Era” – Brussels, 20 September 2010 (Special Envoy of the RCC Secretary General for Relations with the Presidency of the EU)
- Meeting with MEP (EPP) - Brussels, 20 September 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Regional Conference “Challenges of Human Resources Management in the Process of the Police Reform” – Skopje, 20 – 21 September 2010, organized by the EU, OSCE, NATO and USA (Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)
- Meeting with the Director in the Regional Policy Directorate-General in the European Commission - Brussels, 21 September 2010 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Participation in a Seminar on Europe 2020 Strategy hosted by the Society of European Affairs Professionals with a key note speaker a Director of the European Coordination Unit in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Belgium - Brussels, 21 September 2010 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Meeting with Project Manager on European Neighborhood Policy Instrument, covering Moldova and security/justice and home affairs issues within AIDCO - Brussels, 21 September 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- First Forum for South East European Women Entrepreneurs – Istanbul, 21 – 22 September 2010, organized by the RCC Secretariat, KOSGEB, UN ECE (Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool, Expert on Economic and Social Development)
- Meeting with the European Commission’s Project Manager on Disaster Risk Reduction (Directorate-General for Enlargement, Regional Programmes Unit) and the Head of Unit Civil Protection (DG ECHO) - Brussels, 22 September 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Meeting with the Policy Unit Western Balkans Task Force representative in the General Secretariat of the Council of the EU – Brussels, 23 September 2010 (Special Envoy of the RCC Secretary General for Relations with the Presidency of the EU, Deputy Head of the Liaison Office)
- 21st Regional Meeting of the DPPI SEE – Durres, 23 – 24 September 2010 (Senior Expert on Security Issues)
- 8th Ministerial Council meeting of the Energy Community – Skopje, 23 – 24 September 2010 (Senior Expert on Infrastructure and Energy)
- Participating as member of the Evaluation Committee of the European Commission on IPA – Multi-Beneficiary Call for Proposals on EU Civil Protection Mechanism - Brussels, 23-24 September 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Participation at EPC/CEPS event: The Treaty of Lisbon - a second look at the institutional innovations, Brussels, 24 September 2010 (Special Envoy of the RCC Secretary General for Relations with the Presidency of the EU, Deputy Head of Liaison Office)

- Participation at the Joint Workshop of the PfP Consortium Study Group “Regional Stability in South East Europe” and the Centre for Security Studies “Faster Euro-Atlantic Integration – A Precondition for Lasting Peace and Stability in the Western Balkans – Sarajevo, 25 September 2010 (Secretary General)
- “International Forum on Higher Education Reform Foresight 2020” – Dubrovnik, 27 – 29 September 2010, co-organized by the RCC Secretariat, University of Novi Sad and University of Zagreb (Secretary General, Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool, Senior Expert on Building Human Capital)
- Danube Strategy Implementation and Financing High-Level meeting – Belgrade, 27 September 2010, organized by the Government of the Republic of Serbia (Senior Expert on Infrastructure and Energy)
- Meeting with the Head of EU Military Intelligence Branch, EU Military Staff Intelligence Directorate, General Secretariat of the EU Council - Brussels, 27 September 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Participating as member of the Evaluation Committee of the European Commission on IPA – Multi-Beneficiary Call for Proposals on EU Civil Protection Mechanism - Brussels, 27 September 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Meeting with the desk-officer for RCC in the General Secretariat of the EU Council - Brussels, 27 September 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Meeting with MEP (Socialist Group) - Brussels, 28 September 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Meeting with ISIS Programme Secretariat and Single sky & modernization of air traffic control, Policy Officer, Directorate-General Mobility and Transport - Brussels, 28 September 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Reforms of Public Administration and Judiciary – Brussels, 28 – 30 September 2010, organized by the European Parliament (Expert on Parliamentary Cooperation)
- Participation at the launching of the book “Can Europe Rise to the Challenge? EU Policy Responses to the Global Crises” – Brussels, 28 September 2010 (Special Envoy of the RCC Secretary General for Relations with the Presidency of the EU)
- Meeting with the Director of the MARRI Center – Brussels, 29 September 2010 (Special Envoy of the RCC Secretary General for Relations with the Presidency of the EU)
- Meeting with MEP (EPP) - Brussels, 29 September 2010 (Head of Liaison Office)
- Meeting with MEP (ECR) - Brussels, 29 September 2010 (Head of Liaison Office)
- Participation at the EPC briefing: Turkey’s EU membership process with the Minister for EU Affairs & Chief Negotiator of Turkey - Brussels, 29 September 2010 (Head of Liaison Office, Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Participation in the Security & Defense roundtable 'Fine-tuning EU border security' with the Director General for Home Affairs in the European Commission - Brussels, 29 September 2010 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Participation at the Second meeting of the SEE Chiefs of Military Intelligence - Belgrade, 29-30 September 2010 (Secretary General, Senior Expert on Security Cooperation, Spokesperson, Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Participation at the Ministerial Meeting to launch RENA – Brussels, 30 September 2010 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Advisor in the Liaison Office)

