



ACTIVITY REPORT 2004

CENTRE FOR SECURITY STUDIES BiH

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ABOUT US

This was the Centre for Security Studies (CSS) fourth year of operating. CSS has been envisaged as an independent research, educational and training enterprise, dedicated to encouraging informed debate on security matters and on promoting and sustaining democratic structures and processes in the foreign and security policies of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), and in the region of South-East Europe. This report covers the activities of the Centre for Security Studies from January 2004 till the end of December 2004.

At the beginning of this year the Executive Director of the CSS, Ambassador Dr. Bisera Turkovic was nominated by the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina to fill the position of Ambassador for Bosnia and Herzegovina to the United Nations Office, OSCE and other International organisations in Vienna. She started to work in the Permanent Mission of Bosnia and Herzegovina in Vienna by the end of January 2005. Thus, Ambassador Bisera Turkovic took on a voluntary position as the Executive Director at the Centre for Security Studies as well as temporary engagements for professional work within the Council of Ministries of Bosnia and Herzegovina, that is the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

That change affected the general management of the CSS and required some organisational restructuring to be done, regarding its day to day activities. The decision that was made by the managing board was to increase the number of employees at the CSS, in order to overcome the capability gaps within the management, which was caused by an unpredictable situation. The increase in staff would enable the adequate planning of the activities. Realisation of the decision was soon implemented, and we have employed two new staff members on a full time basis. The new organisation structure of CSS, as from the beginning of the year, presents 7 full time staff members as well as a modest number of associated partners engaged on a temporary contract.

PROJECTS

Dialogue on the Constitution of BiH

During 2004, the CSS continued implementing the projects that commenced the year before. The main activities were devoted to the realisation of the project called Dialogue on the Constitution of BiH and the implementation of the goals of the mentioned project. For that purpose and taking into consideration the sensitive political topic of the project, activities that were carried out by the CSS ranged from ensuring that there was sufficient technical support for facilitating the activities, providing adequate media coverage and the inclusion of the political actors in a proper manner during the development of the project.

A group of intellectuals from BiH were in charge of implementing the goals of the project. These intellectuals are in no way linked to any political party, but do possess a certain degree of respect not only in Bosnia and Herzegovina but also outside of BiH, which allows them to have an influence on the entire population.

The aim of the project was to identify parts of the Constitution and the political system of BiH, which were not functioning well or not functioning at all. On this basis the group identified the amendments that were required and emphasised the basic principles that the new Constitution should include.

During 2003, two meetings were held regarding the project "Dialogue on the Constitution of BiH" while in 2004 five meetings took place:

- 23 January 2004, Banja Luka
- 20 February 2004, Mostar
- 3 April 2004, Budapest
- 18 June 2004, Sarajevo
- 16 July 2004, Neum

A socio-economic research was conducted within the project, regarding the living standards of the BiH population as well as research on the suggested models of the constitutional organisation by the working group. At the same time this was the first research, in regards to the citizens opinions on the issue of the need to change the current constitutional organisation, to be done in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The results that were achieved during the realisation of the project were presented to the international community by the end of the year and will be introduced into the political structure of BiH in the near future.

Security Education Development Initiative – SEDI

During the period of July 17-21, 2004, the Centre for Security Studies in Sarajevo, organised the third Summer school for young security experts from the SEE region, under the project named "*SECURITY EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE – SEDI*".

The aim of this summer school is to promote and improve the cooperation between young experts in the field of security, as well as promoting the development of democratic institutions through the education of young experts. One of the goals of the school was to stimulate regional cooperation, understanding and tolerance. It created a forum for the exchange of opinions between representatives from countries in the region and representative from the international community. The school was organised on interactive principles with active participation of young people through their presentations, comments and discussions.

Amongst the participants there were young experts from Albania, Austria, Croatia, Hungary, Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina. Lecturers included well-known experts in the security sector from the USA and Europe as well as international and local officials from BiH.

