



**5<sup>th</sup> Annual MCAASEES Workshop:**  
*Development of Southeast Europe Regional Security Structures*

26 - 28 September 2017, Ljubljana, Slovenia

Sponsored by Alumni Programs, College of International and Security Studies  
George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies

Co-Sponsored by the Marshall Center Alumni Association for Southeast European Security (MCAASEES), the  
Marshall Center Alumni Association-Slovenia

**BACKGROUND/PURPOSE:** The goal of Marshall Center alumni associations is to effect positive change in their countries in order to promote stability and security and to bring greater attention to resolving defense, foreign policy or regional security issues. Alumni associations endorsed by the Marshall Center are independent, not-for-profit entities and the purpose and structure of individual associations are determined exclusively by the membership. In June 2011, at a Regional Alumni Leaders Workshop conducted at the Marshall Center, senior alumni leaders from 14 nations in the greater Southeast Europe region (including Moldova and Ukraine) decided on their own initiative to create the first-ever regional Marshall Center alumni association. At the workshop, a mission statement and charter was developed and formally approved, a leadership election held, and an official charter signing ceremony conducted. The official name of the association was designated as the Marshall Center Alumni Association for Southeast European Security (MCAASEES). Four meetings of the MCAASEES have occurred to date in Podgorica, Montenegro (14-16 May 2012), Skopje, Macedonia (8-10 April 2014), Bucharest, Romania (23-25 September 2015), and Tirana, Albania (19-21 September 2016).

This 5th Annual MCAASEES workshop seeks to examine and discuss key regional threats and countermeasures in Southeast Europe (SEE) and conduct a formal business meeting of the Association.

**OBJECTIVES:**

Overall objectives for this MCAASEES Workshop are:

- Increase awareness and understanding of regional security issues and how best the MCAASEES can impact the region.
- Improve regional cooperation in Southeast Europe and neighboring states by using a regional alumni association as a tool to share and discuss security issues common throughout the region.
- Examine current and emerging security and defense threats to Southeast Europe and develop regional and national recommendations to effectively counter these threats in order for the Balkans to achieve long term security and stability.
- Conduct a formal business meeting of the Association and discuss past results, lessons learned and planned upcoming activities.

**Tuesday, 26 September 2017**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
0900 – 1800	<b>Arrival &amp; Registration</b>	Sheraton Four Points Mons, Ljubljana, Slovenia
1900 – 2030	<b>Informal Welcome Dinner (first event for all participants)</b> Remarks: - Ambassador Dr. Stanislav Raščan, President, Marshall Center Alumni Association Slovenia, and Head of Department, Directorate for Common Foreign and Security Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovenia - Ms. Dean Reed, Director, Alumni Programs, College of International and Security Studies, George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies	Terazzo Restaurant

**Wednesday, 27 September 2017**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
0700 – 0830	Breakfast	Terazzo Restaurant
0855 – 0900	<b>Administrative Remarks</b> Speaker: Mr. Drew Beck, The Marshall Center	Plečnik 1 Meeting Room
0900 – 0920	<b>Welcome &amp; Opening Remarks</b> Speaker: Mr Miloš Bizjak, State Secretary, Ministry of Defense of Slovenia [TBC]; H.E. Brent Hartley, U.S. Ambassador to Slovenia; H.E. Klaus Riedel, German Ambassador to Slovenia; Ambassador Dr. Stanislav Raščan, Slovenian Alumni Association	
0920 – 0930	Group Photo	
0930 – 1000	Coffee Break & Networking	
1000 – 1100	<b>Presentation 1: Overview of SEE Regional Security Bodies</b> Speaker: Dr. Sebastian von Münchow, GCMC	
1100 – 1130	Presentation 1 Q&A and Plenary Discussion	Terazzo Restaurant
1130 – 1300	Lunch	
1300 – 1335	<b>Presentation 2: Country Terrorist Threat Assessment and Regional CT Activity in the Western Balkans</b> Speaker: Prof. Dr. Damir Črnčec	
1335 – 1410	Presentation 2 Q&A and Plenary Discussion	
1410 – 1430	Coffee Break	

1430 – 1630	<b>Interagency Cooperation Workshop:</b> Speaker/Workshop Facilitator: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Iztok Prezelj, Head of Defense Studies, University of Ljubljana	
1630 – 1640	<b>Closing Comments</b> Speaker: TBD	
1830 – 2030	Off-Site Dinner [depart hotel at 18:00] (hosted by the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies)	Gostilna Kovač Restaurant

**Thursday, 28 September 2017**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>
0700 – 0830	Breakfast	Terazzo Restaurant
0830 – 0915	<b>Marshall Center Alumni Programs and Non-Resident Programs Update for Southeast Europe for 2017-2018</b> Speakers: - Ms. Dean Reed, The Marshall Center	Plečnik 1 Meeting Room
0915 – 1000	<b>Plenary Discussion on Emerging Security Topics and MCAASEES Future Activities: The Way Ahead</b> Moderator: Mr. Drew Beck, The Marshall Center	
1000 – 1030	Coffee Break	
1030 – 1230	<b>Marshall Center National Alumni Associations Lessons Learned &amp; Best Practices</b> Moderator: Mr. Drew Beck, The Marshall Center Speakers: Spokesperson(s) from each represented Marshall Center National Alumni Association or Alumni Group ( <i>max. 10 minutes each</i> )	
1230 – 1330	Lunch	Terazzo Restaurant
1330 – 1415	<b>Marshall Center National Alumni Associations Lessons Learned &amp; Best Practices (continued)</b> Moderator: Mr. Drew Beck, The Marshall Center Speakers: Spokesperson(s) from each represented Marshall Center National Alumni Association or Alumni Group ( <i>max. 10 minutes each</i> )	Plečnik 1 Meeting Room
1415 – 1445	<b>Slovenian Alumni Association Select Presentation: Slovenia's Priorities for the Western Balkans/Slovenia as 2017-2018 Chair of the South-East European Cooperation Process (SEECP)</b> Speaker: Ms. Alenka Kosir, Head of Department for Western Balkans, Slovenian Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Mr. Peter Grk, Coordinator for Western Balkans, Slovenian Ministry of Foreign Affairs	
1445 – 1500	Q&A and Plenary Discussion	
1500 – 1515	Coffee Break	
1515 – 1530	<b>Review of Regional NATO/ Marshall Center Outreach Network Event: NATO &amp; EU Cooperation: Implications for the Western Balkans, 25-29 August 2017, Ohrid, Macedonia</b> Speaker: Dr. Sebastian von Münchow, GCMC; Ms. Biljana Popovska,	

	Macedonia Alumni Association	
1530 – 1540	<b>Election of MCAASEES President &amp; Vice-President for 2018</b> Moderator: Mr. Drew Beck, The Marshall Center	
1540 – 1600	<b>Closing Discussion and Business Meeting Closing Remarks</b> Speakers: - Mr. Drew Beck, The Marshall Center - Ms. Dean Reed, The Marshall Center - Ambassador Dr. Stanislav Raščan, Marshall Center Alumni Association of Slovenia	
1600 – 1900	<b>Slovenia Alumni ONE – See separate agenda</b>	Plečnik 1 Meeting Room
1900 – 2030	Informal Dinner	Terazzo Restaurant

**Participant Departures on 29 September 2017**