- Participation at the EPC discussion on Turkish foreign policy and relations with the West with the participation of MP from Turkey, MEP and member of the cabinet of HR/VP - Brussels, 30 September 2010 (Special Envoy of the RCC Secretary General for Relations with the Presidency of the EU, Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Meeting the Vice-President of the National Assembly of Bulgaria - Brussels, 30 September 2010 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Meeting with the MEP (EPP) – Brussels, 30 September 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Meeting with representatives of the Austrian Development Agency – Sarajevo, 30 September 2010 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool, Senior Expert on Infrastructure and Energy)
- Regional Workshop on Democratic Policing “Organizational and Managerial Issues in the Police” – Sarajevo, 30 September – 1 October 2010, co-organized by the OSCE Strategic Police Matters Unit and the RCC Secretariat (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool, Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)
- Meeting with the Antici of the Permanent Representation of Bulgaria to the EU - Brussels, 1 October 2010 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Meeting with the representative of the DG REGIO of the European Commission - Brussels, 1 October 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Meeting with the Team Leader of the Regional Small Arms Clearinghouse (SEESAC) - Belgrade, 1 October 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Conference “Strengthening Regional and Transnational Cooperation as a Precondition for Successful Fight against Organized Crime in South East Europe”, organised by the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Serbia and the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Serbia – Belgrade, 3 - 4 October 2010 (Secretary General, Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)
- Meeting with the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the EU - Brussels, 4 October 2010 (Head of Liaison Office)
- Meeting with the Director for South East Europe in the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Brussels, 4 October 2010 (Special Envoy of the RCC Secretary General for Relations with the EU Presidency)
- Participation at the EU Workshop “The benefits of cooperating across internal and external borders” – Brussels, 4 October 2010 (Special Envoy of the RCC Secretary General for Relations with the EU Presidency)
- Conference “Serbia’s European Path – 10 Years In” – Belgrade, 4 – 6 October 2010, organized by the European Integration Office of the Republic of Serbia, Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence and Balkans Fund for Democracy (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool)
- Regional meeting “Schools for Inclusive Education in the Western Balkans and Turkey – Şanlıurfa, 4 – 6 October 2010, organized by the European Training Foundation (Expert on Parliamentary Cooperation)
- Renaissance for eGovernance and South East Europe – Portoroz, 4 – 5 October 2010, organized by the CeGD (Senior Expert on Building Human Capital and Cross-Cutting Issues)
- Donor’s Working meeting “Access to Finance in South East Europe” – Tirana, 4 – 6 October 2010, organized by the USAID, Partners for Financial Stability, Regional Competitiveness Initiative (Expert on Economic and Social Development)

