Emerging possibilities for financing of demining, mine victims assistance and human security from European Commission instruments

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ITF Background

• Established by the Government of the Republic of Slovenia in 1998;
• Humanitarian, non-profit organization;
• Initially operating in Bosnia and Herzegovina, later in other countries of SE Europe;
• Over the years ITF developed and expanded the scope of substantive and geographic areas of operation.
Geographical Area of ITF Operations

- **Southeast Europe**
  - Albania
  - Bosnia and Herzegovina
  - Bulgaria
  - Croatia
  - Macedonia
  - Montenegro
  - Serbia

- **East Europe**
  - Belarus
  - Lithuania
  - Ukraine

- **South Caucasus**
  - Armenia
  - Azerbaijan
  - Georgia

- **Central Asia**
  - Afghanistan
  - Kazakhstan
  - Kyrgyz Republic
  - Tajikistan
  - Turkmenistan

- **Latin America**
  - Colombia

- **West Africa**
  - ECOWAS members
  - Cabo Verde

- **Middle East and North Africa**
  - Egypt
  - Gaza strip
  - Iraq
  - Jordan
  - Lebanon
  - Libya
  - Syria
  - West Bank
ITF Strategic Pillars

Strategic Pillar I
Reducing threats from mines, explosive remnants of war and other at-risk weapons and ammunition.

Strategic Pillar II
Facilitating safe, long-term development and building resilience of conflict-affected communities.
ITF as a EU Member States Specialized Agency

- The European Commission granted ITF the title of EU Member States‘ Specialized Agency, which enables cooperation in humanitarian activities of the EU.
- MSSA status opens up the opportunities for implementing humanitarian projects under DG ECHO.
- ITF is the first MSSA from Slovenia, joining current 11 MSSA agencies from other EU member states.
- EU as a the world‘s leading donor of humanitarian aid (annual budget of €1 bn)
- ITF plans to strengthen EU operations in the field of mine action
EU Pillar Assessment and Instrument for the Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) & IcSP

- Entities wishing to work with EU funds under indirect management mode must successfully pass a Pillar Assessment
- EC carries opportunity check and legal check - PA done by external consultants
- Instrument for the Pre-Accession Assistance
  - Period 2014-2020: € 11.7 billion
  - Investment in public administration reform, rule of law, sustainable economy, people, agriculture and rural development
  - Current beneficiaries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republic of North Macedonia, Kosovo*, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey
- IcSP - Instrument Contributing to Security and Peace
  - Instrument to be used for work outside the EU

*The designation Kosovo is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSC 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.
Thank you!

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