RESEARCH

Research was carried out on the basic security issues affecting Bosnia and Herzegovina. The research and intellectual network was spread all over the territory and social strata of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

- **SALW Perception Survey**

In co-operation with the Centre for Conversion from Bonn, Germany, the Centre for Security Studies BiH conducted a research on small arms and light weapons (SALW) in BiH, between February and March of 2004. This research contributed to the clarification of information regarding the wide spread of legal and illegal weapons in BiH. It defined opinions from the public regarding weapons (ownership, use, etc), possibilities for the destruction of certain amounts of weapons and ammunition. At the end of the research a report was submitted to the UNDP Office, in Sarajevo with the aim of creating a more qualitative future in the BiH national strategy for decreasing the entire number of arms in BiH.

The research was comprised of 1500 citizens, who answered questions on a small arms and light weapons questionnaire. The research was conducted in 16 towns in BiH and alongside of the questionnaire, there were also interviews that were held with the focus group in 5 of the largest towns in our country.

- **Survey on the Perception of Citizens Towards Security Issues**

In March 2004, CSS conducted a research on the perception of citizens regarding current security issues that were connected with the establishment of new security institutions at the state level and the decision of the international community regarding the change of the armed forces in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The research included 1000 citizens, interviewed face-to-face and composed a sample of the statistics that reflected adequate representation of the population according to all methodological categories.

All relevant legal and international institutions, as well as the media were introduced to the results of the research. The results can be found on our web page.

- **Socio-economic Research on the Living Standard of the BiH Population and Models of the Constitutional Organisation of our country**

At the beginning of September 2004, the Centre for Security Studies, BiH conducted a research within its yearlong project, "Dialogue on the Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina" which was funded by the Norwegian government. For this purpose the research gathered, analysed and interpreted the opinions of the BiH citizens and political parties regarding the possible constitutional organisation of Bosnia and Herzegovina. In the same manner, the economic position of the BiH citizens was investigated. A total of 7 questions were created by the working group and were answered by 1600 citizens from 50 different municipalities in BiH. In November 2004, the expert group from the Centre for Security Studies, BiH presented the

research on the opinions of the citizens regarding this matter to journalists. The issue had an exceptional following by the media in BiH and the regions.

GATHERINGS

In addition to organising a series of meetings with the working group in Bosnia and Herzegovina and abroad, in regards to the implementation of the project, "Dialogue on the Constitution of BiH", to which a fair bit of time was dedicated to in the past year, CSS has also organised a *series* of other events. Which include, the organisation of seminars, workshops, lectures and panels, as well as media presentations. These activities were aimed at providing information on security issues to government representatives in BiH, academic circles, the media and the citizens of BiH. Through open public and expert discussions the Centre is contributing in obtaining quality solutions to the questions and issues that are being raised.

Chronological overview of organised activities:

- Lecture: "The Influence of the Imminent Increase in the duties of NATO in the Balkans"
16 – 17 April 2004, Sarajevo – Banja Luka, BiH
Lecturer: JEAN ARTHUR CREFF, NATO HQ – Brussels
During the visit a co-operation between the NATO library and the university libraries was established with the aim of opening a deposit NATO library in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Lecture: "Goals and Tasks of NATO in the 21st century"
14 May 2004, Faculty of Criminal Justice, Sarajevo, BiH
Lecturer: ZSOLT RABAI, NATO HQ – Brussels
- Meetings
8 – 10 June 2004, Sarajevo
Meetings with the high delegation of DCAF were organised with the representatives of legislative and executive powers in BiH, as well as members from the international community.
- SEDI 2003 – Security Education Development Initiative
Summer School for Young Security Experts from SEE, 17-21 July 2003, Neum
- Seminar: "The Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty"
20 September 2004, Sarajevo
In cooperation with the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO) in Vienna and the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH
- PARLIAMENTARY WORKSHOP:
"Parliamentary Oversight of Intelligence Services"
21 September 2004, Sarajevo

In co-operation with the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF) and with the assistance of the OSCE Mission to BiH and the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH

- Visit to NATO HQ and SHAPE in Mons by representatives from the Parliamentary Assembly of BiH,
Organised by CSS, BiH
28-29 October 2004, Brussels, Belgium
- Working Meeting and the presentation of the publication "Dialogue on the Constitution of BiH" to the representatives of the international community in BiH
15 December 2004, Sarajevo

CO-OPERATION

During 2004, the Centre continued its close cooperation with the various amount of local and international, government and non - government institutions, just like it did in the years before.

