



## DRAFT AGENDA

### **Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2026**

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

### **Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2026**

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- 08:00 – 09:30 Registration and setting up of the exhibition area  
**09.30 - 10.00** ***Symposium opening***  
**Katarina Markt**, Managing Director, HCR-CTRO  
Representative of the 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 – 11.30** **UKRAINE – ACHIEVEMENTS, CHALLENGES AND NEEDS**  
**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 / Yuliia Nikolaienko, Association Croatia Helps and Ukrainian Deminers Association*  
**Panel discussion**
- 11.30 – 12.00** **Coffee break**
- 12.00 – 13.30** **INCLUSION OF NOVEL TRAINING / CAPACITY-BUILDING APPROACHES**  
**Moderator:**  
**K9 Quality Partners - Building a Global Network of Verified Working Dog Partners**, *Damir Car, Testing Manager for Mine Detection Dogs, HCR-CTRO*  
**From Support to Lead – the Capacity Development Experiences of UDA and MAG in Ukraine**, *Tymur Pistriuha and Niamh McNamara, UDA/MAG*  
**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**
- 13.30 – 15.00** **Lunch break**
- 15.00 – 16.30** **INSTITUTIONAL / MARKET-BASED MODELS AND GOVERNANCE CHALLENGES**  
**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*  
**Zimbabwe Update on the Article 5 Implementation**, *Cletus Maregere, Zimbabwe Mine Action Centre*  
**Operational & Technical Experience**, *Mohammed Matoq, Waha Group*  
**Panel discussion**



**Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2026**

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

**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**, *Lilija 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, Zagreb University of Applied Sciences*

**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 – 13:00** **Presentations by exhibitors**

- CEIA S.p.A.
- MED ENG
- DOK-ING d.o.o.
- FAE S.p.A.
- GARANT Schutztechnik GmbH
- NATO EOD COE
- Global Clearance Solutions AG

**13.00 – 14.00** **Symposium conclusions, wrap-up and adjourn**