

Serbian Armed Forces
General Staff
Peacekeeping Operations Center



Activity & Course Catalogue



2019

Introduction



Peacekeeping Operations Center (PKOC) of the Serbian Armed Forces (SAF) was founded in 2003. As an integral part of former Yugoslavia, the Republic of Serbia has had a long tradition of participating in UN missions. Yugoslav Armed Forces were first engaged in 1956, when they were deployed in the UN forces in Sinai. More than 14,000 soldiers participated in this mission, in 22 rotations, from 1956 to 1967.

Today, new challenges and increase in troops and personnel contribution to PKOs request a constant educational and training system improvement.

PKOC has a primary role in selection, training and preparation of individuals and teams for all types of peace operations. Pre-deployment training conducted by the PKOC involves all branches of personnel for different missions.

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

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

Independently and in cooperation with its partners, PKOC conducts numerous courses, 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 certified by the UN.

PKOC is a member of International Association of Peacekeeping Training Centers (IAPTC) and European Association of Peacekeeping Training Centers (EAPTC).

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the PKOC.

Colonel Milivoje PAJOVIĆ, PhD

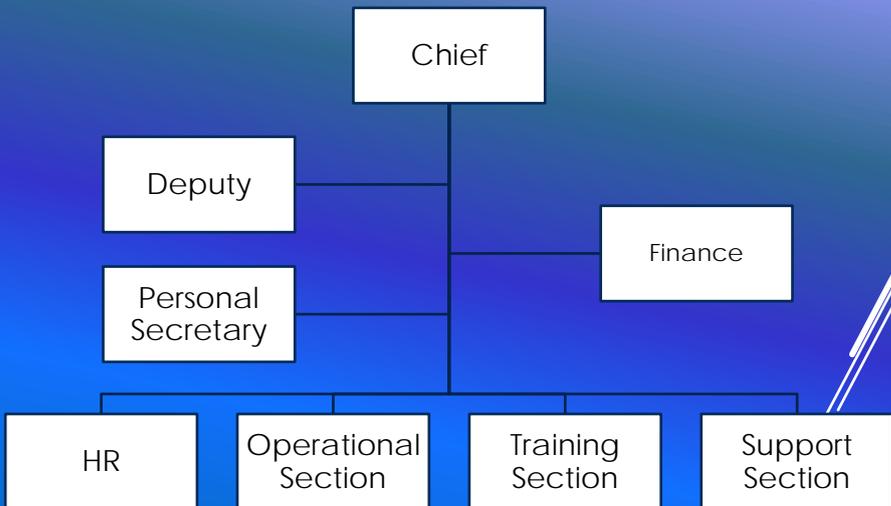
PKOC chief

MISSION

PKOC is a unit of the SAF General Staff, intended for selection, training, equipping, preparing and deploying Ministry of Defense (MoD) and SAF individuals and units to United Nations and European Union multinational operations.

TASKS

- Selection, training, preparing and equipping individuals and units for multinational operations.
- Planning, organization and conduct of transport of individuals, units, armament and military equipment into the area of multinational operation.
- Command, coordination and control over engaged forces in multinational operations.
- Planning, organization and conduct of national and international courses, seminars and lectures concerning the content relevant for participation in multinational operations.



COMPREHENSIVE GENERIC TRAINING ON PEACE OPERATIONS (CGTPO)

26. NOVEMBER - 07. DECEMBER 2018.



Federal Republic of Germany
Foreign Office



OSCE

Organization for Security and
Co-operation in Europe
Mission to Serbia



ISAC

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE CENTER

Courses in 2019

1. United Nations Protection of Civilians Course – UNPOCC
2. Comprehensive Generic Training on Peace Operations – CGTPO (Civilians only)
3. United Nations Military Observers Course - UNMOC
4. UN Core Pre-Deployment Course – UNCPDC
5. Regional Tactical CIMIC Course
6. United Nations Staff Officers Course - UNSOC



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. The 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

Key personnel to be deployed 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: One week, 8 - 12 April 2019





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

Aim

To provide civilian experts with a substantive training on general questions 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

- Civil Servants planning to 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 a minimum requirement).
- Computer skills are essential (MS Office package).

Course Language: English

Duration: Two weeks, 20 – 31 May 2019.



United Nations Military Observers Course - UNMOC

Aim

To train officers of the Serbian Armed Forces 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, their 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

- Nationally trained staff 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 a valid driving license (national „B“ category is a minimum requirement).
- Computer skills are essential (MS Office package).

Course is certified by the UN

Course Language: English

Duration: Three weeks, 9 – 27 September 2019.





UN Core Pre-Deployment Course – UNCPDC

Aim

To train officers and NCOs for key positions within units and contingents of the Serbian Armed Forces in multinational operations. Course Program is focused on training those officers and NCOs planned or selected for key positions/duties within units and contingents of the Serbian Armed Forces in the United Nations and European Union multinational operations.