Amongst these there is the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (**DCAF**) whose financial aid greatly contributed to the functioning of CSS. During the visits by the representatives from DCAF this year the CSS organised a series of meetings between them and high authorities in BiH. With their cooperation and huge endorsement, one roundtable was organised, which was a complete success. On the other hand, representatives from the Centre participated at several events, which were organised by the DCAF and were held outside of BiH.

During the last period, there continues to be a successful cooperation with the **NATO Public Diplomacy Division**, Brussels. With their contributions, two gatherings were organised in BiH, where amongst others, NATO representatives participated. Alongside these, there were also lectures organised for students and professors from the University of Sarajevo and Banja Luka to which NATO experts presented topics in the area of Security. In October, a joint organisation of CSS and NATO, organised a visit for members from the Parliamentary Assembly in BiH to the NATO HQ in Brussels and to SHAPE in Mons. This was an opportunity to once again express the readiness of BiH to join the Partnership for Peace as soon as possible.

Consistent cooperation exists with **UNDP BiH**, especially on issues relating to SALW in BiH. The Centre actively participated in the work of the coordination group of international and local organisations and institutions on SALW, which is lead by UNDP BiH. The representatives from CSS actively participated in the part of the pilot project related to the destruction of SALW in BiH, which included the monitoring and verification of the destruction process.

There is also cooperation with **SEESAC** (The South Eastern Europe Clearinghouse for the Control of Small Arms and Light Weapons), which is based in Belgrade, Serbia and Montenegro. Representatives from the Centre took an active role in the

public presentation of a publication called Monitor. This publication has a chapter, which relates to Bosnia and Hercegovina. This represented the first attempt in introducing the public to the general situation in regards to the SALW issues in the SEE region.

Cooperation with the Centre for European Security Studies, Groningen (**CESS**), Holland was also established this year. Our Centre analysed the civilian and military relations and the position of the armed forces in BiH, for the CEES publication "NATO Credentials Study". Meetings with representatives of legislative and executive powers of BiH were organised within the visit of the high delegation of CESS Groningen, headed by director David Greenwood.

The co-operation with the Bonn International Centre for Conversion (**BICC**) was intensified this year. A joint research was conducted on the perception on small arms and light weapons in BiH, as well as a research study within their project titled "Study on Assessment of Training and Capacity-Building Needs in Bosnia and Herzegovina".

Like in previous years the Centre has established good cooperation with the **OSCE Mission in BiH and Office of the Personal Representative of OSCE CiO for Article II and IV of DPA from Vienna**. Representatives from the Mission regularly attended events organised by CSS, whilst a number of seminars were organised under the direct support of the Mission in cooperation with other organisations.

During the year, the Centre conducted activities in the area of SALW in BiH and the regions. The main partner for cooperation was **Saferworld from London**, which works in the SEE region on SALW issues. Representatives from the Centre participated in a few events organised by Saferworld. The aim of this was to establish and strengthen the regional NGO network that deals with SALW issues. Also, the continuation of the co-operation is planned in the forthcoming year on the basis of the submission for joint project proposals, which will be implemented at the regional level.

At the regional level there is a continuation of close cooperation with the Institute for International Relations, Zagreb Croatia, Centre for civil-military relations and the Institute G17, Belgrade in Serbia, YES Albania and many other non - government organisations in the region.

At the Internal level it is important to emphasise the successful cooperation between the Centre and the government institutions in BiH, especially with the legislative branch. We have also established good cooperation with academic and media institutions in BiH as well as the international organisations in charge of implementing the Dayton Peace Agreement, such as SFOR, MPRI and others.

