

International Test and Evaluation Program for Humanitarian Demining

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Background

17th of July 2000 a MoU was signed by the Netherlands, Sweden, USA, Canada, Belgium, United Kingdom and the European Commission about a test and evaluation program of equipment and techniques for humanitarian demining – International Test and Evaluation Program for Humanitarian Demining (ITEP).

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Objective

Develop and establish standards for test and evaluation, co-ordinate, carry out test of equipment, technologies and methods and publish the result on the public domain. By avoiding parallel work, we will free resources that can be used to speed up the development process

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Structure

- **Network where the base is the national test facilities**
- **The power in ITEP comes from the participants and everything is voluntary**
- **ITEP is open for everyone who have capability and a will to contribute to our aims**

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Management

- **Board of Directors (meets annually)**
- **Executive Committee (meets semi-annually)**
- **Secretariat (is the only common resources and the point of contact for everybody)**

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What can be tested

- **existing equipment and systems for humanitarian demining,**
- **equipment and systems under development and**
- **promising technologies, processes and algorithms.**

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Activities

- The first ExCom meeting were held in late October, interesting areas for ITEP has been defined but so far no project has started
- We are going to publish project, done by the member states, that recently finished or is going to finish soon. The result are interesting and we have to start the ITEP information system
- www.itep.ws

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Coming activities

- Mechanical clearance
- Protective equipment
- Airborne detection
- Hand held detection
- Chemical sensors and canines

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