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SEESAC ACTIVITY REPORT – AR30

SCG EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL (EOD) TRAINING 19 - 30 APRIL 2004

SEESAC FUNCTIONAL AREA	FA 6 - SALW Destruction Programmes FA 7 - SALW Management issues
SEESAC OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY	SG 1 - Capacity Building SG 2 - Co-ordination Measures SG 6 - Technical Support and Assistance SG 7 - Training Activities

SEESAC has a mandate to provide assistance and support to the Stability Pact partner nations within South Eastern Europe for the destruction of SALW related ammunition. Under that mandate they are responsible, in line with their operational objectives, for the identification of knowledge gaps and assistance in the design, and implementation where necessary, of activities to meet specific needs for the collection and destruction of SALW (including surplus stockpile destruction) and related issues in the region. SEESAC do not themselves conduct stockpile destruction projects or operations.

An assessment visit to Montenegro in August 2003 identified a capability gap in the Montenegrin EOD Organisation. UNDP SCG issued an international tender for a 'train and equip' programme that would enhance their operational and equipment capability, and this was subsequently expanded to include representatives from the Republic of Serbia.



The contractor selected to conduct the two-week training was the UK based **International School for Search and Explosives Engineering (ISSEE)**. Six members of the Montenegrin Ministry of Interior, two members of the Serbian Ministry of Interior and two members of the Serbian Ministry of Defence received refresher EOD training in EOD Conventional Munition Disposal (CMD), in accordance with the UK City and Guilds and International Mine Action Standards for Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) at the logistic level.



Both the Montenegrin and Serbian Ministry of Interior also received one EOD team kit that will further enhance their operational capabilities and improve operator safety in the future. This equipment was selected to provide a dual use capability for UXO clearance operations in addition to the primary focus of stockpile destruction operations.

All students received UK City and Guilds recognized certification from the ISSEE instructors, which will assist in the recognition of their technical competence by the international donor community.



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