- Kick off meeting on police developmental aid in the Western Balkans – Berlin, 5 – 6 October 2010, organized by the Bundeskriminalamt (Senior Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)
- Meeting with the Member of the European Commission responsible for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response - Brussels, 5 October 2010 (Head of Liaison Office)
- Participation in CEPS Event "Climate Change, Energy and Transport in the EU 2020 - Future of Sustainable Road Transport" - Brussels, 5 October 2010 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Participation in the “Operational meeting on coordination of efforts of the law enforcement agencies of the SECI Center and CARICC members states and their partners in the field of combating trans-border organized crime with focus on drug trafficking” - Istanbul, 5 - 6 October 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Consultations with representatives of the Government of the Republic of Bulgaria – Sofia, 6 October 2010 (Secretary General, Political Advisor)
- Meeting with the Secretary General of EPP - Brussels, 6 October 2010 (Head of Liaison Office)
- Participation in European Movement International briefing with the Commissioner for Climate action “Climate protection on the way to Cancún: What role for the European Union?” - Brussels, 6 October 2010 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Participation in the Conference: “Future of the Danube Area” organised by the Representation of the State of Baden Wurttemberg to the EU, panelist at the Socio-economic development workshop - Brussels, 6 October 2010 (Special Envoy of the RCC Secretary General for Relations with the EU Presidency, Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Western Balkans Cross-Border Surveillance Exercise – Podgorica, 6 – 8 October 2010, organized by Police Cooperation Convention for Southeast Europe (Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)
- International Conference “Europe looks East” – organised by New Policy Forum (Gorbachev Forum) a.s.b.l. and Foundation “The Slavs” – Sofia, 7 October 2010 (Secretary General, Political Advisor)
- 5th Regional Ministry of Defence Policy Directors meeting – Belgrade, 7 October 2010, organized by the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Serbia (Senior Expert on Security Issues)
- Meeting with the Assistant Minister of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy of the Republic of Serbia – Sarajevo, 7 October 2010 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool)
- Meeting with Director in DG Enlargement of the European Commission - Brussels, 7 October 2010 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Meeting with the Head of EU Military Intelligence Branch, EU Military Staff Intelligence Directorate - Brussels, 8 October 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Meeting with Executive Director of the Gender Task Force – Sarajevo, 8 October 2010 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool)
- Joint CEI – RCC Sustainable Energy Development Regional Initiative (SEDRI) 1st Task Force meeting – Trieste, 7 – 8 October 2010, organized by the CEI and RCC (Senior Expert on Infrastructure and Energy)
- Second strategic seminar on the future of Southeast European Integration into European institutions and the specific case of Montenegro, organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro – Budva, 9 - 10 October 2010 (Secretary General)

- Annual South Eastern Defence Ministerial meeting – Tirana, 11 – 12 October 2010, organized by the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Albania (Senior Expert on Security Issues)
- Meeting with the Secretary General of the European Commission - Brussels, 11 October 2010 (Head of Liaison Office)
- Meeting with Principal Administrator, Territorial Cooperation, DG REGIO of the European Commission - Brussels, 11 October 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Meeting with MEP (EPP) - Brussels, 12 October 2010 (Head of Liaison Office)
- Participation in CEPS meeting: "The Role of the European Parliament. How does it function in reality?" with the Secretary General of the European Parliament - Brussels, 12 October 2010 (Special Envoy of the RCC Secretary General for Relations with the EU Presidency, Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Participation in a debate with President of the European Council: 'Economic contribution – Community Involvement – Responsibility' - Brussels, 12 October 2010 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Participation in the 17th Conference of the Members of the Southeast European Prosecutors Advisory Group (SEEPAG) - Sofia, 12 - 13 October 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- 16th Electricity Forum of the Energy Community – Athens, 12 – 13 October 2010, organized by the Energy Community Secretariat (Senior Expert on Infrastructure and Energy)
- Regional Conference "Fight Against Poverty and Social Exclusion in the Context of European Integration Process: the Role of National Parliaments" – Belgrade, 12 – 13 October 2010, co-organized by the RCC Secretariat and the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia with the support of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation office in Belgrade (Secretary General, Expert on Parliamentary Cooperation)
- Annual meetings of the members of the OSCE Border Security and Management National Focal Point Networks – Vienna, 12 – 14 October 2010, organized by the OSCE (Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)
- Meeting with the President of Chamber of Commerce Belgium-Luxembourg, South East Europe – Brussels, 13 October 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Meeting with the Advisor in the DG ELARG of the European Commission and the representative of the Council of Europe in relation to the process of transition of Ljubljana Process into regional ownership – Brussels, 14 October 2010 (Chief of Staff, Senior Expert on Building Human Capital and Cross-Cutting Issues)
- Meeting with Director for External Action of the EU in the Directorate General for European Affairs and the Director for South East Europe in the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs – Brussels, 14 October 2010 (Special Envoy of the RCC Secretary General for Relations with the EU Presidency, Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- EPC Balkans Forum "Bosnia and Herzegovina after the elections: What prospects for breaking the stalemate?" – Brussels, 14 October 2010 (Special Envoy of the RCC Secretary General for Relations with the EU Presidency)
- Friends of Europe Conference 'State of the Europe - Brussels, 14 October 2010 (Special Envoy of the RCC Secretary General for Relations with the EU Presidency, Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- International high-level conference "Addressing Europe's Digital Divide: Towards Sustainable Public Service Media in South East Europe" organised by the RCC and the European Broadcasting Union – Sarajevo, 14 - 15 October 2010 (Secretary General, Spokesperson)

