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FUTURE LAND FORCES

The European Union Force in BiH: The role and responsibilities of EUFOR Althea in Bosnia and Herzegovina

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SECURITY CHALLENGES

EUFOR UNCLASSIFIED - RELEASABLE TO NATO / EEAS / TCNS

GEOPOLITICAL

Russia, China, US, EU

INFLUENCE

Ukraine, Middle East, Balkans

IN

Political, Military, Economic, Social and Information domains

BALKANS

Russia

Slavic and Orthodox Christian populations

China – Economic Investment

US/EU – NATO and EU Stabilisation Forces - Strengthen Institutions

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

EUFOR Operation Althea

Fragile State with 2 entities

1. Republika Srpska – Nationalist leadership;
2. Federation of BiH- Avoid fragmentation



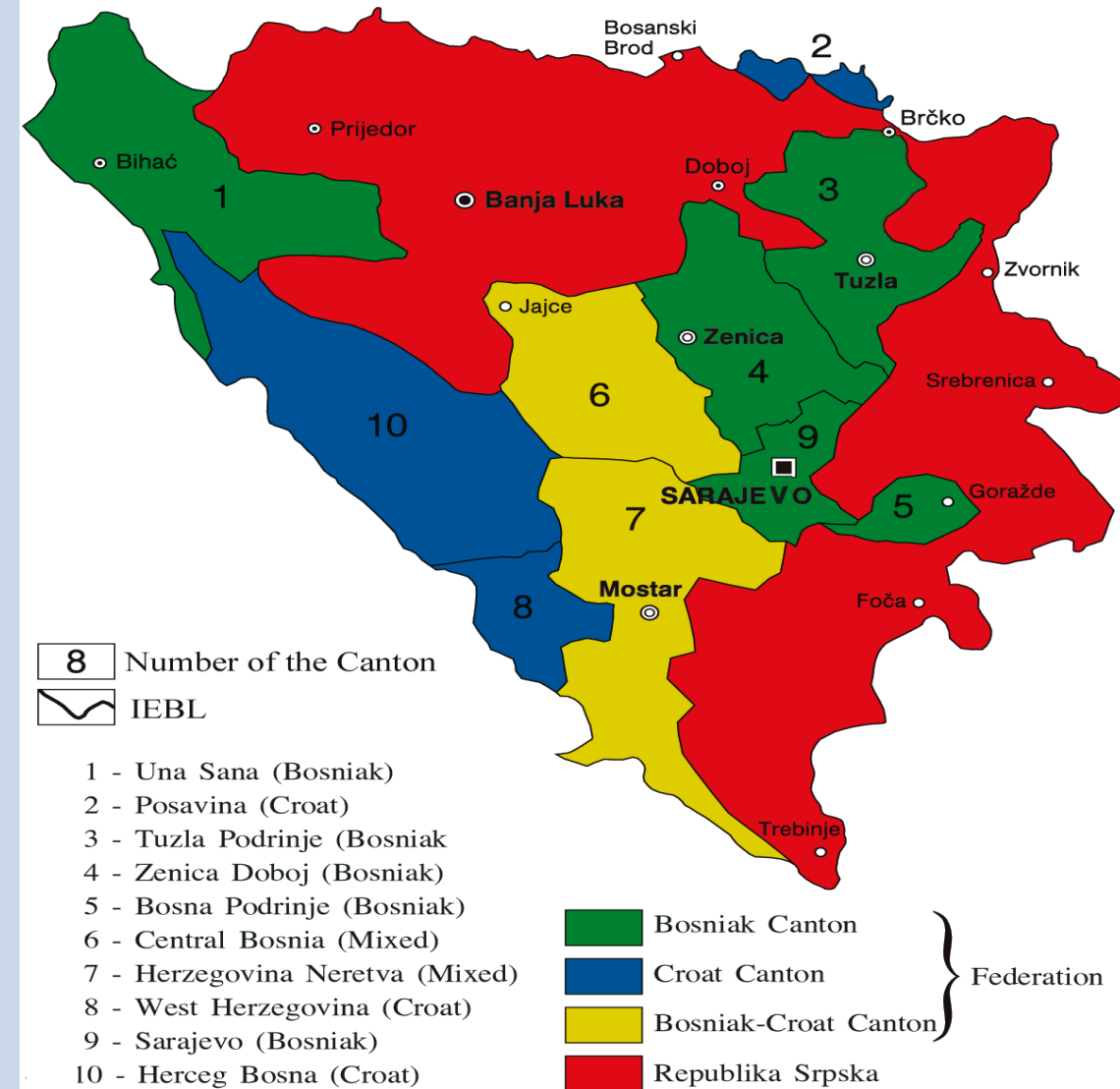
POLITICAL CLIMATE

DAYTON PEACE AGREEMENT

- **5 Presidents**
 - 3 State level
 - 2 Entity level
- **13 Prime Ministers**
 - 1 State level
 - 2 Entity level
 - 10 Cantons
- **14 Parliaments**
 - 1 State level
 - 2 Entity level
 - 10 Cantons
 - 1 Brcko District
- **3 Constitutional Courts**
 - 1 State
 - 2 Entity level
- **14 Governments**
 - 1 State level
 - 2 Entity level
 - 10 Cantons
 - 1 Brcko District
- **More than 150 Ministers**

DIVISIVE AGGRESSIVE RHETORIC

- **Bosniaks** – “Strong Federal State, Republic”
- **B-Serbs** – “Maximum of Autonomy, Independence”
- **B-Croats** – “Faire share, legitimate representation within BiH Presidency”



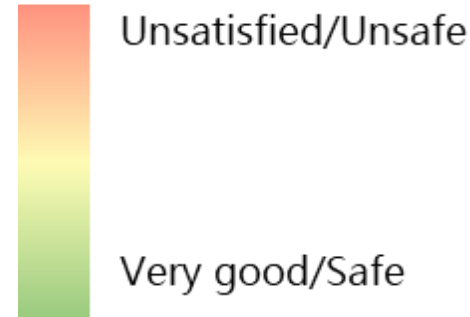
SECURITY SITUATION ASSESSMENT

EUFOR

- FBiH: positive
- RS: positive

NATO

- FBiH: neutral
- RS: negative



SECURITY SITUATION ASSESSMENT



SECURITY SITUATION

From *improving conditions* ASSESSMENT

- BiH invited to **start EU accession negotiations**
- **Population is against** any conflict
- **Modernization** but no militarization of the police
- **SIPA is reliable and collaborates** with EUROPOL
- **AFBiH development** ongoing
 - DCB in cooperation with NHQSa
 - Training & EX with EUFOR

The main concern in BiH is still on the **political slope** (*versus security slope*).

