

Serbian Armed Forces General Staff
Operations Directorate
Peacekeeping Operations Center



Activity & Course Catalogue



2023

Introduction



The Serbian Armed Forces and the Peacekeeping Operations Center continue the decades-long tradition of deployment in peacekeeping operations that goes back to November 17, 1956, when the first peacekeepers of the Yugoslav Peoples's Army disembarked on the Egyptian Sinai Peninsula. This date is marked symbolically, in the spirit of continuing the tradition and as memory, as the Day of the Peacekeeping Center.

New challenges and increase in troops and personnel contribution to PKOs demand a constant educational and training system improvement.

Peacekeeping Operations Center has a primary role in selection, pre-deployment training, preparations of individuals, teams and units for all types of peace operations, deployment, monitoring, coordination and control of deployed personnel, and logistical support and sustainment in multinational operations. In addition, PKOC has a Center for Training Units for Multinational Operations as a subordinate unit.

Currently, SAF are deployed in four UN PKOs and three EU-led operations, with our largest current contribution to the UN mission in Lebanon (UNIFIL).

Today, SAF are a significant and recognized UN contributor. For that, we have received numerous recognitions and our personnel receive acknowledgments for their professionalism on a daily basis. This kind of success is achieved only through quality training and preparations in accordance with training and education plans and programs developed by the PKOC, aimed to fulfill the operational requirements from missions and highest training standards.

PKOC conducts courses, seminars and workshops in the field of multinational operations, independently and in cooperation with international partners, starting with basic knowledge for peace operations up to the decision-making procedures and specialized training programs for specific duties.

We constantly improve our courses by implementing new best practices and by engaging subject matter experts. Moreover, the high quality standards of all our international courses have been confirmed and certified by the UN.

PKOC is a member of the International Association of Peacekeeping Training Centers (IAPTC) and European Association of Peacekeeping Training Centers (EAPTC) and an associated member of the European Security and Defence College (ESDC).

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the PKOC.

Colonel Mirjana MILENKOVIĆ, PhD
PKOC Chief

PKOC General information



PKOC TASKS

- Selection, pre-deployment training and preparations, including equipping individuals and teams for multinational operations.
- Planning, organizing and conducting collective unit training as a part of Pre-deployment training and preparations of units for multinational operations.
- Deployment, monitoring, coordination and control of activities of deployed members of the Serbian Armed Forces in multinational operations.
- Planning, organization and conduct of national and international courses, seminars and workshops concerning the content relevant for participation in multinational operations.
- Participation in the evaluation of units for multinational operations.
- Participation in drafting a normative legal framework for participation in multinational operations.
- Cooperation with national and international entities in order to exchange ideas and experiences from multinational operations.
- Coordination of logistic support and sustainment of individuals, teams and units deployed in multinational operations.

PKOC Training Recognition



PKOC holds three UN Training Recognition Certificates for three different courses.

More than 2.300 participants attended our courses with more than 370 foreign students. More than 4.000 participants attended Mission Specific Training. Annually we certify up to 700 members of SRB MoD and SAF.





Courses in 2023

1. United Nations Protection of Civilians Course – UNPOCC
2. Comprehensive Generic Training on Peace Operations – CGTPO (civilians only)
3. United Nations Staff Officers Course – UNSOC
4. United Nations Military Observers Course - UNMOC



United Nations Protection of Civilians Course - UNPOCC

Aim

To raise awareness that civilians are increasingly becoming the victims of armed conflict, and that UN SC has mandated a number of PKOs with the protection of civilians from physical violence, but also to increase gender awareness and provide implementation of gender perspective in peace operations, including the planning process and overall conduct of mission tasks and activities. Course underlines the fact that successful missions should address the needs of the whole local population in the area of operation and how it is essential that female soldiers, police officers and civilian staff are involved in planning, conduct and evaluation of operations.

Content

The Course is composed of three modules:

- Basic PKO training (based on UN CPTMs)
- Protection of civilians in UN PKOs (based on UN STM on POC)
- Gender in UN PKOs

The Course program focuses on: understanding how contemporary peacekeeping operations function and what are contemporary Mission challenges and priorities; basics of the UN concept on Protection of Civilians; familiarization with different roles, responsibilities, activities and tasks associated with the implementation of POC mandates and gender perspective; lessons learned and practical experience from UN missions.

