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EU Joint Action in Support of the
Universalisation of the Ottawa Convention

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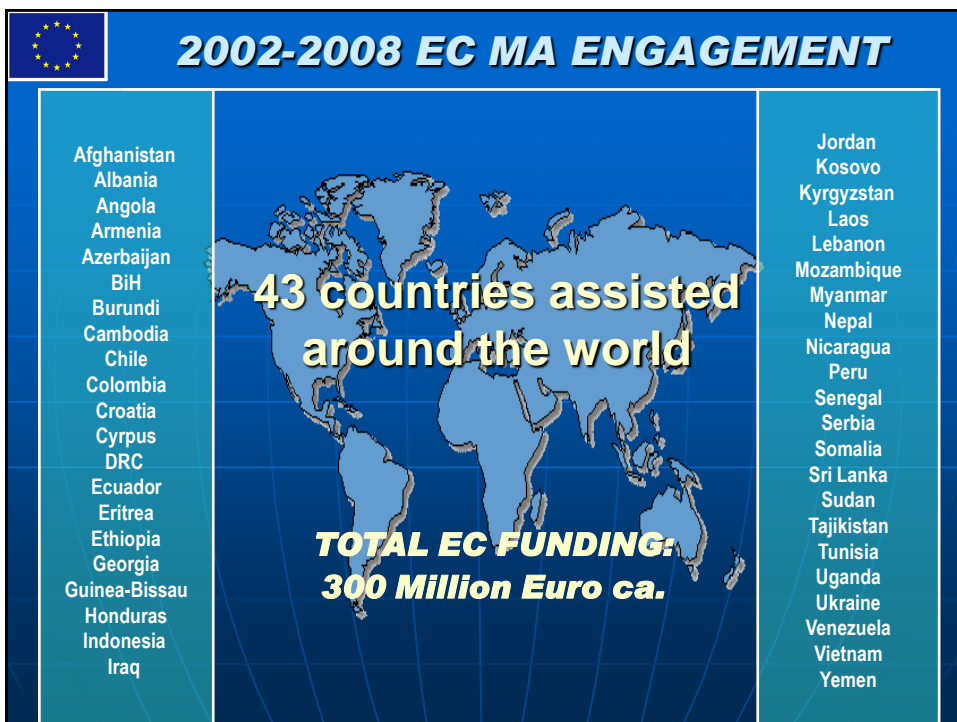
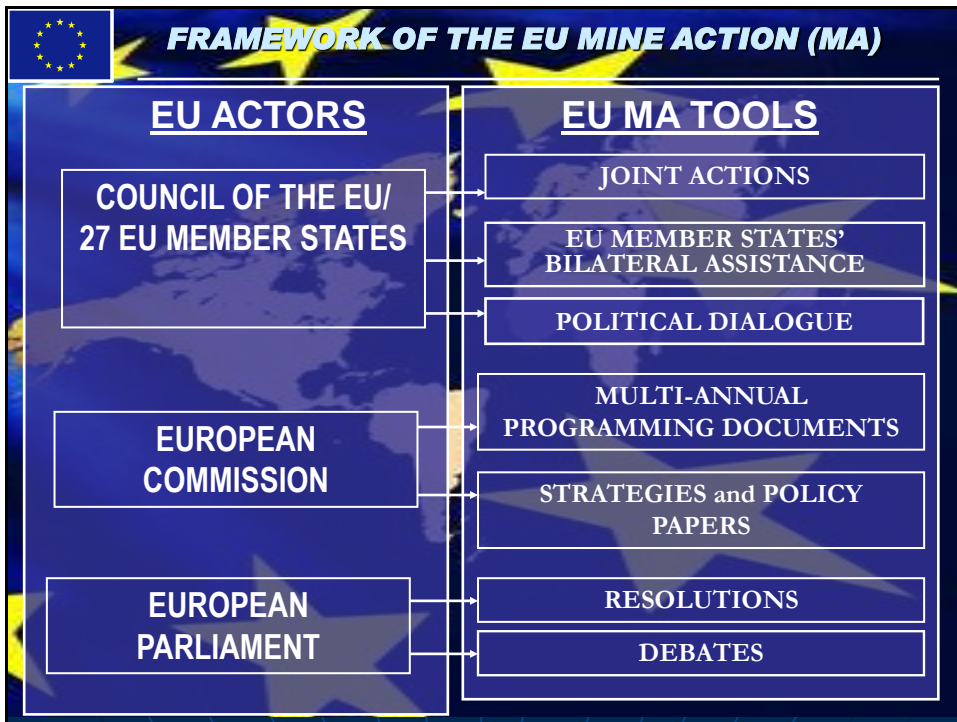
FRAMEWORK OF THE EU MINE ACTION (MA)

Universalisation and Implementation
of the Ottawa Convention (1997)



EU MA GENERAL OBJECTIVE

- To assist countries affected by landmines and unexploded ordnance
- To restore the conditions necessary for the security of their populations and their economic and social development: enhancing HUMAN SECURITY
- The EU “zero-victim target”.





