



"Support to Mine Action: Country assessment of mine suspected areas in Bosnia and Herzegovina 2018-2019"



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- **Project objectives:**

Overall objective: Increased efficiency of land release through improved country assessment of the size and impact of mine/ERW contamination in BiH.

Project activities are directed to the achievement of two specific goals:

- 1. Mine Suspected Areas are defined in line with the International Mine Action Standards (IMAS) and with the developed Land Release approach in Bosnia and Herzegovina.**
- 2. Indicators for implementation of a new national mine action strategy are defined and a land release mid-term Action plan is developed.**



Legal documents:

- 1. Grant contract** – External Actions of the European Union - Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace (IcSP) signed on August 15, 2018
- 2. Partnership Agreement** between Ministry of Civil Affairs BiH, Ministry of Defence BiH and Norwegian Peoples Aid signed June 6, 2018 - parties
- 3. Standard Operational Procedures** for Country Assessment in BiH approved by Demining Commission in BiH May 28, 2018
- 4. Plan of Action** approved by Steering Committee October 4, 2018 at the first plenary session
- 5. Training plan** for NTS Teams, Monitoring Team and Executive Management Team approved by Steering Committee October 4, 2018 at the first plenary session



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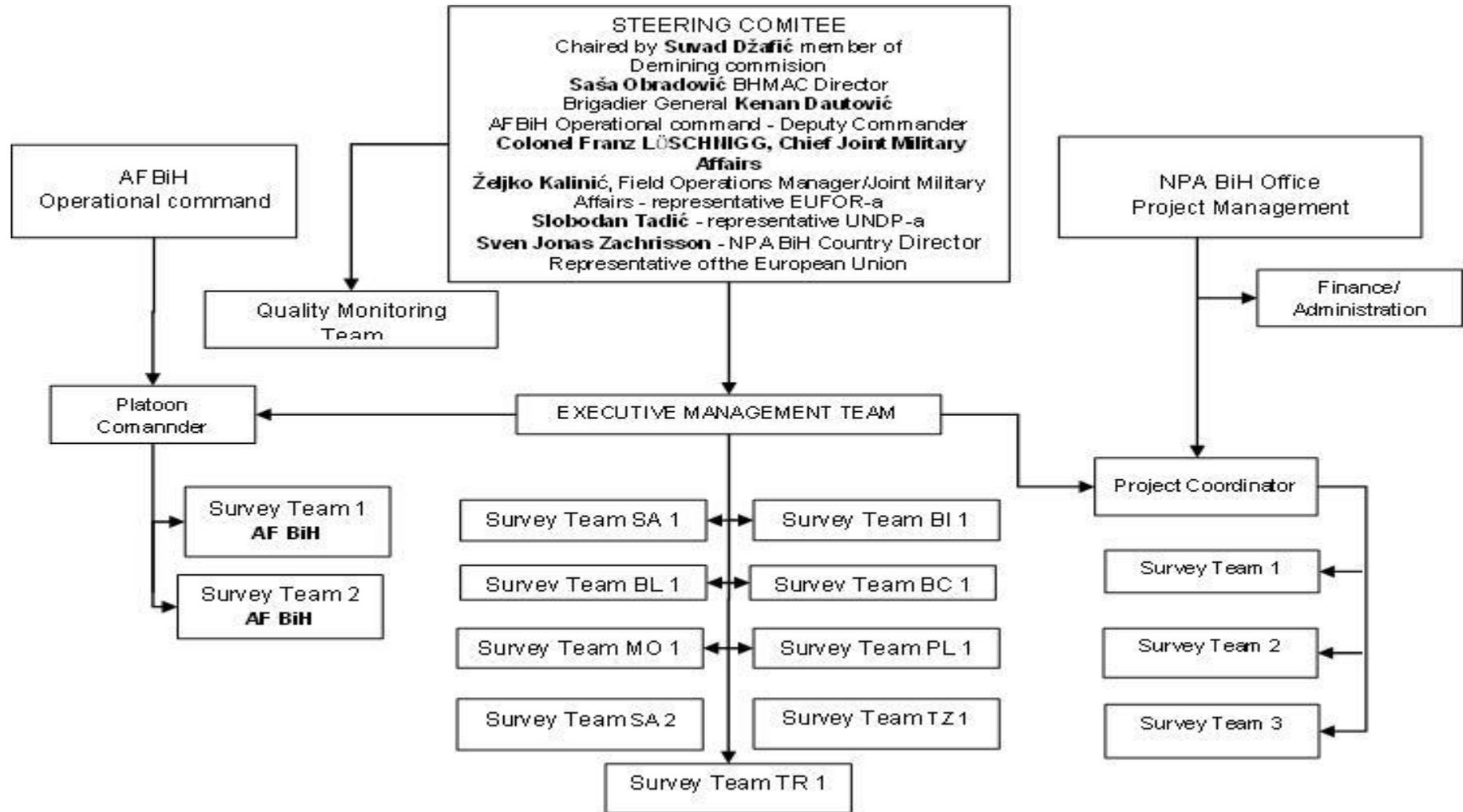
Direct partners in the project's implementation are:

- **Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Centre**, on behalf of the Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- **Operational Command of the Bosnia and Herzegovina Armed Forces**, on behalf of the Ministry of Defence of Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- **Norwegian People's Aid in Bosnia and Herzegovina**, on behalf of the Norwegian People's Aid, Oslo, Norway.

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Country assessment of mine suspected areas in Bosnia and Herzegovina 2018-2019 – Organizational structure



Country assessment of mine suspected areas in Bosnia and Herzegovina 2018-2019 - Results

Expected results of country assessment of the MSA in Bosnia and Herzegovina will:

- **Establish a new baseline for the implementation of the mine action strategy;**
- **Establish a new methodology for measuring future reduction of MSA and reduction of negative impact;**
- **Input for the development of a mid-term national land release action plan and municipality mine action plans;**
- **Development of SOPs non-technical survey and criteria for tasking of individual MSAs.**
- **The cancelation of parts of current SHA's** since the NTS criteria for cancelation of SHAs are fully integrated in the project methodology.



Country assessment of mine suspected areas in Bosnia and Herzegovina 2018-2019 - Sustainability of the action

- **BHMAC's institutional capacities will continue beyond project implementation.**
- **Developed SOP and tools for country assessment will serve as mechanism for future updates** and follow-up on progress in the implementation of the National Mine Action Strategy and the fulfilling BiH's obligation under Article 5 MBT.
- **Key mine action participants from AFBiH and NPA shall improve the effectiveness of their teams for regular operational activities in the Land Release process.**



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