



AGENDA

Monday, 23rd March 2026

- 16.30 – 18.00 Registration and setting up of the exhibition area
19.30 – 22.00 Cocktail drinks and refreshments

Tuesday, 24th March 2026

08.00 - 09.30 Registration

09.30 - 10.00 *Symposium opening*

Katarina Markt, Managing Director, HCR-CTRO

Neven Karas, acting Director General, Civil Protection Directorate

Frano Matušić, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs

Envoy of the Speaker of the Croatian Parliament

10.00 - 10.15 *30 Years Later: Croatia Declares a Mine-Free Future*

Neven Karas, acting Director General, Civil Protection Directorate

10.15 - 11.45 *UKRAINE – ACHIEVEMENTS, CHALLENGES AND NEEDS*

Moderator: Davor Laura, Head of Croatian Mine Action Center

Mine Action in Ukraine: Progress Since the Full-scale Aggression, *Ruslan Berehulia, National Mine Action Authority of Ukraine*

The State Emergency Service's Pyrotechnicians Carrying Out Demining Operations in Ukraine During the Active Phase of the War, *Serhii Reva, State Emergency Service of Ukraine*

Humanitarian Demining, *Natalia Feltina, Ministry of Economy, Environment and Agriculture of Ukraine*

Civil Society and Mine Action: Looking Back and Forward, *Mihaela Boltižar, Association Croatia Helps and Yuliia Nikolaienko, Ukrainian Deminers Association*

Localisation in Ukraine: Capacities and Needs, *Olena Kryvova, GICHD*

Panel discussion

11.45 - 12.15 Coffee break

12.15 - 13.45 *INCLUSION OF NOVEL TRAINING / CAPACITY-BUILDING APPROACHES*

Moderator: Tomislav Ban, HCR-CTRO Associate

Operational Leadership in Demining: The Role of a Site Manager, *Tomislav Ban, HCR-CTRO Associate*

From Support to Lead – the Capacity Development Experiences of UDA and MAG in Ukraine, *Tymur Pistriuha, Ukrainian Deminers Association and Niamh McNamara, Mines Advisory Group*

K9 Quality Partners - Building a Global Network of Verified Working Dog Partners, *Damir Car, HCR-CTRO Associate*

Connecting the Global Explosive Ordnance Sector: Strategic Insights from the EOKHUB Special Edition Directory, *Branislav Jovanović, EOKHUB*

Considerations for Delivering Impactful Capacity Development, *Thomas Griffiths, The HALO Trust*

Panel discussion

13.45 - 15.10 Lunch break



15.10 - 16.30 INSTITUTIONAL / MARKET-BASED MODELS AND GOVERNANCE CHALLENGES

Moderator: Dejan Rendulić, Croatian Mine Action Center

General Updates on Mine Action in Azerbaijan, Ramil Azizov, ANAMA

National Police of Ukraine, EOD Service – Challenges, Needs, Achievements, Maksym Movchan, National Police of Ukraine

Implementation of Bosnia and Herzegovina's Obligations under the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention Since the Last Extension Request, Mijo Pranjić, Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Zimbabwe Update on the Article 5 Implementation, Cletus Maregere, Zimbabwe Mine Action Centre

Panel discussion

17.30 - 21.00 Guided tour of Split Old Town

Wednesday, 25th March 2026

09.00 - 10.45 R&D AND THE APPLICATION OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES — AI, ROBOTICS AND MULTI-SENSOR APPROACHES

Moderator: Milan Bajić, University of Applied Sciences, Zagreb

Methodological Challenges in the Approach to Complex Humanitarian Demining, Marko Mladineo, Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Mechanical Engineering and Naval Architecture, Split

Model-Based GPR Landmine Detection Using Full-Wave Inversion: Experimental Results from the CONVOY Project, Miguel Freixo Gonçalves, Royal Military Academy of Belgium

Drone-Assisted Monitoring of Indicator Plants for Landmine Detection: Feasibility and Operational Insights, Lilita Kiforenko, University of Southern Denmark

Anomaly Detection Methods for UXO and Landmine Extraction on Multiband Images, Ivan Racetin, Faculty of Civil Engineering, Architecture and Geodesy in Split

Beyond Spectral Averages: How High-Order Moments Enhance Endmember-Based Material Identification, Milan Bajić, University of Applied Sciences, Zagreb

10.45 - 11.15 Coffee break

11.15 - 12.15 Comprehensive Solution for Georeferencing of Humanitarian Demining Tools, Janusz Bedkowski, Institute of Fundamental Technological Research, Polish Academy of Science

ROCX Mine Detection Campaign: Platform Trade-Offs and Multi-Spectral, Multi-View Sensor Fusion, Rob Haelterman, Royal Military Academy of Belgium

Panel discussion

12:15 - 13:15 Presentations by exhibitors

- **CEIA S.p.A.**, Giovanni Giustino
- **MED ENG**, Dave Hatcher
- **DOK-ING d.o.o.**, Konstantin Darmaniyani
- **Đuro Đaković Special Vehicles**, Goran Matanić
- **FAE S.p.A.**, Emilio Canales
- **GARANT Schutztechnik GmbH**, Adina Stefanescu
- **NATO EOD COE**, Witold Plezia
- **Global Clearance Solutions AG**, Adrian Ritson

13.15 - 14.00 Symposium conclusions, wrap-up and adjourn