- 13th meeting of the ERI SEE Governing Board and Consultative Body – Belgrade, 18 October 2010, organized by the ERI SEE (Senior Expert on Building Human Capital and Cross-Cutting Issues)
- Meeting with the Head of Unit, DG REGIO of the European Commission - Brussels 18 October 2010 (Deputy Secretary General/ Head of Expert Pool, Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Meeting with Head of Regional Programmes Unit in DG Enlargement of the European Commission - Brussels, 18 October 2010 (Deputy Secretary General/ Head of Expert Pool, Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Meeting with Head of Unit for European Transnational and Interregional Cooperation, DG REGIO, European Commission – Brussels, 18 October 2010 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool, Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Donor's Coordination meeting – Brussels, 18 – 20 October 2010 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool, Head of Liaison Office, Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Presentation of RCC to UNDP Western Balkans Cluster Meeting - Brussels 19 October 2010 (Deputy Secretary General/ Head of Expert Pool, Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Participation at the Paneuropean Working Group of the EPP in European Parliament – Challenges and responsibilities – Strasbourg, 19 October 2010 (Secretary General)
- Participation at the Regional conference " Role of NGO's in combating corruption - experiences and perspectives" - Belgrade, 19 October 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Euromoney's Regional Finance and Investment Conference of the South East Europe – Belgrade, 19 – 20 October 2010, organized by the Euromoney Conference (Senior Expert on Economic and Social Development)
- Ministerial Conference: 10th Ministerial conference on illegal migration, organised crime, corruption and terrorism – Brdo kod Kranja, 19 – 20 October 2010, organized by the Ministry of Interior of the Republic of Slovenia (Senior Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)
- 24th MAG meeting and the 10th RACVIAC Anniversary – Zagreb, 19 – 21 October 2010 (Senior Expert on Security Issues)
- OSCE Review Conference – Vienna, 19 – 22 October 2010 (Chief of Staff, Spokesperson, Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)
- Meeting with the Head of Mission of Tajikistan to the EU - Brussels, 20 October 2010 (Head of Liaison Office)
- Participation at the Third meeting of the IPA MB Strategic Working Group on Environment and Risk Reduction - Brussels, 20 October 2010 (Advisors in the Liaison Office)
- Presentation of RCC activities at the Third meeting of the IPA MB Strategic Working Group on Environment and Risk Reduction - Brussels, 21 October 2010 (Advisors in the Liaison Office)
- Regional Conference: The Role of Inspectors in Education Quality Assurance – Sarajevo, 20 – 21 October 2010, organized by the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina and Regional Cooperation Council (Senior Expert on Building Human Capital and Cross – Cutting Issues)
- Vojvodina – CESS International Conference “Human Resources as Driver of Competitiveness” – Novi Sad, 21 – 22 October 2010, organized by the Centre for Strategic Economic Studies Novi Sad (Senior Expert on Building Human Capital and Cross-Cutting Issues)

