INTERNATIONAL TRUST FUND FOR DEMINING AND MINE VICTIMS ASSISTANCE (ITF)

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Director
“Established co-operation mechanisms, such as SEEMACC and trust fund mechanisms, such as ITF, have increased cooperation in South Eastern Europe. These mechanisms should be recognised as examples of good practice for other mine effected regions”
Items:

1. SHORT OVERVIEW OF ACHIEVEMENTS OF INTERNATIONAL TRUST FUND FOR DEMINING AND MINE VICTIMS ASSISTANCE (ITF)

2. ROLE OF THE REGIONAL COOPERATION IN MINE ACTION

3. STRATEGIC PLANS UNTIL 2010
ESTABLISHMENT

• **Established** on 12 March 1998 as a Slovenian contribution to stabilisation of post-Dayton BiH; a non-profit organization with the aim of helping SEE in its efforts to clear the land of the “hidden killers” and mine victims assistance efforts

• **Founders** Slovenian MFA, MoD and MH
  - ITF as a part of foreign policy of Slovenia

• **Matching fund**
  Law on the 1st matching-fund passed by Congress in June 1998 – Administrative Agreement with USA signed on 4 November 1998
ITF ACTIVITIES

1. DEMINING
2. MINE VICTIMS ASSISTANCE
3. SUPPORT OF THE DEMINING STRUCTURES
4. CAPACITY BUILDING THROUGH TRAINING
5. GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM
6. COORDINATION OF MINE ACTION IN THE REGION OF SOUTH-EAST EUROPE – support to the regional approach

FUND-RAISING

As of May 2005 ITF has raised more than 183 million USD
Donors: 24 countries + EU, 33 different organisations and private companies
### ITF Donor Countries

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PRIVATE DONORS TO ITF

- Adopt-A-Minefield
- Adria Airways
- Amway
- Bank Austria Creditanstalt
- care
- COAF
- Daewoo
- DanChurchaid
- Europa Press
- Global Care Unlimited
- Handicap International
- Lions Club Zrinjevac
- Ljubljanska banka
- OTTO Bock
- Private Donors to ITF
- Rehabilitation Institute RS
- Rotary International
- Rotary Club Karlovac
- Rotary Club Emona Ljubljana
- Rotary Club Nordost
- Siemens
- SPEM
- FSD
- Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation

And more than 15 other individuals and organisations.
Demining circle

- POST CLEARANCE EVALUATION
  3-6 months after the project is finished

- REPORTING TO THE DONORS

- FINAL QC DONE BY MAC
  ISSUANCE OF CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE

- FINAL CONTROL BY MONITORING FIRM

- EXECUTION OF DEMINING WORKS BY CONTRACTOR

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  WORK AND CONTRACT MONITORING

- RECEIPT OF THE DONATION

- REQUEST FOR PRIORITIES FROM MAC BY ITF

- INSPECTION OF THE TASKS BY ITF COORDINATORS

- PREPARATION OF THE TENDER DOSSIER BY ITF

- INVITATION FOR TENDERERS

- ORGANISATION OF THE VISIT TO THE DEMINING SITES WITH THE INTERESTED TENDERERS

- EVALUATION COMMISSION: CHOOSING THE BEST TENDERER
At present ITF is working in:

• Albania
• Bosnia and Herzegovina
• Croatia
• Macedonia
• Serbia and Montenegro

Projects outside SEE:

• Azerbaijan
• Armenia
• Georgia
• Cyprus
# ITF RESULTS:
## Demining and battle area clearance

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**ITF RESULTS:**
Demining and battle area clearance

### ITF Technical Survey results

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## Mine Victims Assistance

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**Total All** 865
Regional projects - Mine Victims Assistance

- Support to orthopaedic technicians studies at the School of Health Studies (3 from BiH, 1 from Macedonia, 1 from Croatia) three year program;
- EDaS: Development of the Low Cost Prosthetic Limb Technology project
- Self-Help & Advocacy for Rights & Equal opportunities South East Europe – SHARE SEE (Handicap International)
- Study on Landmine Victims Assistance in SE Europe (Mrs. Sheree Bailey / HI Int.)
- Summer Camps for SE Europe mine victims-children
Regional projects - Training

1. UNDP/Cranfield Senior and Middle Management Training courses for Mine Action for the regions of SE Europe and South Caucasus.

2. Two regional underwater EOD trainings were held at the Regional Center for Underwater Demining in Bijela. 22 divers from five countries (Albania, Croatia, BiH, Russia, Serbia and Montenegro and Slovenia) finished the trainings.

