

MINE ACTION REGIONAL DIALOGUE EVENT ON CONTAMINATION OF TERRITORIES WITH MINES AND EXPLOSIVE REMNANTS OF WAR (ERW) IN UKRAINE

**VENUE: *Mariupol, Donetsk oblast
Reikartz Hotel (79 Georgiyivska Street)***

DATE: *11 July 2018*

Background

During 2015-2018 OSCE PCU organized four regional mine action roundtables that facilitate the public involvement in the state mine action policy formation process. The PCU is supporting Ukraine in building of state humanitarian mine action capacity. The purpose of supporting Ukraine is developing mine action legislation, standards and national programme. Ukrainian's national de-miners and experts of two Ukrainian institutions primarily responsible for survey and clearance of explosive remnants of war (ERW): the Ministry of Defense (MoD), the State Emergency Services of Ukraine (SESU) already destroyed thousands of mines/ERW till today. Parallel with the increasing capacities of state institutions, many international and national mine action nongovernmental organizations (NGOs) established their offices in Ukraine and started with mine action activities in the most critical areas affected by mines/ERW.

Objective

The aim of the regional event is to introduce representatives of local authority to main mine action stakeholders in Ukraine and to voice about threats caused by mines. Roundtable will give an opportunity to representatives of local authority to highlight their needs and openly discuss about mine problems directly with the state mine action officials.

Format of roundtable

The roundtable includes three types of sessions

- Working in groups to discuss the mine problems
- Presentation of groups results
- Panel discussions

Program of the roundtable:

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9.00-9.30 **Participants registration and welcome coffee**

9.30-9.40 **Welcome speech:**

- OSCE PCU, local officials (MoD, SESU, MTOT –TBC)
- Moderators: Oleksandr Ochkovskyi, Miljenko Vahtaric*

9.40-10.30 **Working in groups**

- Education and social protection (teachers, representatives from administration)
- Land and territories (representatives of land department, agro-complex and development of agricultural land)
- Security (representatives of National Police, Civil Protection, Departments of Ecology and Natural Resources)
- Culture and Tourism, Mass-media, local activists
- Local authorities (deputies, village councils, others)

Questions to be discussed:

1. Do you have problems with the mine/ERW contamination in your area?
2. Whom do you address mine threat problem?
3. What is important in the process of resolving of mine contamination problem?
4. How do you see the role of stakeholders in mine action?
5. What is the result of land clearance from mine/ERW contamination?
6. What can help us to eliminate the mine threat?

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10.30-10:45 **Coffee-break**

10.45-11.30 **Presentation of results of group working**

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11.30-12.30 **Panel discussion, questions and answers** (locals, MoD, SESU, MTOT, GICHD Halo Trust, DDG, FSD, ICRC, UNDP, national NGO's)

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12.30-12.45 **Selection and prioritization of key issues, summary**

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12.45-13.00 **Closing speech:** Jeff Erlich, Miljenko Vahtaric, OSCE PCU

Moderator: Oleksandr Ochkovskyi

13:00-14:00 **Lunch**