



## CENTRE FOR SECURITY COOPERATION

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### EXTERNAL REPORT ON COURSE T-08-W

Seminar on the implementation of Ottawa Convention, Information Technology (IT)

in Mine Action: "The Recent Demining Processes – National and Regional

Approach, New Challenges"

(19 - 22 October 2009)

#### I. INTRODUCTION

In accordance with RACVIAC 2009 Programme, the Cooperative Security Environment Pillar (CSE) organized the Course T-08-W from 19-22 October 2009.

The purpose of this seminar was to present some of the Information Technology (IT) solutions in mine action community and initiate a vigorous discussion on how to further develop IT in mine action with regard to the implementation of the Ottawa Convention (Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and their Destruction), both on the regional level and equally important international level.

The Course T-08-W was organized together with Croatian Mine Action

Centre (CROMAC) for the 3rd time, and it involved civilian and military personnel dealing with the Ottawa Convention. It was carried out in English language, consisting of lectures/presentations and a visit to GEOFOTO (specialized company in the domain of geodesy and geoinformation) in Zagreb.

#### II. PROGRAM/METHODOLOGY

##### **a. Course Objectives**

- To provide the participants with information on IT solutions in mine action.
- To improve contacts between representatives of national and international organizations as well as countries dealing with mine action.
- To provide 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.

## **b. Participation**

Twenty-two participants attended the Course, namely from HR (4), MK (1), ME, RS (2), International Trust Fund-Slovenia (1), BH Mine Action Centre (1), CROMAC (5), Montenegro RCUD (3), Croatian Red Cross (1) and CICHUD (1).



### **Course Participants**

The lecturers were Mr Damir JELENIĆ, Head of CROMAC IT Department, Mr Josef ČERINA, Head of CROMAC Regional Office in Zadar, Mr. Zoran GRUJIĆ, Head of BHMACH IT Department, Mr. Juan Carlos RUAN from GICHHD, Mrs Natasa URŠIĆ from ITF, Mrs Vijorka ROSEG from Croatian Red Cross as well as lecturers from GEOFOTO Zagreb.



### **Welcome address of the Seminar**

## **c. Overview of the Course**

The three-day Orientation Course served as an opportunity for participants to meet their colleagues from the SEE region as well as to meet representatives/experts coming from organizations and agencies dealing with the Information Technology Activities regarding the Ottawa Convention.

During the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the seminar the following lecturers delivered presentations on the information systems and management of mine action activities: Mr Damir Jelenić, Head of CROMAC IT Department, Mr. Zoran Grujić, Head of BHMACH IT Department, and Mr. Juan Carlos Ruan, expert from GICHHD. After that the Director of RCUD in Montenegro delivered a presentation about the activities of his organization.

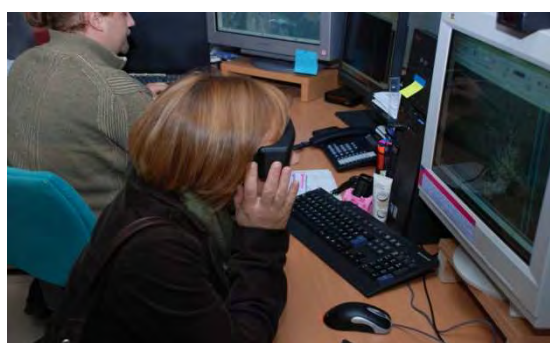
During the 2<sup>nd</sup> day the participants visited Geofoto Group Company in Zagreb (airport region). The visit included the following activities:

- Visit to the company installations.

- Presentation on the photogrammetric, geoinformation, cartographic and cadastral services of the company.

- Presentation of the progress in mine action activities as a product of close cooperation-coordination between Geofoto and CROMAC.

The day ended with a presentation on the regional cooperation and assistance to other countries with mine problem, by the expert from ITF Ms. Nataša Uršič.



### Visit to Geofoto

The 3<sup>rd</sup> day included the following presentations:

- Mine Reaction Education and Information Technology, by Ms.

Vijorka Roseg, MD, Croatian Red Cross

- The use of media and world wide web for cooperation and promotion of Ottawa Convention, by Mr. Josip Čerina, PhD, Head of CROMAC Regional Office in Zadar and Mr. Mladen Crnković, Head of CROMAC Director Office.

### III. SUMMARY/RECOMMENDATIONS

- The cooperation between RACVIAC and CROMAC ensured the presence of high-level lecturers and experts.

- According to participants' assessments given at the end of the event, the Course proved to be successful.

- Majority of participants, coming from national and international organizations or representing countries dealing with the Ottawa Convention already had knowledge about it.

- The invited lecturers covered all the topics efficiently and gave a concrete perspective on the IT achievements in mine action that has been developed in SEE by various organizations in the frame of Ottawa Convention.