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PCM MAT Kosovo and James Madison University's Center for International Stabilization and Recovery (CISR) formalise a strategic partnership

A joint initiative to design and deliver certified mine action and EOD training programmes for humanitarian professionals worldwide

The global demand for trained, certified mine action and explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) professionals has never been greater. Russia's war in Ukraine has created a generational clearance challenge across Eastern Europe, while ongoing instability across the Middle East, the Sahel, and sub-Saharan Africa continues to place civilian populations at grave risk from landmines, battlefield ordnance, and other explosive remnants of war. As conflicts eventually subside, the requirement for qualified mine action and EOD professionals becomes greater still.

Meeting that requirement demands not only technical skill, but leaders who can manage complex humanitarian operations under pressure, often in fragile and unforgiving environments.

It is against this backdrop that **PCM MAT Kosovo** — the world's leading IMAS-compliant EOD and mine action training centre—have come together with the **Center for International Stabilization and Recovery (CISR)** at James Madison University to formalise a partnership which will see them jointly design, deliver and certify course programmes.

CISR brings a distinguished 30-year record in post-conflict management education, leadership development, organisational training, and mine action research and policy formation. PCM MAT Kosovo contributes an internationally accredited technical curriculum and an unparalleled purpose-built field infrastructure in Kosovo, with hard-won operational credibility across multiple theatres of operation.

The course programmes will be aimed at professionals and organisations who operate in this space and on whom the world's most vulnerable communities depend for years to come.

This is a partnership grounded in shared purpose and built for the scale of the challenge ahead.



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ABOUT PCM MAT KOSOVO

PCM MAT Kosovo is recognised globally as the leading IMAS-compliant EOD training centre for mine action and explosive ordnance disposal. Operating for over 15 years they have trained thousands of students from over 70 countries on humanitarian-focussed IMAS-compliant basic to advanced courses as well as client-bespoke and highly specialised courses for national military, police agencies and NGOs.

ABOUT THE CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STABILIZATION AND RECOVERY (CISR) AT JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY

For 30 years, CISR has conducted advanced research and training to enhance human security, empower survivors of war, and equip international partners to repair the lasting effects of armed conflict. CISR publishes the widely respected Journal of Conventional Weapons Destruction and has trained senior managers in mine action from 51 countries.

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