

# DEMINING AND EOD SEMINAR



**SARAJEVO, BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA  
13<sup>TH</sup> – 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2021**

## CONFIRMED SPEAKERS:

- Colonel Thorsten Ludwig, Director, NATO MILENG Centre of Excellence
- Colonel Larry Cousins, Deputy Director, NATO Counter-IED Centre of Excellence
- Lieutenant Colonel Gunther Haustrate, Commanding Officer, EOD Group, Belgian Army
- Sead Vrana, Head of EOD Department, Federal Administration of Civil Protection, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Bojan Glamoclija, Director, Mine Action Centre, Serbia
- Milovan Joksimovic, Chief, Department for UXO and National Focal Point for Cluster Munition – CCM, Directorate for Emergency Management, Ministry of Interior, Montenegro
- Ahmet Sallova, Head, Mine Action Center, Kosovo
- Lieutenant Colonel Ryszard Waclawik, Head, Technology Department, NATO EOD Centre of Excellence
- Ciprian Andrica, Chief Explosives Threat Management, NATO Kosovo Force
- Veselin Mijajlovic, Director, Regional Center for Divers Training and Underwater Demining, Montenegro
- Sean Burke, Program Manager, Night Vision & Electronic Sensors Directorate (CCDC), U.S. Department of Defense
- Gurkan Keskin, Director, Humanitarian Mine Action Association (IMFAD)
- Sabina Beber-Bostjancic, Deputy Director, ITF Enhancing Human Security (ITF)
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# EVENT SCHEDULE



## Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2021

08.30 – 16.40

Conference and Exhibition Day One

### Topics

Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Plan and Overview

Regional Mine Action Programmes

Montenegro

Serbia

Croatia

Hungary

Turkey

Kosovo



## Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021

08.30 – 16.40

Conference and Exhibition Day Two

### Topics

NATO Support Programmes and Strategies  
United Nations Objectives and Strategy for Demining

Military EOD Operations and Techniques

International Programmes and Support



## Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021

08.30 – 14.00

Site Visit to Mine Clearance Project

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# PROGRAMME DAY 1

08.30 Registration and Networking

09.00 **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS**  
Branislav Jovanovic, Explosive Ordnance Knowledge HUB

## **BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA MINE ACTION PLAN AND OVERVIEW**

*Overview of the mine clearance efforts across Bosnia and Herzegovina. Discussing current and ongoing projects, collaboration and lessons learnt.*

09.10 **BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA MINE ACTION PROGRAM AND STRATEGY**

- Overview of BHMIC
- Current mine clearance projects
- Roadmap to 2025
- What are the next steps?

Invited: Sasa Obradovic, Director, Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Centre (BHMIC)

09.40 **TRAINING AND AWARENESS OF MINES IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA**

- Overview of the role of the Federal Department of Civilian Protection
- Current training and awareness programmes for civilians regarding to unexploded ordnances
- Cooperation with BHMIC

Invited: Mustafa Kadribegović, Director, Federal Administration of Civil Protection, Bosnia and Herzegovina

10.10 Networking Coffee Break

10.40 **WWII AERIAL BOMBS CONTAMINATION AND RISK ASSESSMENT**

- Overview of the research conducted in WWII Aerial bombs
- Challenges with removing bombs in a major city
- Lessons learnt

Sead Vrana, Head of EOD Department, Federal Administration of Civil Protection, Bosnia and Herzegovina

## **REGIONAL MINE ACTION PROGRAMMES**

*Reviewing individual nations across the Balkans who are working to clear minefields. This session will review the national programs and the training and awareness given to civilians.*

## **MONTENEGRO REVIEW**

11.10 **DEMINEING CHALLENGES ACROSS MONTENEGRO**

- Overview of the Demining and EOD operations in Montenegro
- Current challenges we have overcome
- New technologies being used to assist operations
- Roadmap

Milovan Joksimovic, Chief, Department for UXO and National Focal Point for Cluster Munition – CCM, Directorate for Emergency Management, Ministry of Interior, Montenegro

11.40 **UNDERWATER DEMINEING IN MONTENEGRO**

- Overview of the challenges of demining underwater
- Training programmes
- Current underwater demining operations in Montenegro

Veselin Mijajlovic, Director, Regional Center for Divers Training and Underwater Demining, Montenegro

## **SERBIA REVIEW**

12.10 **CURRENT MINE CLEARANCE OPERATIONS ACROSS SERBIA**

- Areas of mine clearance operations in Serbia
- Challenging minefields
- Technology being used to support operators
- NGO support

Bojan Glamoclija, Director, Mine Action Centre, Serbia

12.40 Networking Lunch Break

## **CROATIA REVIEW**

13.40 **OVERVIEW OF THE CROATIAN GOVERNMENTS MINE ACTION PLAN**

- Current structure within the government to tackle the clearance of mines
- Roadmap of mine clearance
- Overview of the affected areas in Croatia
- Collaboration with neighbouring nations

Invited: Senior Official, Ministry of Interior, Croatia

## **HUNGARY REVIEW**

14.10 **DE-MINE HU HR II OVERVIEW AND EVALUATION**

- Overview of the project
- Successes and Challenges
- Lessons learnt
- Future joint projects

Invited: Zoltan Horvath, Commissioner, Baranya Province, Government of Hungary

## **TURKEY REVIEW**

14.40 **OVERVIEW OF TURKISH MINE CLEARANCE OPERATIONS**

- Current mine clearance areas in Turkey
- Demining operations and roadmap
- Challenges being faced in conflict areas
- What is needed?