Student criteria

Course is open for national and foreign key personnel planned for deployment in peace operations.

Language proficiency: English, described in STANAG 6001 (Listening Fair-2, Speaking Fair-2, Reading Fair-2, Writing Fair-2). No additional training or translation will be provided.

Course is certified by the UN

Course Language: English

Duration: Two weeks, 09- 20 Oct 2023





Comprehensive Generic Training on Peace Operations – CGTPO (civilians only)

Aim

To provide civilian experts with a substantive training on general issues related to the work in crisis management operation. The training is aimed to create a pool of well-trained civilian experts ready to be deployed at short notice in any given civilian crisis management operation run by International Organizations such as the EU, UN or OSCE. It provides participants with general knowledge and soft skills required in their line of duty, but also teaches them the structure and roles of specific functional units in peace operations.

Content

- Introduction to Crisis Prevention and Crisis Management
- The Role of Various Actors in Crisis Prevention and Management
- Mission Working Environment & Cross Cultural Communication
- Field Work Techniques
- Safety and Security
- Personal Health and Stress Management

Student criteria

- National and foreign civil servants planned for work in civilian crisis management operations.
- Language proficiency: English, advanced level (candidates will be tested in English – written and oral test). Candidates who pass the test will continue with the Course Program. No additional training or translation will be provided.
- Candidates must have a valid driving license (national „B“ category is minimum requirement).
- Computer skills are required (MS Office package).

Course Language: English

Duration: Two weeks, 05- 16 June 2023 (currently national)



United Nations Staff Officers Course - UNSOC

Aim

To train officers for staff duties in UN Peacekeeping Operations, in accordance with the UN standards and procedures. The course is also intended for civilian personnel who aim to acquire better knowledge and understanding of UN integrated missions structure and functioning. Course Program is focused on the main features of the UN integrated mission functioning and the Military Component Planning Process (MCP). The course builds on the knowledge acquired in the Peacekeeping Operations Basic Course with the addition of topics specific to UN Staff Officers duties and tasks.

Content

- Introduction to UN Peacekeeping Operations
- Legal framework for UN Peacekeeping Operations
- UN Peacekeeping Operations functioning, with special reference to UN integrated missions
- Main features and aspects of working in a UN mission – Cooperation with IOs/GOs/NGOs, Civil-military coordination, Cultural differences and challenges, Gender integration, Cooperation with UNPOL and UNMOs, Media awareness and dealing with the media in the field
- Basic skills: map reading and radio voice procedures
- UN integrated mission organization, joint/integrated structures, staff (HQ) structure; staff duties and procedures
- Introduction to Integrated Mission Planning Process (IMPP)
- Introduction to Military Component Planning Process (MCP)
- Military Staff Exercise (MAPEX)
- Integrated Staff Exercise (INSTEX)

Student criteria

- National and foreign participants: Officers (OF-2 to OF-4) and civilian personnel
- Language proficiency: English (STANAG 6001), 2222. No additional training or translation will be provided.
- For military participants, previous training and experience from national military staff positions are preferred.

Course is certified by the UN.

Course Language: English

Duration: Three weeks, 20 Nov – 08 Dec 2023





United Nations Military Observers Course - UNMOC

Aim

To train officers for Military Observer duties in UN peacekeeping operations. Course Program is focused on roles and responsibilities of a Military Observer at Team Site/Sector HQ, working techniques and procedures. The course builds on the knowledge acquired in the Peacekeeping Operations Basic Course with the addition of topics specific to Military Observer duties and tasks.

Content

- Basics of the UN System and UN Peacekeeping Operations.
- Legal framework for peace operations.
- UN Peacekeeping Operations functioning, main features and standards of effective implementation of the UN peacekeeping mandates.
- Core duties and responsibilities of UN Military Observers.
- UN Military Observers working techniques and procedures.
- Field exercise: exercising practical skills and working procedures at the UN Military Observers Team Site.

Student criteria

- National and foreign participants: Officers (OF-1 to OF3).
- Language proficiency: English (STANAG 6001), 2222. (candidates will be tested in English – written and oral test). Candidates who pass the test will continue with the Course Program. No additional training or translation will be provided.
- Candidates must have valid driving license (national „B" category is minimum requirement).
- Computer skills are required (MS Office package).