No current indications for a direct/specific threat to the security situation,

but a change of paradigm (*EU accession*).

Issues of concern

- Municipality elections -> **diverging political interests**
- Partially or unachieved **EU joining conditions**
- Reform Agenda for receiving funds from **Western Balkans Growth Plan** not finalized
- HR using **Bonn Powers**
- **The RS pursues a policy** aimed at reaffirming its position IOT protect its constitutional rights and freedom of action in the context of EU accession
- Threats of aggression before the Municipal Election
- **Economic difficulties**
- AFBiH faces financial, manning and equipment challenges



FORWARD
ONWARD
TOGETHER



EUFOR
BOSNIA AND
HERZEGOVINA

MISSION FRAMEWORK

- **24 TCNs** (18 EU-members, 6 non-EU)
- **Berlin +**
- **Mandate** in accordance with Dayton Peace Agreement
 - Executive mandate □ Support to BiH Authorities in maintaining SASE □ EUFOR
 - Non-executive mandate □ Training and EX with AFBiH □ EUFOR
 - Supporting tasks □ Support Demining; Oversee weapons and ammunition reduction; Inspect Defence Industries
- EUFOR continues **to train with AFBiH**
- **Politics (BXL) vs. Operational (OHQ) vs. Tactical / execution (BiH) level**
- Different **chains of command**
 - Mons
 - Naples
- **LEAs** – responsible for SASE and **primary partners to EUFOR**



MISSION AND TASKS

Operation Althea, under the authority of the UNSC, and in line with its mandate, will **support the Authorities of BiH** effort to **maintain Safe And Secure Environment (SASE)** in order to contribute to the **stability of the country**.

1. Develop, maintain and share **Awareness and Information**
2. Contribute to the Operation's **deterrence** effect
3. Support **BiH authorities** in:
 - Disposing surplus Ammunition Weapons and Explosives (AWE), and coordinates IC support
 - Humanitarian demining
 - Interoperability development, including training opportunities, of AFBiH within means and capabilities
4. Supporting **the Deployment of Reserve Forces** in Reception, Staging, Onward Movement and Integration (RSOMI) processes, as required