- Forum Social Dialogue in South East Europe: “Regional Conference “Welfare State Development in SEE: Problems and Perspectives of Health Care and Pension System” – Sofia, 21 – 22 October 2010, organized by the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Pan-European Trade Union Council (Expert on Economic and Social Development)
- Western Balkans Regional Competitiveness Initiative (RCI) roundtable meeting in Bosnia and Herzegovina – Sarajevo, 21 October 2010, organized by the OECD and CET Coordinator of the Bosnia and Herzegovina (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool)
- Participation in CEPS briefing with the Commissioner for budget ‘The Financial Perspectives 2014-2020’ - Brussels, 22 October 2010 (Special Envoy of the RCC Secretary General for Relations with the EU Presidency, Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Meeting with a Director of CEPS - Brussels, 22 October 2010 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Workshop on Reducing Emissions from Energy Sectors in the Energy Community – Sarajevo, 25 – 26 October 2010, co-organized by the Energy Community Secretariat and Regional Cooperation Council (Senior Expert on Infrastructure and Energy)
- Meeting with RENA Secretariat Team Leader – Sarajevo, 25 October 2010 (Senior Expert on Infrastructure and Energy)
- Meeting with MP, the rapporteur for the Western Balkans of the CDU/CSU parliamentary group in the German Bundestag - Brussels, 25 October 2010 (Head of Liaison Office, Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Participation in the European Parliament presentation of the book ‘Myths of Nuclear Energy – a Guide’ - Brussels, 26 October 2010 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Meeting with the Director of the EGMONT Institute – Brussels, 26 October 2010 (Special Envoy of the RCC Secretary General for Relations with the EU Presidency)
- Meeting with the Project Manager on European Neighborhood Policy Instrument, covering Moldova and security/justice and home affairs issues within AIDCO - Brussels, 26 October 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Meeting with the Director-General of DG REGIO of the European Commission - Brussels, 27 October 2010 (Head of Liaison Office)
- Participation in the conference ‘Redefining NATO and the transatlantic relationship’ - Brussels, 27 October 2010 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Meeting with the Research Coordinator for Europe within the Chicago Council for Global Affairs – Brussels, 27 October 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Agricultural forum for SEE countries “Bridging the gap: Agricultural and rural development policies in SEE facing the challenges of EU compliance” – Dresden, 27 – 30 October 2010, organized by the SGW, InWent, GTZ and IAMO (Senior Expert on Economic and Social Development)
- Workshop in South East Europe to focus on enhancing national coordination and regional cooperation in counter-terrorism matters – Sarajevo, 27 – 28 October 2010, co-organized by the RCC (Secretary General, Senior Expert on Justice and Home Affairs, Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)
- Participation at the ISIS roundtable: “Multi-stakeholder partnership in (Post) conflict reconstruction: The role of the European Union” – Brussels, 28 October 2010 (Special Envoy of the RCC Secretary General for Relations with the EU Presidency)