OUR PUBLICATIONS, ANALYSIS AND STUDIES

During 2004, even considering there were limited financial resources, the Centre published several publications, analysis and studies and presented them to the representatives from the international communities, the government in BiH, non-government organisations, experts for security and the media. The publications, analysis and studies include:

- February 2004
“Study on Assessment of Training and Capacity-Building Needs in Bosnia and Herzegovina”
A requirement from the Bonn International Centre for Conversion (BICC).
- April 2004
“Reform of the Security Sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina”
DCAF Yearbook on Security Sector Governance in the Western Balkan , 2004
- May 2004
“The effects of the International Community’s presence in the Defence Sector of Bosnia and Herzegovina”
- September 2004
“Establishing Human Security in a Multi-Ethnic Environment”
Publication of UNOG and DCAF - State and Human Security in the “Age of Terrorism”: The Role of Security Sector Reform
- September 2004
The opinion of CSS regarding the decision to send BiH de-mining units into Iraq, was published in most of the written media in BiH
- October 2004
Analysis “Reform of the Security Sector in BiH” for students from the postgraduate studies from the University of Oslo, Sarajevo BiH
- November 2004
Study on the position of the defence forces in BiH and the civilian and military relations in BiH, required for the creation of the publication “NATO Credentials”
Study of the Centre for European Security Studies, Groningen, The Netherlands
- December 2004
Preliminary Report
Project “Dialogue on the Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina”
- December 2004
Analysis “Is the military profession losing its importance in society” based on the relations of the media and the political powers in BiH towards the members of the Armed forces

WWW

An overview of all the activities and the publications to date, that the Centre has done, can be found on our web site. As of this year we have also included an overview of security news in order to follow the daily occurrences in BiH. The analysis of following the web visitation shows that there is a significant interest for the activities implemented by the Centre. Thus, this segment will be paid adequate attention in the future as well.

PUBLIC ACTIVITIES

Special attention was devoted during the year towards public relations. Thus, the activities of the Centre were significantly well covered by the representatives from the media. The work on the project “Dialogue on the Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina” received a large amount of interest in regards to the activities of the project. The analysis and statements that were produced by the representatives from the CSS, had the privilege of being broadcast by the largest media houses as well as being published in the daily and weekly newspapers.

Management of the CSS included, the planning of activities for this year as well as the development of the human resources. Therefore, the employees at the CSS attended certain courses and training sessions, which were organised with the aim of strengthening the capability of NGOs in areas such as self-sustainability, financial management and civil expertise in the field of SALW issues.

Members from the Centre during the last year actively participated in many events that were held in BiH and overseas, which were organised by both the government and non-government organisations. At most of the events the staff from CSS were engaged as either the speakers or took on an active role at the various gatherings.

The chronologies of the public activities are the following:

Seminar “Bosnia and Herzegovina on the way to a functioning state – visions, perspectives, concepts”

February 16, 2004, Sarajevo, BiH

German Foundations in BiH

Roundtable “SALW Collection and Destruction - Training in Observation and Monitoring for NGOs/CSOs”

March 18-20, 2004, Racviac, Croatia

56th Rose-Rote Seminar “Bosnia and Herzegovina”

March 18-20, 2004, Sarajevo, BiH

NATO Parliamentary Assembly in cooperation with the Parliamentary Assembly of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Public discussion – “Bosnia and Herzegovina, NATO and the Future”, Mr. Bruce Jackson

March 24, 2004, Sarajevo, BiH

American Embassy Office of Public Affairs

Regular SALW Coordination Group Meeting
April 06, 2004, Sarajevo, BiH
UNDP office in BiH

“Panel Discussion on Small Arms and Light Weapons Monitor Report
Bosnia and Herzegovina”
April 26, 2004, Sarajevo, BiH
UNDP BiH, Saferworld UK, SEESAC and CSS

Conference on the Parliamentary Oversight of Armed Forces, Police and the Security
Forces in the OSCE Area
May 24-25, 2004, Vienna, Austria
OSCE Parliamentary Assembly – Conflict Prevention Centre Conference

Second International Conference of Young Europeans for Security – Albania
June 04-08, 2004, Tirana, Albania
Under auspice of the CoE and NATO

