The Law on Demining introduced the market model to demining in Croatia rendering the establishment of closed commercial companies for conducting demining operations possible as a precondition for the realization of the World Bank loan and opening of the market to foreign companies. Mine clearance capacities include a complete equipment of 34 demining companies that are authorized by Croatian Ministry of Interior to perform demining activities. They also need to have accreditation from Croatian Mine Action Center to perform such actions. In 2011, 34 commercial companies with the total capacities of 636 deminers, 54 demining machines and 20 mine detection dogs conducted demining operations.

To enhance efficiency and effectiveness in ERW clearance programme, the Republic of Croatia established the following forms of cooperation:

Co-operation on the level of foreign governments and embassies in the Republic of Croatia,
Co-operation with different organizations through the Embassies and Missions of the Republic of Croatia abroad,
Co-operation with the World Bank,
Co-operation with the European Union (EU) – CARDS Program, use of pre-accession funds in the framework of responsible authorities of the Republic of Croatia,
Co-operation in the framework of obligations and meetings related to the Ottawa Convention,
Co-operation in the framework of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe,
Co-operation with countries in the region in the framework of SEEMACC (South Eastern European Mine Action Coordination Council),
Co-operation with the United States of America (USA) through the project of matching funds through the ITF,
Co-operation with UN organizations (UNDP) and the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining (GICHD),
Co-operation with non-governmental and other organizations,
Co-operation with National Mine Action Centres,
STATEMENT

This statement by the Croatian Mine Action Centre (CROMAC) confirms that:

The size of mine suspected area (MSA) in the Republic of Croatia, on 31 December 2011, amounted to 745.5 km².
Area contaminated with UXO amounts to 7.3 km². Out of these, 4.7 km² are the areas contaminated only with cluster munitions.
In total, MSA was reduced for 70.4 km² in 2011. Demining operations cleared the danger from the surface of 27.7 km² and general survey reduced additional 42.7 km².
The largest share in cleared areas, accounting for 56.7%, has been agricultural land. The following are the forest areas accounted for 38.3%, underbrush and karst with a share of 5.0%.

On December 31, 2011, mine suspected area of the Republic of Croatia was marked with 15.861 mine warning signs.
Apart from that, areas contaminated solely by unexploded ordinances were marked with 389 warning signs.

In 2011, there were 30 accredited demining companies conducting demining activities, through a public tender, with a total of 636 deminers, 54 demining machines and 20 mine detection dogs.

Besides CROMAC, Ministry of Interior conducts demining operations and removal of mines, but only by reports of finding and out of the MSA. Croatian Army is performing demining activities around military facilities and in the areas in their jurisdiction.

Since the establishment of Croatian Mine Action Centre until December 31, 2011, 3.7 billion HRK have been invested into demining. The largest share goes to the State budget that accounts for 58% or 1.9 billion HRK.

In 2011, from the state budget was allocated 62.4% of total funds. Legal entities involved in investment in demining with 31.3%, while donations accounted for 5.8%. Pre-accession funds of the European Commission have provided 0.5% of total funds.

Since the establishment of the Croatian Mine Action Centre in 1998 until today, 233 mine incidents happened that have so far involved 311 persons. 114 persons were killed, 127 suffered major bodily injuries while 66 suffered minor bodily injuries. Out of this number, 66 persons were deminers (26 killed), and 22 victims were younger than 18 (5 killed).