Content

- Understanding characteristics of the operational environment, multinational nature of operations and other key considerations for multinational operations.
- Introducing guiding documents for conducting multinational operations.
- Understanding generic organization and staff structure of UN/EU multinational operations.
- Familiarization with key features and aspects of working in a PKO/PSO – Code of conduct, Basic security in the field, Stress management, Cultural differences and challenges, Gender awareness, Cooperation and coordination with different actors in a mission area, Civil-military cooperation, Media awareness and dealing with media in the field, and Logistic support of a unit/contingent.
- Introducing lessons learned and experiences from UN and EU missions.

Student criteria

• Officers and senior NCOs (OR-6 to OF-3) planned or selected for key positions/duties in units and contingents of the Serbian Armed Forces in UN Peace Operations and EU Military Operations.

SAF personnel only

Course Language: English

Duration: One week, 7 - 11 October 2019



Regional Tactical CIMIC Course

Aim

to enable military personnel to perform duties of a CIMIC Operator in all types of operations. This course is designed to teach CIMIC operator skills and to provide the students with methods, techniques and programs to practice and validate those skills with others. This course is expected to serve as an excellent forum for developing contacts with allies in peace operations and thus improving interoperability. The targeted group of trainees is military personnel exercising civil-military cooperation functions at their place of work, or are planned to be assigned to Civil-Military Cooperation duties (CIMIC), as well as civilian personnel outside of the military whose job description requires theoretical knowledge of CIMIC matters.

Content

What is CIMIC;
Difference between CIMIC, CMI, CMR, CA, PSYOPS;
Interdisciplinary actors, UN Organization and Cluster system;
Media awareness, dealing with media;
Cultural Awareness and Gender Awareness;
CIMIC meetings, CIMIC liaison and CIMIC Centers;
CIMIC In Emergency Response;
CIMIC Functional Specialists;
CIMIC Field handbook;
CIMIC assessment;
CIMIC projects;
Negotiation and dialogue techniques;
Working with interpreters

Student criteria

- Officers (up to OF-3), senior NCOs (OR-6 and above) and civilian personnel from Ministry of Interior, Faculty of Security Studies and Faculty of Political Science.
- Language proficiency: English (STANAG 6001), 2222. No additional training or translation will be provided.

NOTE: Course is organized in cooperation with the Canadian Ministry of National Defence, Directorate of Military Training and Cooperation (MTCP). It is open to all partner countries for participation.

Payment of non-recoverable allowances (travel and incidental) is authorized for all nations supported by MTCP. The non-MTCP member countries participate on a user pay basis.

Duration: Two weeks, dates TBD (second half of a year)



United Nations Staff Officers Course - UNSOC

Aim

To train officers of the Serbian Armed Forces 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 (MCPD). 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 awareness, Cooperation with UNPOL and UNMOs, Media awareness and dealing with 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 (MCPD).
- Military Staff Exercise (MAPEX1)
- Integrated Staff Exercise (INSTEX).

Student criteria

- 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, 18 Nov – 6 Dec 2019





Other Training Activities

-PKOC annually organizes 20-25 activities regarding individual and Units **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 content), and are also vaccinated and equipped with individual equipment sets. In addition, other contents are also included in the Preparations and Training Program.

-PKOC also provides **support to the training of units** planned for participation in peacekeeping operations, by applying training standards and contents in accordance with the UN requirements and Mission specific contents. Contents of this 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. Also, other types of capacity building training is offered if needed. Duration of Pre-Deployment/Mission Specific varies and it is from one to three weeks, depending on the Mission.

- In PKOC, significant attention is paid to the **training of PKOC members**. In this regard different training sessions are organized monthly by Training section of PKOC in order to maintain high level of professional skills and knowledge needed for successful conduct of all specific tasks.

-PKOC is able to organize different **courses, workshops and seminars** as requested by a higher authority, independently or together with our partners .

-PKOC is also offering **Mobile Training Teams** to organizational units of of Republic of Serbia MoD and SAF or to international partners.

-PKOC is an **only certifying body** for all MoD and SAF personnel prior to deployment and every year, our Center issues up to 800 individual training certificates.

Location

PKOC is located in Belgrade, in the part of the city called Banjica, 10 km south from Belgrade City Centre, 3 km south from Belgrade Central Railway Stations, 12 km east from Belgrade Airport "Nikola Tesla".

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How to apply?

PKOC does not process applications sent by individuals.

Invitation letter is sent three months before the course. Applications based on invitation should be submitted through appropriate national channels to PKOC no later than 6 weeks before the course starts.

Finance, visas and health insurance

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

Welfare

As a 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 a part of the course. The City of Belgrade has a lot to offer. Nice and friendly atmosphere throughout the course is guaranteed.

Facts and figures

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

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

We are the only center in the world which is at the same time in charge of selection, training, logistic support, monitoring of engagement and after action analysis, including all personnel and finances matters.

More than 2.000 participants have attended our courses with more than 250 foreign students.

Pre-deployment Training and Mission Specific Training has been organized more than 180 times.

More than 3.500 participants have attended Mission Specific Training.

Annually, we certify up to 800 members of MoD and SAF.

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

We organized the first Gender related training for military and police personnel for peace operations in the Balkan region and since 2012 all our training curriculums have been gender sensitive.

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

Since 2018 we have trained civilians for peace operations.

Memberships and Partners

PKOC is a member of IAPTC & EAPTC.

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