- Meeting with Prime Minister of Albania - Brussels, 28 October 2010 (Head of Liaison Office)
- Participation in EPC policy briefing with the Commissioner for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response: 'Reinforcing the Union's disaster response capacity' - Brussels, 28 October 2010 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Participation in Friends of Europe debate: Counter measures in the Balkans against organized Crime and corruption - Brussels, 28 October 2010 (Special Envoy of the RCC Secretary General for Relations with the EU Presidency, Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Meeting with the Secretary General and the Director of Friends of Europe - Brussels, 28 October 2010 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Participation in a public event in the Committee of Regions with the Prime Minister of Bulgaria - Brussels, 28 October 2010 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Meeting with President of the Republic of Croatia – Zagreb, 29 October 2010 (Secretary General)
- The Founding Conference of the Danube Media Network – Novi Sad, 29 October 2010, organized by the RTV Vojvodina in collaboration with the Foundation "Sodalitas" (Senior Expert on Infrastructure and Energy)
- Meeting with Director of the Association of Employers of Bosnia and Herzegovina – Sarajevo, 29 October 2010 (Expert on Economic and Social Development)
- 3rd OSCE Mission to the Bosnia and Herzegovina Presentation Event – Sarajevo, 2 November 2010 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool, Political Advisor)
- Meeting with GTZ representatives – Sarajevo, 3 November 2010 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool, Senior Expert on Infrastructure and Energy, Expert on Economic and Social Development)
- Participation at the ECAS Conference "Mind the Gap - Towards better enforcement of European citizens' free movement rights" – Brussels, 3 November 2010 (Special Envoy of the RCC Secretary General for Relations with the EU Presidency)
- Business Advisory Council meeting – Istanbul, 3 November 2010 (Secretary General, Senior Expert on Economic and Social Development)
- Meeting with SEETO representatives – Sarajevo, 3 November 2010 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool, Expert on Infrastructure)
- Association of Balkan Chambers General Assembly meeting – Sarajevo, 4 November 2010, organized by the Foreign Trade Chamber of Bosnia and Herzegovina (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool, Expert on Economic and Social Development)
- Participation at the Eurocomment briefing on the October European Council meeting – Brussels, 4 November 2010 (Special Envoy of the RCC Secretary General for Relations with the EU Presidency)
- 5th Regional Community Policing meeting – Belgrade, 4 – 5 November 2010, organized by the SEPCA (Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)
- Meeting with the Head of Vienna Office Investment Climate Department – Sarajevo, 5 November 2010 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool, Senior Expert on Economic and Social Development, Expert on Economic and Social Development)

- Meeting with Socio Economic Advisor, Support to EC and IFI coordination in the Western Balkans and Turkey – Sarajevo, 5 November 2010 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool, Senior Expert on Economic and Social Development, Expert on Economic and Social Development)
- Meeting with the Deputy PSC Representative, Head of Political Affairs and CSDP Sections and Representative to COWEB (Western Balkans) within the Romanian Permanent Representation to the EU - Brussels, 5 November 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Participation in Friends of Europe Launch of the Human Development Report 2010 - Brussels, 8 November 2010 (Special Envoy of the RCC Secretary General for Relations with the EU Presidency, Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Workshop of the National Coordinators of the SEECP Parliaments – Sofia, 8 November 2010 (Expert on Parliamentary Cooperation, Junior Political Advisor)
- 2nd Oil Forum of the Energy Community – Belgrade, 8 – 9 October 2010, organized by the Energy Community (Senior Expert on Infrastructure and Energy)
- V Congress of Women Entrepreneurs of Adriatic and Ionian Region – Mostar, 8 – 9 November 2010 (Expert on Economic and Social Development)
- Meetings with representatives of the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Bulgaria and Republic of Serbia – Sofia and Belgrade, 8- 12 November 2010 (Senior Expert on Security Issues)
- Innovation Dialogue Forum – Becici, 8 November 2010 (Senior Expert on Building Human Capital and Cross – Cutting Issues)
- Participation in EPC Policy Briefing with the Commissioner for Digital Agenda: ‘ A Digital Single Market’ - Brussels, 9 November 2010 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Participation in Hans Seidel/CES debate "Freedom, Security und Rule of Law in Europe, Romania's Schengen Accession" with the Minister of Interior of Romania - Brussels, 9 November 2010 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Participation in the IPA MB Civil Society Facility Evaluation Committee - Brussels, 9 November 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Attendance of the European Parliament Hearing with Member of the European Commission responsible for Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy - Brussels, 9 November 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- IPA MB Sector Working Group on Public Administration and Governance – Danilovgrad, 9 – 10 November 2010 (Senior Expert on Building Human Capital and Cross-Cutting Issues)
- Official Opening of the Regional School of Public Administration (ReSPA) – Danilovgrad, 11 November 2010 (Secretary General)
- International Conference “Integrated Environmental Management of the Adriatic/Mediterranean – Black Sea Coastal Areas and the Danube/Sava River Basins focused on transport and tourism – Ljubljana, 10 – 11 November 2010 organized by the ICPE and ECPD and supported by the RCC (Senior Expert on Infrastructure and Energy)
- SEE Health Network meeting – Tirana, 10 – 12 November 2010 (Expert on Economic and Social Development)
- CEFTA week – Belgrade, 10 – 11 November 2010 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool, Senior Expert on Economic and Social Development)