Invited: Senior Official, Head, Turkish Mine Action Center (TURMAC)

15.10 Networking Coffee Break

## **KOSOVO REVIEW**

15.40 **CLEARING MINEFIELDS ACROSS KOSOVO**

- Overview of the work KMAC are currently doing
- Progress since 1999
- Roadmap 2021-2025
- Challenges being faced

Ahmet Sallova, Head, Mine Action Center, Kosovo

16.10 **ADDRESSING THE FULL RANGE OF EXPLOSIVE THREATS ACROSS KOSOVO**

- Overview of the NATO Kosovo Force and efforts to remove unexploded ordnances
- Cooperation with government agencies and NGOs
- Explosive threats across Kosovo
- What is needed?

Ciprian Andrica, Chief Explosives Threat Management, NATO Kosovo Force

16.40 **CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS**

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# PROGRAMME DAY 2

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09.00 **CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS**

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**NATO SUPPORT PROGRAMMES AND STRATEGIES**

*Overview of NATO Centre of Excellence programmes and support for demining operations. Regional threats and hotzones that NATO are monitoring.*

09.10 **SUPPORT PROVIDED BY THE NATO EOD CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE**

- Overview of the NATO EOD COE mission and training opportunities
- Latest development in the field of EOD standardization and technologies
- NATO projects in support of Defence Against Terrorism and near future cooperation activities

Lieutenant Colonel Ryszard Wacławik, Head, Technology Department, NATO EOD Centre of Excellence

09.40 **THE SUPPORT PROVIDED BY THE NATO C-IED CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE**

- Current support the NATO C-IED CoE provide to C-IED operations
- NATO standard C-IED operations
- Assistance provided across NATO member states
- Current threats faced

Colonel Larry Cousins, Deputy Director, NATO Counter-IED Centre of Excellence

10.10 Networking Coffee Break

10.40 **LATEST ENGINEERING TECHNIQUES FOR MINE CLEARANCE OPERATIONS**

- Overview of NATO MILENG Centre of Excellence
- Current projects and courses
- Review of the latest technologies and techniques to assist with demining operations

Colonel Thorsten Ludwig, Director, NATO MILENG Centre of Excellence

**UNITED NATIONS OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGY FOR DEMINING**

*United Nations cooperation to support humanitarian mine clearance programs across Europe. Current concerns and challenges. UN roadmap for mine clearance across Europe.*

11.10 **UN MINE ACTION SERVICE PERSPECTIVE**

- Key objectives for 2020
- Importance of cooperation to assist with mine clearance
- What are the plans for the future?

Invited: Ilene Cohn, Director, United Nations Mine Action Service (UNMAS)

**MILITARY EOD OPERATIONS AND TECHNIQUES**

*Current European military EOD operations for homeland security needs and supporting humanitarian mine clearing efforts in affected areas across the globe.*

11.40 **U.S. DEMINING RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT**

- Current R&D programs being run to support demining projects
- Latest technology developments in assisting mine clearance operators
- Searching techniques used by the U.S. Military

Sean Burke, Program Manager, Night Vision & Electronic Sensors Directorate (CCDC), U.S. Department of Defense

12.10 **BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA HUMANITARIAN DEMINING SUPPORT**

- Overview of the support the Ministry of Defence provides in humanitarian demining activities
- Current demining capabilities of the Bosnian Armed Forces
- Demining operations in Afghanistan

Invited: Senior Representative, Ministry of Defence, Bosnia and Herzegovina

12.40 Networking Lunch Break

13.40 **DEMINING AND EOD OPERATIONS ACROSS SWEDEN**

- Overview of SWEDEC demining programs
- Military support for humanitarian efforts
- Surveillance of mine areas
- Collaborations and joint programmes

Invited: Captain Fredrik Peedu, Commanding Officer, Swedish EOD and Demining Centre (SWEDEC)

14.10 **EOD OPERATIONS AND GLOBAL SUPPORT**

- Current EOD programs and support
- Cooperation in the global effort to clear minefields
- EOD search and delivery capabilities

Lieutenant Colonel Gunther Haustrate, Commanding Officer, EOD Group, Belgian Army

**INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES AND SUPPORT**

*Current NGO support programmes to mine clearance operations in Europe and globally. Areas of concerns and threats to civilians crossing borders.*

14.40 **CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION AND COLLABORATION TO CLEAR MINES**

- Overview of the Cross-Border Co-operation Programme between Hungary and Croatia
- Cooperation in clearing landmines along the border
- Lessons learnt

Invited: Dora Horvath, Programme Manager, Hungary-Croatia Border Co-operation Programme, Prime Minister's Office, Hungary

15.10 **CURRENT HALO TRUST PROGRAMMES AND INITIATIVES**

- Overview of current global programs
- Challenging areas
- Roadmap for the next few years
- HALO Trust search and delivery capabilities

Invited: Major General (Ret) James Cowan CBE, Chief Executive Officer, The HALO Trust

15.40 Networking Coffee Break

16.10 **IMFAD OVERVIEW**

- Current operations and programmes of IMFAD
  - Mine Action Activities (EORE) under COVID-19 restrictions
- Gurkan Keskin, Director, Humanitarian Mine Action Association (IMFAD)

16.40 **ITF OBJECTIVES FOR DEMINING**

- Current missions for enhancing safety
- Current areas of activity regarding mine clearance
- Developments made in facilitating demining projects in the Balkans

Sabina Beber-Bostjancic, Deputy Director, ITF Enhancing Human Security (ITF)

17.10 **CHAIRMAN'S CLOSING REMARKS**

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