



SYMPOSIUM ON MINE ACTION

*in cooperation with
the Federal Republic of Germany*

*co-organized with
the Government Office for Mine Action of the Republic of Croatia,*

Dates 23 - 25 April 2014

Venue Zadar (Petrčane), HR

Background RACVIAC separately conducted a Workshop on the Implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions and the Ottawa Convention Seminar in the last few years. With this Symposium, RACVIAC is seizing the opportunity to merge a Workshop on the Implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions and the Ottawa Convention Seminar into one Symposium, supported financially by the Federal Republic of Germany.

This Symposium is going to be conducted as a continuation of the International Symposium and the Equipment Exhibition “Mine Action 2014” series, and will be the 11th Symposium in the series.

Purpose & Objectives The purpose of this Symposium is to provide a forum for discussions on security issues in the context of the Humanitarian Disarmament Treaties while focusing on technologies, both those that are available as well as the new and upcoming ones
The Symposium will provide an opportunity for all those involved or interested in mine action to broaden their contacts with interested parties from both the private and public sectors on the national and international levels, by sharing their experiences and problems - both technological and managerial.

Participants Approximately 20 participants on the part of RACVIAC, representing different countries, relevant ministries, agencies and organizations are expected to attend. Lecturers include experts willing to share their expertise and experiences as well as international organizations from both the governmental and the non-governmental sector.

Methodology The event will take place in the form of a Symposium. It will give national and international experts, representatives of governmental and non-governmental organizations an opportunity to share their experience and jointly address challenges concerning mine action.

Member States are kindly informed that RACVIAC encourages all lecturers to submit written essays on their area of expertise to be referred to during their presentation at the RACVIAC activity. Most prominent and up-to-date essays will then be published in the “RACVIAC Compendium – Assortment of RACVIAC Prominent Lecturers’ Insights” that will be issued at least once a year, preferably at the beginning of the year for the previous year but with an option and aim to become semi-annual if input and interest of targeted audience is satisfactory.

Understanding the additional effort and time needed to be put into the writing of this essay, RACVIAC will stimulate it with an amount of 100 euros per essay.
The essays should comprise at least 1500 words and should be submitted electronically and in a hard copy version to RACVIAC before the actual lecture or presentation is given. The

author of the submitted essay should give his/her written permission to RACVIAC to publish the essay in the “RACVIAC Compendium”, waiving future claims or compensations towards RACVIAC.

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