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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

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EU ACTORS

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EU MA TOOLS

JOINT ACTIONS

EU MEMBER STATES’ BILATERAL ASSISTANCE

POLITICAL DIALOGUE

MULTI-ANNUAL PROGRAMMING DOCUMENTS

STRATEGIES and POLICY PAPERS

RESOLUTIONS

DEBATES

FRAMEWORK OF THE EU MINE ACTION (MA)

2002-2008 EC MA ENGAGEMENT

43 countries assisted around the world

TOTAL EC FUNDING: 300 Million Euro ca.

Afghanistan
Albania
Angola
Armenia
Azerbaijan
BiH
Burundi
Cambodia
Chile
Colombia
Croatia
Cyprus
DRC
Ecuador
Eritrea
Ethiopia
Georgia
Guinea-Bissau
Honduras
Indonesia
Iraq
Jordan
Kosovo
Kyrgyzstan
Laos
Lebanon
Mozambique
Myanmar
Nepal
Nicaragua
Peru
Senegal
Serbia
Somalia
Sri Lanka
Sudan
Tajikistan
Tunisia
Uganda
Ukraine
Venezuela
Vietnam
Yemen
EC ASSISTANCE SINCE 2004 REVIEW CONFERENCE

2005-2007 period:

The Nairobi Action Plan


Means:

Dedicated funds: APL Budget line

Geographical instruments:
- Development cooperation&assistance funds
- Humanitarian Aid Instrument

EC ASSISTANCE SINCE 2004 REVIEW CONFERENCE

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)
New Framework:

**Guidelines on European Community Mine Action 2008 – 2013**


**Aims:**

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

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**INTEGRATING MA INTO DEVELOPMENT**

**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
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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