

## Commandant's Welcome



*I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Peace Support Operations Training Centre (PSOTC) of the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina (AF BiH).*

*Back in 2005, the PSOTC of Bosnia and Herzegovina began its journey delivering very first training and education event putting itself on the PSO training and education center map. Throughout the years, PSOTC has proved its mission through recognition from different instances and becoming a member and partner of different international organizations all of which have given sweet flavor of responsibility to continue work on its development. NATO accreditation of the Center as well as NATO, UN and academic course accreditations, the ground-breaking PSV initiative, the declaration of Full Training Capability and hosting 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual IAPTC Conference are just part of PSOTC's success. These successes have made the PSOTC one of leaders in PSO training and education, not only in the region but further afield. All our achievements have given us more responsibility,*

*but it is a responsibility we are proud of. Thus it is my tremendous privilege to invite you to take part in the PSOTC events.*

*An international presence at PSOTC has been always a factor of the Centre's success. We are therefore delighted by a widening of our partnership base within the international community. Therefore, I would like to use this opportunity to thank to our international partners for their continued contribution and support to PSOTC.*

*The main effort of PSOTC is on preparation of the Armed Forces of Bosnia and Herzegovina NCOs and Officers for staff appointments within NATO, UN and coalition operations and to which end we deliver NCO and officer courses. Therefore, we welcome international NCOs and Officers to these courses where they can share their own experiences and contribute to stimulating a multinational learning environment. However, the Center recognizes importance of comprehensive approach in working environment among military, police and civilians. Thus, the Center, in cooperation with police and civilian structures, domestic and international, provides the courses widely open for police and civilians*

*The Course catalogue represents only a part of PSOTC activities, either residential, or non-residential courses. The Center provides a full program for the Mobile Training Team (MTT) which has regularly been deploying not only within Bosnia and Herzegovina, but also throughout the region and wider area. There are also a number of activities where we provide a platform for other organizations and agencies to deliver training in Bosnia and Herzegovina through joint programs and seminars. The longer courses include a field study program for the international students so that they can discover the culture, history, and nature of Bosnia and Herzegovina during their time with us.*

*I continue to place great emphasis on 'learning by doing' and thus the students will spend a significant proportion of their time in syndicates either debating issues or tackling problems that require the use of knowledge, skills and techniques that they would be introduced to during a course.*

*Once more, I want to emphasize that my staff consider the students attending courses at PSOTC as their highest priority. Finally, let me on behalf of my staff warmly welcome you to the Centre.*

*We are looking forward to seeing you at PSOTC.*

**Commandant**  
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