Seminar: “The Future of NATO and Trans-Atlantic Relations”
June 9, 2004, Sarajevo, BiH
Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

PUBLIC DISCUSSION on the amendments of the Constitution of Bosnia and
Herzegovina and the Initiatives by the Clubs for Members from the HDZ-Democracy
on the issue of constitutional organisation of BiH and eventual constitutional changes
June 15, 2004, Sarajevo
Parliamentary Assembly of BiH

First Meeting of the SALW Working group 3 for SALW Awareness Raising
and the Weapons Surrender
June 15, 2004, Sarajevo, BiH
UNDP Office in BiH

Regular SALW Coordination Group Meeting
June 16, 2004, Sarajevo, BiH
UNDP office in BiH

NGO Training: Lobbying for Effective Arms Control
June 25–27, 2004, Ohrid, Republic of Macedonia
Saferworld UK and CIVIL – Macedonia

SALW Awareness: Support Pack Outreach Workshop
July 12–14, 2004, Racviac, Zagreb, Croatia,
SEESAC & RACVIAC

Course at the OIIP/SGIR Summer School 2004
July 22 2004, Diplomatic Academy, Vienna
OIIP and SGIR

Future Leaders Summer Camp – “Lessons Learned from the Establishment of Border Security Systems”

August 15–21, 2004, Andermatt, Switzerland

Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF)

The Centre of Excellence in Army Mountain Training Camp

Public discussion on the assignment of BiH de-miners to Iraq

August 30, 2004, Sarajevo BiH,

Social-Democratic Union of BiH

Conference – European Union and Bosnia and Herzegovina: Between Crises Management and State Building

September 9, 2004, Sarajevo

Foundation Heinrich Boll

Regional Conference “To Europe Through Conscientious Objection and Civil Service”

September 20–22 2004, Sarajevo, BiH

Campaign for Conscientious Objection BiH

Study visit: “Improvement of Management of the Organisations Which Research Socio-Economic Policies”

September 19–29, 2004, Budapest, Hungary and Warsaw, Poland

USAID Program

International conference: Review of the EU Code on Arms export

NGO campaigning and advocacy day,

September 30 – October 1, 2004, Den Hague, The Netherlands

6th International Security Forum

October 4-6, 2004. Montreux, Switzerland

Lecture for the students from the postgraduate study “Peace and Conflict Studies”,

University of Oslo, Norway

October 5, 2004, Sarajevo, BiH

Embassy of the Kingdom of Norway

Lecture for the students of the postgraduate studies from

“College of Europe” – Brugge

October 28, 2004, Sarajevo, BiH

Initial meeting within the inter institutional co-operation IMO-G17-CSS

November 9, 2004, Zagreb, Croatia

Institute for International Relations, Zagreb

Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Foundation

Seminar: “Future of the Balkans: Lessons Learnt and Not Learnt”

November 24, 2004 Budapest, Hungary

The Centre for Euro-Atlantic Integration and Democracy, Hungary

NATO HQ

The War History Institute, Hungary

Official inauguration of EUFOR forces and their takeover of the mission from SFOR in BiH

December 2, 2004, Sarajevo, BiH

Round table: "Bosnia and Herzegovina towards a modern country? Perspectives and Barriers"

December 2, 2004 Sarajevo, BiH

Association BiH 2005 and Heinrich Boell Foundation

Financial Management Course for Policy Research Organisations in Bosnia and Herzegovina

December 7-8, 2004, Sarajevo, BiH

USAID - Urban Institute

Debate: "The Constitution of Bosnia and Herzegovina – towards new solutions"

December 13, 2004, Sarajevo, BiH

Open Society Bosnia and Herzegovina – Soros Foundation

INTERNSHIP

During 2004, two students with a master degree in international relations from the University of Groningen, the Netherlands, undertook an internship at our Centre. During their internship period, they researched the effects of the International Community's presence in the defence sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina. A large number of students from the University of Sarajevo use the analysis, reports and literature that were produced by our Centre. With the assistance