- Meeting with journalists on a visit to Brussels under EU funded project - Brussels, 11 November 2010 (Head of the Liaison Office, Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Steering Platform meeting – Becici, 11 November 2010 (Senior Expert on Building Human Capital and Cross – Cutting Issues)
- Participation in the RAI Steering Group meeting - Bucharest, 11-12 November 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Meeting with the Special Envoy of Ecumenical Patriarch - Brussels, 12 November 2010 (Head of Liaison Office)
- Meeting with a Member of the Cabinet of the Member of the European Commission responsible for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response - Brussels, 12 November 2010 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Consultations with high-level officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia – Ljubljana, 15 November 2010 (Secretary General, Political Advisor)
- Participation in CEPS conference ‘The Shadow NATO Summit’ - Brussels, 15 November 2010 (Special Envoy of the RCC Secretary General for Relations with the EU Presidency, Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Participation in the meeting of the Evaluation Committee for the IPA-MB Programs on Minority Rights and Vulnerable Groups – DG Enlargement, European Commission - Brussels, 15 November 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- 3rd Steering Committee meeting of SEECEL – Zagreb, 15 November 2010 (Expert on Economic and Social Development)
- Participation in EPC Policy Briefing ‘Visions for Europe’ with the President of the European Council - Brussels, 16 November 2010 (Special Envoy of the RCC Secretary General for Relations with the EU Presidency, Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Participation in EPC Forum on democratic transitions in the Western Balkans - Brussels, 16 November 2010 (Special Envoy of the RCC Secretary General for Relations with the EU Presidency, Deputy Head of Liaison Office, Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Meeting with the Head of Enlargement Strategy Unit in DG Enlargement of the European Commission – Brussels, 17 November 2010 (Special Envoy of the RCC Secretary General for Relations with the EU Presidency, Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Participation in Heinrich Boel Stifting debate ‘The European External Action Service: Added Value or just a “28th Foreign Ministry”?’ - Brussels, 17 November 2010 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Participation in the EPC Policy Dialogue: ‘The rocky road to ‘normality’: public opinion in the Balkans’ - Brussels, 17 November 2010 (Special Envoy of the RCC Secretary General for Relations with the EU Presidency, Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Participation in the seminar ‘Migration and Cohesion EU policy’ - Brussels, 17 November 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Meeting with the representative of the EU Member States Intelligence Directorate responsible for the candidate countries - Brussels, 17 November 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- NIPAC Workshop and Programming for 2012 – Podgorica, 17 – 18 November 2010 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool)

- Financing the development of road and rail transport infrastructure – Vienna, 17 November 2010, organized by the UNECE and OSCE (Expert on Infrastructure)
- 1st Regional Conference in the frame of the DET-ILECUs II Project – Potsdam-Werder, 17 – 19 November 2010 (Senior Expert on Justice and Home Affairs)
- Participation in the Centre for Parliamentary Studies Conference ‘European Borders: Security, surveillance and Protection’ - Brussels, 18 November 2010 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Participation in the Policy Briefing “The future for European cohesion policy” with the Member of the European Commission responsible for Regional Policy - Brussels, 18 November 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Participation in the conference ”Freedom and Security in Europe: Germany and the EU Face New Challenges” - Brussels, 18 November 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- ICDT Interregional Workshop on the Role of Civil Society Organization in Regional Cooperation – Sarajevo, 18 – 19 November 2010 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool, Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Meeting with the Secretary General of Friends of Europe - Brussels, 19 November 2010 (Head of Liaison Office)
- Speaker at the Interregional Workshop on the role of the Civil Society Organizations in Regional Cooperation: Sharing the Experiences of Visegrad Cooperation in the Western Balkans and the EaP Countries - Sarajevo, 19 - 20 November 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Regional Conference “Fostering European History Education Integration” – Thessaloniki, 19 – 21 November 2010, organized by the CDRSEE (Senior Expert on Building Human Capital and Cross-Cutting Issues)
- Meeting with representatives of the TACSO – Sarajevo, 19 November 2010 (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool)
- Participation in the Policy Briefing “A new European contract for the Balkans and Turkey: the role of Greece” with the Minister of Foreign Affairs Greece - Brussels, 22 November 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Participation in the Policy Briefing “EU for Asia Brussels Briefing Cross-border terrorism: time for global action?” - Brussels, 22 November 2010 (Senior Expert on Justice and Home Affairs, Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- 1st Steering Committee meeting of the Regional Competitiveness Initiative; 7th meeting of the SEE Investment Committee “Boosting Innovation and Skills in South East Europe and Donor’s meeting – Paris, 22 – 24 November 2010, organized by the OECD (Deputy Secretary General/Head of Expert Pool, Senior Expert on Economic and Social Development)
- UNECE Committee on Sustainable Energy `` Energy Week``– Geneva, 22 – 26 November 2010 (Senior Expert on Infrastructure and Energy)
- EU-Western Balkans Ministerial Forum on Justice and Home Affairs - Brussels, 23 – 24 November 2010 (Secretary General, Senior Expert on Justice and Home Affairs, Advisor in the Liaison Office)
- Workshop “Establishment and empowerment of National Supervisory Authority Certification, designation and oversight: challenges ahead” – Sarajevo, 23 – 25 November 2010, co-organized by the Belgian Presidency of the Council of the EU and the RCC Secretariat in cooperation with the European Commission Directorate-General for Mobility and Transport and Implementation of the Single European