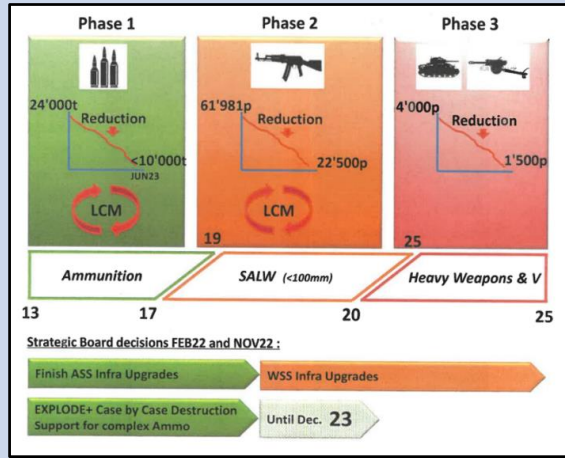
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- Reserve forces to be fully manned and maintained at all times.
- EUFOR maintain – and strengthen as needed – its communication strategy.

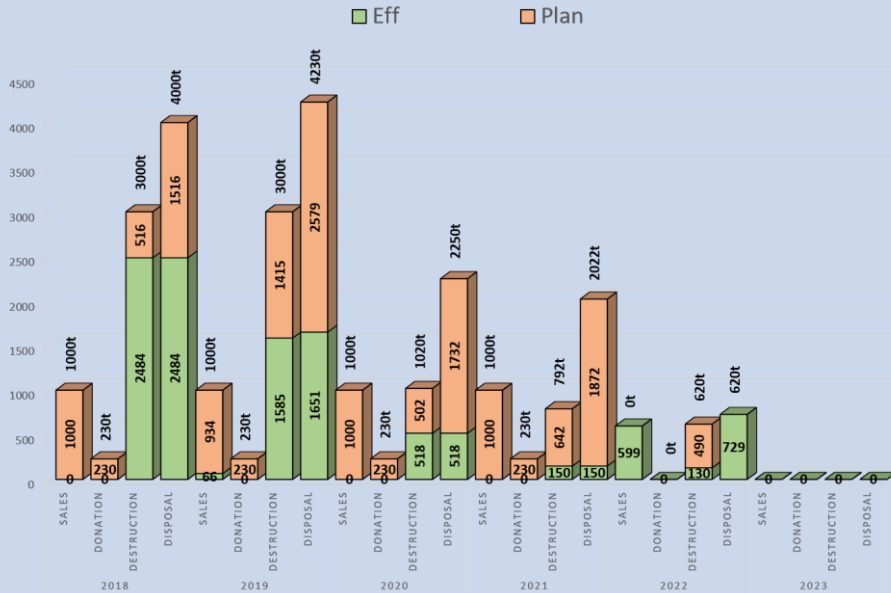


MISSION AND TASKS - EUFOR SUPPORTING TASKS

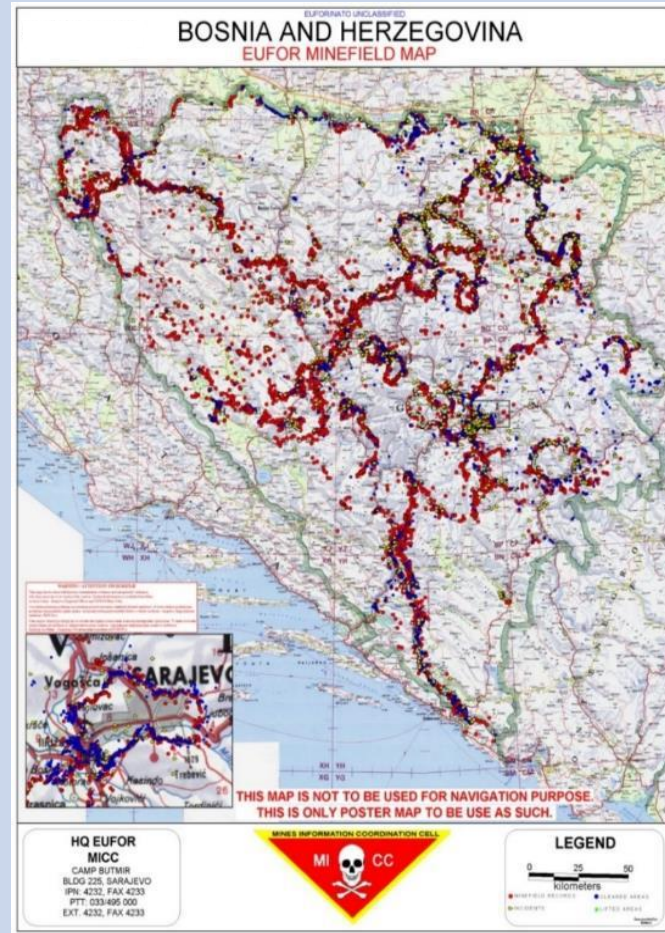
Masterplan AWE



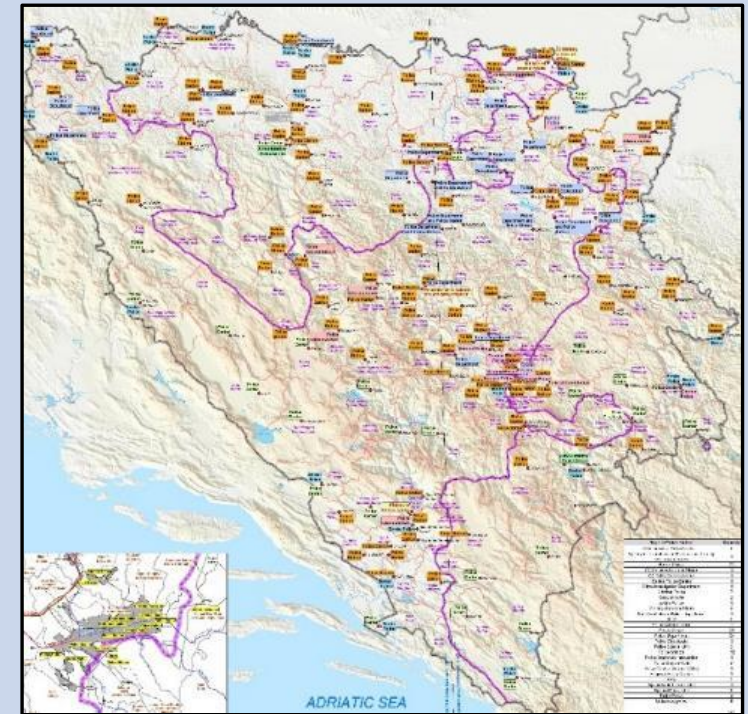
DISPOSAL PROGRESS 2018-2023 (as of 07FEB23)