3. Several regional EOD trainings in the Training Center for Civil Protection and Disaster Relief in Ig for participants from Macedonia, SCG, Croatia
Regional projects for contributions of European Commission to the ITF

- CONTRACT BA/B7-6610-00/03 signed in December 2000 in amount of 1 million Euro (Mine Action in BiH and Croatia)

- CONTRACT BA/B7-6610-00/04 signed in December 2000 in amount of 1 million Euro (Geographical Information System)

- CONTRACT RES/AIDCO/2001/0300 signed in January 2002 in amount of 2.5 million EURO (Support to regional cooperation in SEE – demining along borderlines, structure support, training)

- CONTRACT BA-2003-59777 in amount of 0.8 million Euro in April 2003 (Landmine Impact Survey BiH)

- CONTRACT 2003-057113 in amount of 2.85 million Euro in April 2003 (Clearance of borderline projects)
Connecting the region: SEEMACC

- **Members of the SEEMACC:**
  - Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro, Macedonia, ITF and Azerbaijan.
  - Observers: UNMIK Kosovo, MDDC, CTDT

- **Quarterly meetings**

- **Results:**
  - Acknowledgement of the **accreditation of the mechanical equipment** for mine clearance by Croatia in Bosnia and Herzegovina and other countries in the region
  - Acknowledgment of the **testing procedures**
  - Regional pool basis – **sharing of resources**
  - Exchange of information, knowledge and experience between the members
  - Establishment of **Regional Center for Underwater Demining** in Bijela, Montenegro (SCG) and **Mine Detection Dog Center** for SEE in Konjic (BiH)
SEEMACC STRATEGY

- Adopted at the 8th meeting in Belgrade, on 11th of February 2003.

- Involves 7 strategic objectives involving 33 tasks.

- The objectives reflect the needs identified by mine affected communities and are to attain by 2010.
SEVEN STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

1. RETAIN THE DONORS IN THE SEE REGION
2. DEVELOP A PRIORITIZATION METHODOLOGY
3. DEVELOP AND ADOPT REGIONAL OPERATIVE STANDARDS
4. TRAININGS IN THE REGION
5. MINE INFORMATION SYSTEM
6. TESTING OF NEW DEMINING TECHNOLOGIES AND MACHINES
7. DOGS TRAINING
1. RETAIN THE DONORS IN THE SEE REGION

Task 1.1 Cooperation of the countries in the SEE region and presentation of the regional projects.

Task 1.2 Definition of potential donors in the SEE region.

Task 1.3 Development of strategy for raising and retaining funds and donors in the SEE region.
2. DEVELOP A PRIORITIZATION METHODOLOGY

Task 2.1 To develop a **methodology applicable to the region of SEE** in definition of mine suspected area.

Task 2.2 To develop general and **technical survey methodology** in accordance with international standards.

Task 2.3 To develop and **adopt multicriteria analysis** for definition of the priorities in national MACs.

Task 2.4 To define and to adjust **priorities for** demining, mine awareness, marking the minefields and mine victims assistance.
3. DEVELOP AND ADOPT REGIONAL OPERATIVE STANDARDS

Task 3.1 Examination and acceptation of the international standards.

Task 3.2 ISO certification of national MACs.

Task 3.3 To develop and harmonize common procedures for accreditation of demining companies.
4. TRAININGS IN THE REGION

Task 4.1 Management Trainings (Senior, Middle, Team Leaders).

Task 4.2 Implementation and harmonization of Specialist Courses.

Task 4.3 Training for the programme of Mine Victims Assistance.

Task 4.4 Assistance in establishment of regional training centres.

Task 4.4.1 Underwater EOD and Demining Trainings.

Task 4.4.2 Training of mine detection dogs (MDD).
5. MINE INFORMATION SYSTEM

Task 5.1 Data exchange – low-resolution maps.
Task 5.2 Assistance in preparation of maps.
Task 5.3 Assistance in development of database.
Task 5.4 Providing assistance to national MACs high-resolution maps.
Task 5.5 Standardization of middle-resolution maps.
Task 5.6 Development of methodology for establishment of data base for underwater minefields.
6. TESTING OF NEW DEMINING TECHNOLOGIES AND MACHINES

Task 6.1 Following the development of new technologies.

Task 6.2 Establishment of centre for testing of mechanical equipment for mine clearance.
7. MDD TRAINING

Task 7.1 Definition of the number of the MDDs needed for the region.

Task 7.2 Development of methodology on MDD training.

Task 7.3 Development of methodology on MDD testing.

Task 7.4 Development of methodology on MDD condition training

MDD Center established in Konjic (BiH)
SEEMACC achievements to date

1. UNDP / Cranfield Senior / Management in Training in Mine Action.
2. Establishment of MDD center in Konjic
3. All regional MAC’s worked on catalogue of all demining machines in the region (prepared by ITF)
4. BH MAC and CRO MAC execution of testing at demining machines.
5. SEEMACC web page
6. Support to establishment of RCUD in Montenegro – SCG, that performed two trainings for underwater demining
SEEMACC achievements to date

7. Cooperation program lead out by CRO MAC in cooperation with MAC Belgrade for technical survey along the border between Croatia and Serbia.

