AGENDA

ROUND TABLE
Role of Local Authorities in Mine Action in Line with New Legislation
14 March 2019

Venue:
Hotel “Myr”, 1B Lysychanska Str., Sievierodonetsk

Background: the OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine with the financial support of the donor countries within the framework of the “Building Ukrainian Humanitarian Mine Action Capacity” project supports Ukraine’s capacity for humanitarian demining of territories affected by the explosive remnants of war. The Ministry of Defense of Ukraine, the State Emergency Service of Ukraine, and the Ministry of Temporary Occupied Territories and IDPs of Ukraine are the project’s beneficiaries. As state institutions’ capacities grow, many international and national mine action non-governmental organizations establish their offices in Ukraine conducting humanitarian mine action activities in the most mine-affected areas.

Objective: to discuss the role of local authorities in mine action in accordance with the Law of Ukraine “On Mine Action in Ukraine” that came into force on 25 January 2019. The regional round table will enable the representatives of local authorities to voice their concerns and needs arising from explosive remnants of war contamination as well as directly discuss new regional mine action opportunities with the government officials and representative of international organizations authorized to carry out mine action activities.

Round table format:
- group work
- presentation of group work results
- panel discussion
14 March, Thursday

09:00 – 09:30  *Registration, welcome coffee*

09:30 – 09:50  Opening remarks from organizers and partners  
*Keynote speaker: Henrik Villadsen, Ambassador, OSCE Project Co-ordinator in Ukraine*  
*Moderators: Miljenko Vahtarić, Anna Ruban*

09:50 – 10:00  Presentation of the draft law on mine action in Ukraine  
*Moderator: Miljenko Vahtarić*

10:00 – 10:30  Group work. Development of mechanisms for mine action in Ukraine law implementation at the local level  
*Moderators: Oleksandr Mitkov, Svitlana Petrova*

10:30 – 10:45  *Coffee break*

10:45 – 11:30  Presentation of group work results  
*Moderators: Oleksandr Mitkov, Svitlana Petrova*

11:30 – 12:00  Panel discussion. Questions and answers.  
*Representatives of local authorities, MOD, SESU, MinTOT, UNDP, HALO Trust, DDG, FSD, ICRC, representatives of NGOs*  
*Moderators: Oleksandr Mitkov, Svitlana Petrova*

12:00– 12:10  Presentation of the project for development of an interactive map of areas contaminated with mines and explosive remnants of war within the framework of the Open Government Partnership Initiative  
*Moderator: Serhiy Zubarevskyy (MoD)*

12:10– 12:30  Presentation of MinTOT pilot project results  
*Moderator: TBA*

12:30– 13:00  Closing remark  
*Moderators: Miljenko Vahtarić, Anna Ruban*

13:00– 14:00  *Lunch*