EC ASSISTANCE SINCE 2004 REVIEW CONFERENCE

2005-2007 period:

The Nairobi Action Plan



Framework: EC Mine Action Strategy 2005-07

Means:

Dedicated funds:
APL Budget line

Geographical instruments:

- Development cooperation & assistance funds
- Humanitarian Aid Instrument



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2007: Turning point in EC Mine Action EC INTERNAL REVIEW

WHY?

- End of EC MA Strategy 2005-07
- New EC external cooperation architecture and introduction of new financial instruments
 - Repeal of APL dedicated funds
- Tenth anniversary and the 2nd Review Conference
- 2007 Dead Sea Progress Report call to promote guidelines on how to more effectively link MA with development
- The EU commitment to the Paris Declaration on Aid Effectiveness (2005)



INTEGRATING MA INTO DEVELOPMENT

New Framework:

Guidelines on European Community Mine Action 2008 – 2013

Endorsed in November 2008 to ensure follow-up to the previous EC Mine-Action Strategy 2005- 2007.

Aims:

1. Provide synergy between security and development cooperation
2. Encourage the intergration of principles of *partnership* and *ownership* in mine action interventions.
3. Disseminate Best Practice.



How EC support to MA is triggered?

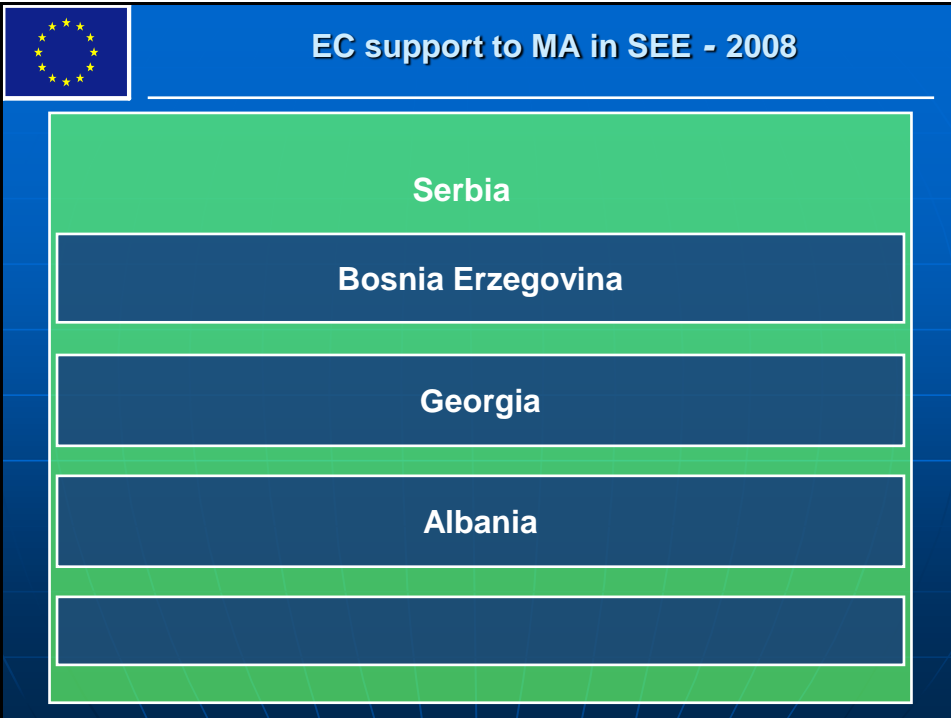
HIGHER ROLE OF THE MINE-AFFECTED EC PARTNERS:

EC SUPPORT GIVEN TO PARTNERS' NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
STRATEGIES

DECIDE THE DEGREE OF IMPORTANCE GIVEN TO MA

REQUEST FOR EC ASSISTANCE

INCREASING IMPORTANCE OF THE INCLUSION OF MA IN THE
CSPs



CONCLUSIONS

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The EC is a significant donor in the field of mine action.

From 2002-2008 EC has committed more than € 300 Million for Mine action worldwide (more than € 1,5 Billion for the EU as a whole).

EC approach will continue to consider landmines and explosive remnants of war (ERW) within a broader context of humanitarian assistance as well as long-term and sustainable socio-economic development programmes.



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