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**Egmont Palace** 8, Place du Petit Sablon, 1000 Brussels Belgium

The EU CBRN Risk Mitigation Centres of Excellence Initiative

# 10<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL FOCAL POINTS

## Agenda

**Wednesday 14 May 2025**

**8:15-9:00**

**Registration and welcome coffee**

**9:00-9:45**

**Opening remarks and introduction to the programme**

*Mr. Peter Wagner, Director, Foreign Policy Instruments, European Commission*

*Mr. Maciej Stadejek, Director, European External Action Service*

*Mr. Ciaran Nicholl, Director, Joint Research Centre, European Commission*

*Ms. Bettina Tucci Bartsiotas, Member of the UNICRI Board of Trustees*

*Mr. James Chumba, Head of Secretariat for Eastern and Central Africa*

*Ms. Silvia Bottone, Foreign Policy Instruments, European Commission*

**9:45-10:30**

**Panel 1 – Interagency cooperation - Facilitator: Ms. Diana Tsutskiridze, National Focal Point of Georgia**

*Mr. Iyad Al Dasouqi, NFP of Jordan and HOS of MIE,*

*Mr. Taalaibek Dalbaev, NFP of the Kyrgyz Republic*

*Mr. Abels Mkandawire, NFP of Malawi*



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- 10:30-11:00** Family picture, coffee and tea break
- 11:00-11:45** **Panel 2 – CBRN national strategy and Action Plan**, *Facilitator: Mr. Roger Apio, NFP of Ghana*
- Ms. Pamela West, NFP of Nigeria*
- Mr. Abdel Kader Touré, NFP of Cote d'Ivoire*
- Ms. Irma Makalinao, CBRN Expert, Philippines*
- 11:45-12:00** **Signing ceremony Regional Action Plan Middle East**
- 12:00-12:45** **Panel 3 – Joint Capacity Building - Facilitator: Mr. Otabek Kasimov, NFP of Uzbekistan**
- Mr. Maksym Ilchenko, Deputy NFP of Ukraine*
- Mr. Nuri Abdullah Al-Jayash, NFP of Libya*
- Mr. Khalifa Al-Kaabi, NFP of UAE*
- 12:45-13:00** **Briefing on Historical Walk**
- 13:00-14:00** Lunch
- 14:00-17:40** **Historical Walk – 15 years of the EU CBRN Centres of Excellence**
- A historical walk through an exhibition of past incidents and the evolution of prevention, detection, preparedness and response measures. The event will foster discussions, exercises and knowledge exchange, while providing insight into the achievements of the EU CBRN Centres of Excellence over the past 15 years.*
- 18:00-20:00** **Networking reception - Witlof - Place du Musée 1, 1000 Brussels**

**Thursday 15 May 2025**

**8:30-9:00**      **Registration and welcome coffee**

**9:00-9:30**      **Introduction of Day 2**

*Ms. Maria Rosa Sabbatelli, Head of Unit, Foreign Policy Instruments, European Commission*

**9:30-10:00**      **International Cooperation through The Global Partnership  
against the Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass  
Destruction**

*Mr. Timothy Edwards, Director, Weapons Threat Reduction Program Global Affairs  
Canada*

**10:00-10:15**      **Briefing World Café**

**10:15-11:45**      **World Café on Strengthening and Enriching the EU CBRN Centres of  
Excellence network**

*Forward-looking discussion sessions with all participants on the partnership with the  
private sector, knowledge management and engagement with universities and taking  
advantage of AI technologies.*

**11:45-12:30**      **World Café: feedback session**

**12:30-14:00**      Lunch

**14:00-15:10**      **Artificial intelligence and space technologies, risks and opportunities -  
Facilitator: Mr. Francesco Marelli, UNICRI**

*Enhancing CBRNe Security through Artificial Intelligence: Detection, Simulation, and  
Decision-Making, Mr. Andrea Malizia, Associate Professor, UNITOV*

*Use of Space Technologies for Prevention, Preparedness, and Response to Risks -  
New Opportunities, Dr Jean Muylaert Scientific Advisor to ISTC, DG FPI, EEAS*

**15:10–15:40** coffee and tea break

**15:40–16:50** **Nuclear renaissance** - *Facilitator: Ms. Margarida Goulart, Joint Research Centre, European Commission*

*Considerations for embarking in nuclear power, Mr. Manuel Martin Ramos, Joint Research Centre, European Commission*

*Non-proliferation as a building block of energy diplomacy dialogue, Mr. Tibor Stelbaczky, Principal Adviser, European External Action Service*

**16:50–18:00** **Emerging technologies and their impact on strategic trade controls** - *Facilitator: Mr. Stéphane Chardon, TRADE, European Commission*

*Future challenges for non-proliferation, security and human rights, Mr. Kolja Brockmann, Independent Consultant, Senior Researcher (non-resident), SIPRI*

*Strategic trade management practices to maximize economic benefits and minimize security risks - Dr. Kamshat Saginbekova, Teaching Professor, Maqsut Narikbayev University*

**18:30-20:30** **Closure ceremony and official dinner**