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Background

The fourth NATO/PfP Trust Fund project in Serbia follows a request for assistance from Serbia to NATO for the destruction of surplus conventional ammunition, initially estimated as up to 8,000 tonnes.

The aim of the project is to assist the Serbian MoD's main ammunition facility (MoD owned TRZ Kragujevac) to demilitarize Serbia's remaining stocks of surplus ammunition.

The MEUR 3.7 project will support TRZ Kragujevac develop additional demilitarisation capacity and fund up to MEUR 2.4 of industrial demilitarisation.

The MoD is already processing some munitions at TRZ Kragujevac and will continue to do so. The facility has a knowledgeable and capable workforce with sound experience of ammunition disposal but requires assistance to further develop its capacity.

Progress

The official opening ceremony was held at TRZ Kragujevac on the 12th October 2016 in the presence of the Minister of Defence and representatives of the donor nations.

As at July 2017, the project had provided over MEUR 0.3 worth of improvements and new equipment, including a new fire engine, ambulance and forklift truck.

Ammunition demilitarisation activity has been significantly reduced because of the serious industrial accident at TRZ Kragujevac on 28th February 2017. Until the main process buildings are returned to full operational capacity - estimated as summer 2018 - only limited quantities of munitions can be demilitarised in unaffected process areas. It is antici-

Milestones

- Summer 2011 – Serbian authorities request to NATO HQ to consider the establishment of a new Trust Fund for the destruction of up to 8.000 tons of surplus ammunition.
- 16 July 2013 – Project Presented to NATO PPC (EAPC)
- 2013-2016 – Negotiation of legal agreements. Detailed preparations at TRZ Kragujevac.
- 24 March 2016 – Final formal approval and project start.
- 12 October 2016 – NATO Trust Fund Official Opening

Financial information

- Estimated budget: MEUR 3.7
- Current contributions: MEUR 3.2

The processes will maximize the value of recycled materials and employ environmentally responsible techniques.

The project has been developed in close consultation with MoD so that there is flexibility to match the type and quantity of ammunition to be demilitarised with the level of funds received.

The project could not start until all of the legal agreements were in place. Concluding these negotiations took significantly longer than anticipated and were finally completed on 24 March 2016. The contractual and technical negotiations proceeded smoothly allowing the initial operational demilitarisation to start in early October 2016.

ated that around MEUR 0.7 worth of ammunition demilitarisation will be complete by spring 2018, with higher rates thereafter.

Future Plans

Continue demilitarisation of suitable ammunition types for the processes available at TRZ Kragujevac.

Support the MoD and TRZ Kragujevac recover full capacity and provide the equipment foreseen in the original project proposal. The project will likely be extended by one year to summer 2019 to allow time for the demilitarisation of the original quantity of surplus ammunition.



NSPA & UK DA Feasibility Team meeting with MoD staff
January 2013



Break down of Hand Grenades



Ammunition processing facility at TRZ Kragujevac
November 2013



Govt owned TRZ Kragujevac facility



Mr. Milan Pavlović, Head of Technology Department,
briefing Min Def and Ambassadors at the Opening
Ceremony October 2016



Minister of Defence Mr. Zoran Đorđević speaking at the
Opening Ceremony October 2016



Handover of keys for the ambulance (Mr Orhan Muratli,
Deputy Director Logistics NSPA and Lt Col Dušan
Kovarbašić, TRZ General Manager)



Emergency Fire Vehicle handed over to MoD/TRZ 18th
May 2017

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