



CENTRE FOR SECURITY COOPERATION



Seminar on the implementation of Ottawa Convention, Information Technology (IT) in Mine Action:

“The recent Demining Processes – National and Regional Approach, new Challenges”

**Co-organized with
Croatian Mine Action Centre (CROMAC)**

Proposed Dates	19 - 22 October 2009
Venue	RACVIAC - Centre for Security Cooperation, Rakitje, Stari hrast 53, 10437 Bestovje, Croatia –CROMAC, Ante Kovačića 10, 44 000 Sisak.
Background	<p>The Mine Ban Treaty is an international agreement that bans antipersonnel landmines and is therefore the most comprehensive international instrument for ridding the world of mines. It deals with everything from mine use, production and trade, to victim assistance, mine clearance and stockpile destruction.</p> <p>Mine action involves all activities which aim to reduce the social, economic and environmental impact of landmines and explosive remnants of war (ERW). Information technology is a general term that describes any technology that helps to produce, manipulate, store, communicate, and/or disseminate information.</p> <p>RACVIAC recognizes the importance of initiatives related to Ottawa Convention and for the third time it organizes an activity in cooperation with CROMAC.</p>
Purpose & Objectives	<p>The purpose of this seminar is to present some of the IT solutions in mine action community and encourage discussion on how to further develop IT in mine action in order to solve the mine problem.</p> <p>The objectives of the seminar are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To provide the participants with information on some of the IT solutions in mine action.• To improve contacts between representatives of national and international organizations as well as other countries dealing with mine action.• To give the opportunity for talks on the challenges they face and the way ahead.• To give a full picture of the latest geographic information systems by presenting some of the latest modern technological achievements in this field.
Participants	Approximately 30-40 participants, representing National Mine Action Centres in SEE, mine action NGOs, UXO and other international organizations dealing with mine action, as well as representatives of diplomatic missions and countries which are affected by mines and UXO, representatives of public and private companies that deal with above mentioned issues. Other MAG Countries may attend if applicable.
Methodology	<p>The duration of the seminar is 4 days. It will be conducted as a combination of lectures / presentations followed by open discussions. It will also include a visit to the company that is the regional leader in design and creation of geoinformation systems and solutions, as well as digital cartography (<u>Geofoto Ltd.</u>).</p> <p>Participants will be provided with authorized documentation which includes official certificate and CD. The seminar language will be English.</p>
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