



# **ECRAF BETWEEN TWO CONGRESSES**

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# ECRAF 2014-2015

Affects:

» Situation in Europe

- Ukrainian Crisis
- Economical situation
- Refugees from Syria

» More focus in working for own country

- Planning (OP)
- Developing own system in home country
- Preparedness in civilian and military sector



# ECRAF 2014-2015

- **Executive Committee 2014-2015**

- President: Arto Purkunen (FIN)
- Vice President: Ernes Heleg (BIH)
- EC Member: Jan Sevcik (CZE)
- EC Member: Frode Grønningsäter (NOR)
- EC Member: Aleksandar Gosic (SRB)
- Secretary: Kevin DeMedts (BEL) (APR15)

- **Two EC Meetings**

- 28-29 APR 15 in Belgrade and 7-8 SEP15 in Vrnjacka Banja
  - Planning the congress
  - Practical arrangements
  - General Assembly 2015
  - Elections
  - Discussion about secretariat
  - Hosts for the congresses 2016 & 2017



# ECRAF 2014-2015

## » Secretariat

- No secretary from APR2015
- Tasks divided between EC
- Challenges
  - Accounting
    - Bank Account still in Belgium
  - Congress preparing
    - Ernes & Alexandar have done a very big job



# ECRAF 2014-2015

## » Strategy Plan and Action Plan

- ECRAF is a independent institution recognized across Europe for the best practice within the military environment to prevent road traffic accidents
- New updated Strategy plan 2013-2017 and Action plan 2015- 2016/17 are on the agenda for General Assembly 11<sup>th</sup> SEP.
  - No major changes



# ECRAF 2014-2015

## » Statistics

- The General Assembly in Trencin 2014 concluded that every country needs to have statistics
- No statistics were collected 2014-2015
- Collection of statistics 2015-2016 ?
  - Are delegates engaged to collect the statistics from own country?
  - EC will lead the collecting
    - Common form



# ECRAF 2014-2015

- Sponsorship
  - No changes in the directive
  - No ads on webpage
  - One sponsor is having exhibition this year (VIDUM)
- Website
  - New website has been published
    - Producer comes from BIH
  - Modern, developed, including forum and e-mail
  - Is still under development
  - Two newsletters has been published
    - News from member countries is needed to newsletter
- Financial situation
  - Stable
  - One exhibitor 2015



# ECRAF 2014-2015

- ECRAF FUTURE ?
  - AGAIN, this year there are not enough candidates to EC...
  - Not enough candidates to arrange congresses...
  - Do we want to keep ECRAF alive?
  - How can we keep ECRAF alive?
  - The challenging economical situation in many European countries has had a negative impact on the armed forces
    - Is Countries' ability to participate in organizations like ECRAF still reduced?
  - Open discussion of ECRAF future is desirable during these congress days





# ECRAF 2014-2015

## » Congress 2015

- Regulations on military drivers / instructors and road safety
  - How to select drivers
  - Organizing of training
    - Basic
    - Specialized
    - Certification
    - Monitoring and Evaluation



# ECRAF ANNUAL CONGRESS

## Serbia 2015



**XIV ECRAF CONGRESS**  
**September 8-11, 2015**  
**BELGRADE, SERBIA**



**WELCOME!**