

Serbian Armed Forces  
General Staff  
Peacekeeping Operations Center



# Activity & Course Catalogue



2020

## Intro



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.

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 is achieved only through good 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.

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).

I have a pleasure to welcome you to the PKOC.

*Colonel Milivoje PAJOVIĆ, PhD*

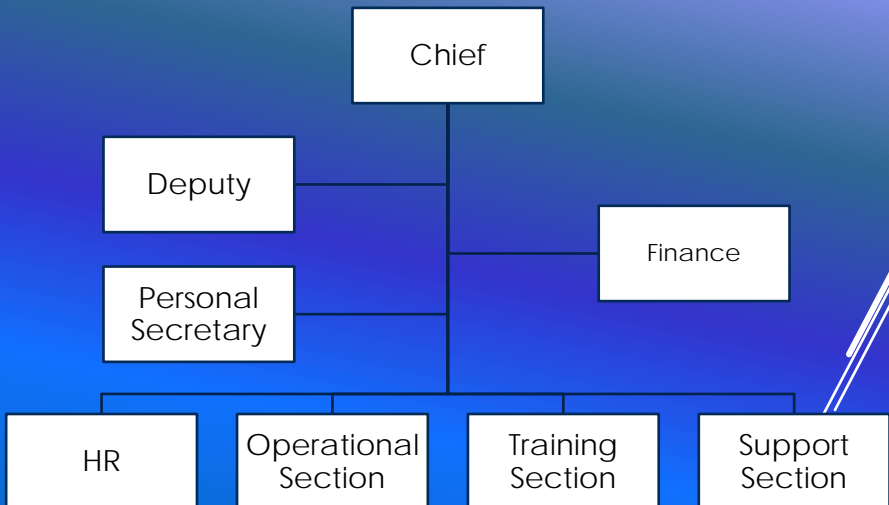
*PKOC chief*

# 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, preparations 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.
- Commanding, coordination and control of 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  
Cooperation and Advisory Centre

## Courses in 2020

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. 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. 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

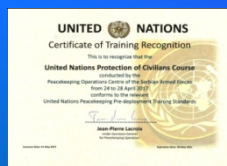
Key personnel to be deployed in peace operations.

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, dates TBD (april)





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

## Aim

To provide civilians 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 they 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 minimum requirement).
- Computer skills are required (MS Office package).

**Course Language:** English

**Duration:** Two weeks, dates TBD (may)



# United Nations Military Observers Course - UNMOC

## Aim

To train officers of the Serbian Armed Forces for Military Observer duties in a UN Peacekeeping Operation. 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

- 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 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:** This course will be conduct in 2021.







# 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 that are 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 and other key considerations for multinational operations.
- Introducing guiding documents for conducting multinational operations.
- Comprehending 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 issues, 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), who are 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, dates TBD (october)





# 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 (MCPPE). 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 issues, 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 (MCPPE).
- Military Staff Exercise (MAPEX1)
- Integrated Staff Exercise (INSTE).

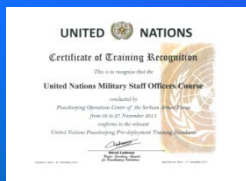
## Student criteria

- 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 is organizing 20-25 activities regarding individual and Units **Pre-Deployment/Mission Specific** 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) but also prescribed vaccination is conducted and they are equipped with individual equipment sets. In addition, other contents are foreseen with the Preparations and Training Program.

-PKOC also provides **support to the training of units** determined 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 to 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 high 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 completion of all specific tasks.

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

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

-PKOC is **only certifying body** for all MoD and SAF personal prior to deployment and every year 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 prior to the course. Applications based on invitation should be submitted through the appropriate national channels to PKOC no later than 6 weeks prior to the start of the course.

# Finance, visas and health insurances

- 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 a 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, as a part of the course we organize welfare activities. Like most others two-million cities Belgrade has a lot to offer. Good and friendly atmosphere throughout the course is guaranteed.

# Facts and figures

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

PKOC is only national pre-deployment training certifying body.

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

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

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

More than 3.500 participants attended Mission Specific Training.

Annually we certified up to 800 members of MoD and SAF.

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

We organized first Gender related training for military and police personal for peace operations in Balkan region and since 2012 all our training curriculums are gender sensitive.

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

Since 2018 we train 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.