8. First electronic issue of SEEMACC newsletter

9. ITF GIS projects:
   - Maps with satellite snap-shots
   - XML pilot project (3 parts)
   - MAC expert staff training
   - Albania was provided with digital satellite maps
   - GPS campaign for AMAE.
Underwater Demining

• In October 2004, underwater survey and clearance started in the Verige area, Bay of Kotor, Montenegro (SCG). The project implemented by the Regional Center for Underwater Demining, Bijela, Montenegro ended in November.
• 65 tons of UXO were removed and destroyed, and 2,500 square meters of underwater surface was cleared.
### ITF Results - demining of SAVA river

**BiH and Croatia 2001 - 2004**

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ITF TRAINING ACTIVITIES

- EOD Training Courses (6)
- Underwater EOD Training (2)
- Monitoring and Quality Control Training Courses (3)
- UNDP Senior and Middle Management Training Courses
- Integrated Communication in Mine Action (2)
- Train & Equip program
- GIS Training (2)
- Training of the Macedonian Civil Protection teams and Serbian teams in demining, BAC, EOD and demolition
• Imagery and map development for Mine Action Centers in the region. On January 2004 ITF delivered the Orthophoto production for Bosnia and Herzegovina.

• maXML project (the first and second project phases have been completed; the third i.e. last phase of the project is in its preliminary stages)

• Information Exchange
Imagery use in demining activities
FUTURE COOPERATION WITHIN SEEMACC

- **Definition of fields of cooperation** by all SEEMACC members / observers according to the SEEMACC strategy 2003 – 2010.

- **Revision of the SEEMACC strategy 2003-2010** with detailed definition of the tasks that will be undertaken by SEEMACC members / observers.

- Adoption of **mutual recognition of accreditations** in mine action along all SEEMACC members / observers.

- **Exchange of experience and actual help** to those members / observers that are **lacking knowledge, equipment**...
TOTAL BUDGET DEFICITS TO 2009: 44,578,000 KM (22,289,000 EUR)

BH MINE ACTION STRATEGY

TOTAL B&H MINE ACTION STRATEGY BUDGET TO 2009: 245,254,000 KM (122,627,000 EUR)

MISSING - TO BE OBTAINED FROM ADDITIONAL SOURCES
BH BUDGETS - ALL GOVERNMENTAL LEVELS
DONORS - PROJECTION AND PLANS

1,000,000 KM (1 EUR = 2 KM)
## Summary of MA in SEE

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<th>Expected to be declared Mine safe/impact free</th>
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<td>Bosnia &amp; Herzegovina</td>
<td>2,780 km²</td>
<td>54 victims in 2003. 1,497 victims since 1996.</td>
<td>LIS identified 1,366 impacted communities, including 154 high and 696 Medium impact.</td>
<td>TAP incorporated in planning process.</td>
<td>Approx 2003 funding 16 mio EUR</td>
<td>2009</td>
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<td>Croatia</td>
<td>1,354 km²</td>
<td>9 victims in 2004. 526 victims since 1996.</td>
<td>No LIS. Survey are area not community based.</td>
<td>Almost all (98%) spent on clearance.</td>
<td>23 mio EUR Croatia provided 80% of its funding</td>
<td>2009</td>
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<td>Albania</td>
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<td>24 victims in 2004. 269 victims since 1999.</td>
<td>No LIS. Surveys are area not community based. IMSMA installed and due to be made ‘operational’ in 2004</td>
<td>Medium and High priority areas are due for clearance by December, 2006</td>
<td>Proposed 2005 budget 3.4 mio EUR</td>
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<td>39 km²</td>
<td>No victim database. Approx 82 victims in 3½ year period (1999 – 2002).</td>
<td>No LIS. No survey.</td>
<td>No national mine action body or plan. Mine clearance conducted by army which does not share clearance records</td>
<td>ITF plan for 2005 2.8 mio EUR</td>
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<td>- Mine action the responsibility of the Kosovo Protection Corps MVA, MRE, MRA</td>
<td>Included in plan for SCG</td>
<td>Declared impact free in December 2001</td>
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Develop an integral regional strategic plan

- Assess priorities at a national and regional level
- Regional strategic plan
- Funds being allocated in a way the regional priorities are met with a systematic approach
Republic of Macedonia – to be declared as mine free in 2005.

Albania – expected end of ITF operations and declaration of mine safe country by the end of 2006.

Serbia and Montenegro – expected end of ITF operations and declaration of mine safe country by the end of 2008.

Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia – expected to be declared mine free countries by 2009.
THANK YOU!