Course is certified by the UN

Course Language: English

Duration: Three weeks, 04 – 22 Sep 2023





Other Training Activities

- PKOC annually organizes 20-25 activities regarding individual and teams, **Pre-Deployment/Mission-Specific training** in order to prepare candidates for conducting their duties in a specific mission. During this type of training, candidates are trained for specific mission and duty (theoretical and practical contents). In addition, candidates receive prescribed vaccination (depending on geographical area of deployment) and individual sets of equipment. Other contents are also foreseen within the Preparations and Training Program.
- PKOC also organizes **training of units** designated for participation in peacekeeping operations, by applying training standards and contents in accordance with the UN requirements and Mission-specific contents. Contents of the training include: Mission-specific and duty-specific training (including practical training – live firing, first aid, etc.), generic training in accordance with the UN CPTMs, Mission specific training and training for specific duties in accordance with Job Descriptions. In addition, other types of capacity building training is offered when needed. Duration of Pre-Deployment/Mission-Specific training varies from one to three weeks, depending on the Mission.
- In PKOC, we pay attention to the **training of PKOC members**. In this regard different training sessions are organized monthly by the Training section of PKOC in order to maintain high level of professional skills and knowledge necessary for successful completion of all specific training tasks.
- PKOC is able to organize, alone or together with our partners, different **courses, workshops and seminars** as requested by higher authorities.
- PKOC is providing support to international exercises in base South.
- PKOC is actively engaged in exchange of instructors program. PKOC members are engaged as members of **Mobile Training Teams** together with international partners.
- PKOC is the **only certifying body** for all MoD and SAF personnel prior to deployment and issues up to 800 individual training Certificates every year.

Center for Training Units for Multinational Operations



Center for Training Units for Multinational Operations is directly subordinated to PKOC

- It provides adequate conditions and support for training in small arms, tactics, techniques and procedures, exercises and unit's evaluation.
- It conducts processes concerning: planning, organization, coordination, capabilities control and evaluation of SAF units and units from the region that can be deployed in peacekeeping operations.
- It conducts training and preparation of units for peacekeeping operations deployment, including:
 - collective training and pre-deployment preparation,
 - individual training for key personnel and
 - evaluation and certification of key personnel and units.





GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATIONS

PKOC is located in Belgrade, in the part of the city called „Banjica”, 7 km from Belgrade City Centre, 7 km from Belgrade Bus & Railway Stations and 22 km from „Nikola Tesla” Belgrade Airport.

Center for Training Units for Multinational Operations is located in the SAF base “South”, 10 km from the city of Bujanovac.

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How to apply?

PKOC does not process applications sent by individuals.

Invitation letter is sent three months prior to the course. Applications based on invitation should be submitted through the appropriate national channels to PKOC not later than 6 weeks prior to the start of the course.

Finance, visas and health insurance

- Salary and travel arrangements are responsibilities of the sending nation.
- Course fee (unless specified differently in invitation letter), accommodation and meals are free of charge.
- Visa Application: It is national responsibility to obtain visa prior to arrival.

Welfare

As every good host we like to give our participants the opportunity to get a glimpse of our beautiful country, its culture and history. For all courses lasting more than one week, we organize welfare activities as part of the course. Like most other big cities Belgrade has a lot to offer. Good and friendly atmosphere throughout the course is guaranteed.

Facts and figures

PKOC holds three UN Training Recognition Certificates for three different courses.

PKOC is the only national pre-deployment training certifying body.

We are one of the few training centers in the world which is at the same time responsible for selection, training, logistic support, sustainment, monitoring of deployment and after-action analysis, including all personal and financial matters.

More than 2.300 participants attended our courses with more than 370 foreign students.

Pre-deployment Trainings and Mission Specific Trainings were organized more than 200 times.

More than 4.000 participants attended Mission Specific Training.

Annually, we certify up to 700 MoD and SAF members.

We co-hosted the first UN National Planners Pilot Course in 2016.

In 2012 we organized the first Gender related training for the military and police personnel for peace operations in the Balkans region and all our training curricula are gender sensitive.

We hosted the first Gender Training of Trainers Course for sub-Saharan Africa Armed Forces personnel.

Since 2018, we are training civilians for peace operations.

Memberships and partners

PKOC is a member of IAPTC & EAPTC and ESDC.

Currently, PKOC is conducting instructors exchange program with Austrian, German, Hungarian, Greece and Bosnia and Herzegovina peace operations training centers.



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