Sky in South East Europe (ISIS) Programme (Spokesperson, Expert on Infrastructure, Advisor in the Liaison Office)

- Meeting with the Hungarian representative to COWEB Brussels – Brussels, 24 November 2010 (Special Envoy of the RCC Secretary General for Relations with the EU Presidency)
- Inter – Dialogue for the Stability of the Balkans Strengthening Inter-Religious and Inter-Ethnic Dialogue in SEE – Shkoder, 24 – 26 November 2010, organized by the RACVIAC and the Ministry of Defence of the Republic of Albania (Senior Expert on Building Human Capital and Cross-Cutting Issues)
- Participation in the European Strategy Forum debate on the future of the EU enlargement policy - Dubrovnik, 25 - 26 November 2010 (Deputy Head of Liaison Office)
- Participation at the Briefing on European Commission and IFI Coordination activities in the Western Balkans – Brussels, 26 November 2010 (Special Envoy of the RCC Secretary General for Relations with the EU Presidency)
- Meeting with the Vice-President of the Romanian Social Democrat Party for the Diaspora - Brussels, 26 November 2010 (Advisor in the Liaison Office)

ANNEX II

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

(as on 26 November 2010)

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. Nand Shani- Expert on Economic and Social Development
8. Ms. Amna Redžepagić – Expert on Infrastructure
9. Mr. Predrag Vujičić- Expert on Justice and Home Affairs
10. Ms. Mimika Loshi- Expert on Parliamentary Cooperation and Cross-Cutting Issues
11. Ms. Maja Taylor- Assistant to the Head of Expert Pool
12. Ms. Elvira Ademović- Assistant to the Expert Pool

FRONT OFFICE

1. Mr. Miroslav Papa- Chief of Staff
2. Ms. Dinka Živalj- Head of Media Unit/ Spokesperson
3. Mr. Alphan Solen- Political Advisor
4. Mr. Ivan Bojanić- Political Advisor
5. Ms. Jasna Arsić-Đapo, Legal Advisor
6. Mr. Dorin Vremis, Junior Political Advisor
7. Ms. Jasna Sinančević- Personal Assistant to the Secretary General
8. Ms. Nataša Mitrović- Assistant to the Chief of Staff

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. Mr. Sorin Sterie- Advisor
4. Ms. Lidija Topić- Advisor
5. Ms Martine Dell – Office Administrator

SPECIAL ENVOY OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL FOR RELATIONS WITH THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

1. Mr. Jovan Tegovski- Special Envoy of the Secretary General for Relations with the Presidency of the Council of the European Union

RCC SECRETARIAT'S TECHNICAL AND SERVICE STAFF

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