De-Mining BiH



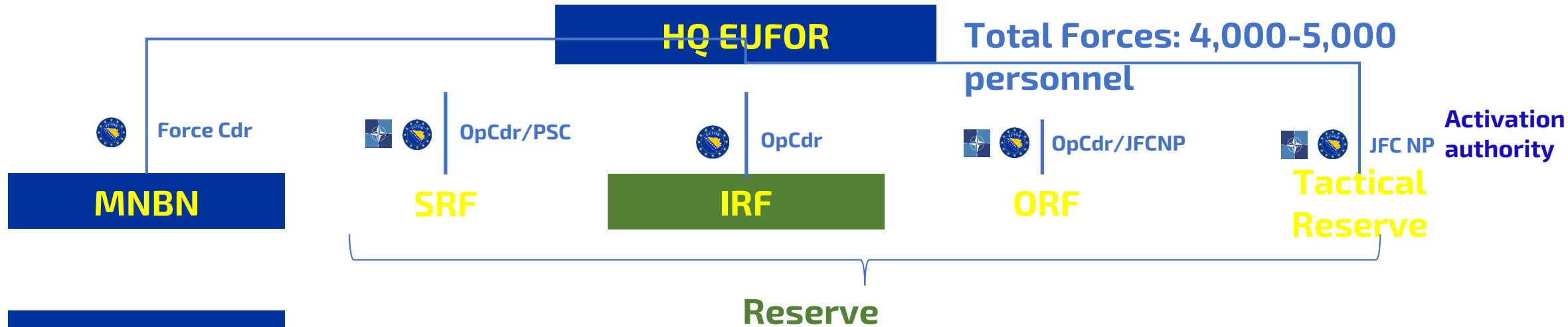
LEA Weapons Inspection



ALTHEA FORCES AND PLANS IFOR TO EUFOR TROOPS



ALTHEA FORCES AND PLANS



- Aviation**
- ISR, HUMINT**
- LCC+LOT**
- LOG**

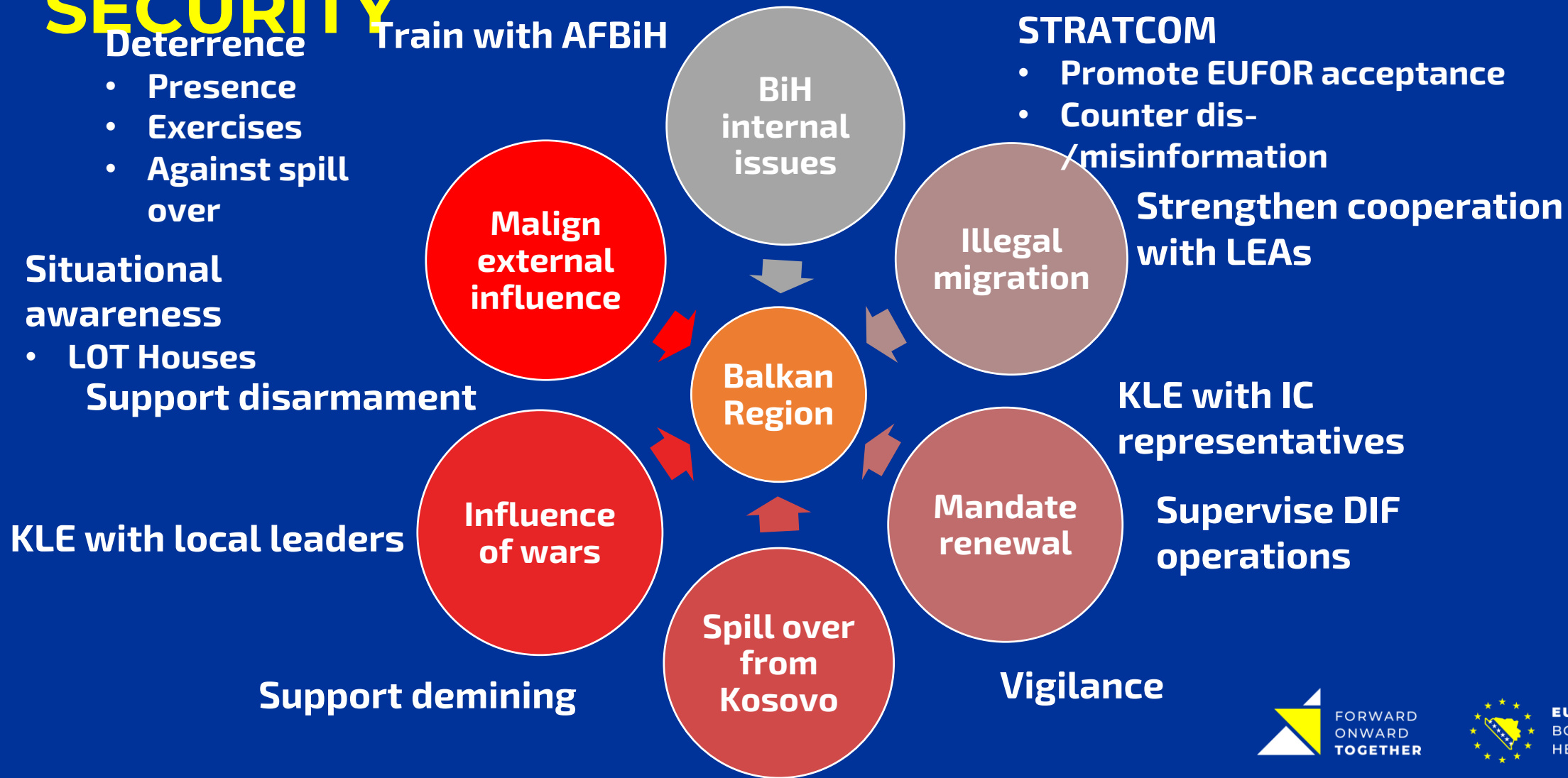
Permanent Forces



STRATEGIC LEVEL	EUFOR Operational plan , dated Oct 2023		
OPERATIONAL LEVEL	Commitment of reserves , dated Jul 2023		
TACTICAL LEVEL	<p>PREPARE – INTEGRATE</p> <p>Olympus RSOMI of 6 RF Battalions.</p> <p>Aeolus security of Sarajevo airport.</p>	<p>DETER – REASSURE</p> <p>Dolores Inn security of AMO / Weapons storages and Defense industry factories</p>	<p>ACTION</p> <p>Medusa agencies (27) and personal evacuation.</p> <p>Hermes evacuation of LOTs & LNOs.</p>
	<p>Noah gradual security and stability operations</p>		



EUFOR'S CONTRIBUTION TO REGIONAL SECURITY



SUMMARY

- EUFOR is still required – effects crucial & its presence determinant
 - EUFOR – part of EU's Integrated Approach
- Peacekeeping mission (vs territorial defence) with tasks adapted to the situation
 - LEAs – EUFOR's main partner
 - Projecting deterrence and demonstrating presence
 - Special supporting tasks (AWE disposal, de-mining, monitoring DIF)
 - Distinguished role for LOTs
- Available forces are adequate and deterrent under the current circumstances
 - Strong support from troop contributing nations
- Readiness and training of reserve forces essential



QUESTIONS?

