

African Atlantic Façade Regional Secretariat

Profile

FRAMEWORK: European Union (EU) Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Risk Mitigation Centres of Excellence (CoE) Initiative.

ESTABLISHED: 19 March 2013.

LOCATION: Moroccan Directorate General for Civil Protection, in Rabat.

OVERALL GOAL: Strengthen capabilities of Partner Countries in mitigating CBRN risks.

Objectives

- Support National Focal Points to implement the Initiative in their countries. Support the establishment and the institutionalisation of National Teams. Support Partner Countries to develop National CBRN Action Plans and a Regional CBRN Action Plan. Support Partner Countries to develop regional project proposals. Collect information and assist in the monitoring of CBRN CoE projects. Facilitate regional cooperation through organizing regional Round-Table Meetings for the National CBRN Focal Points and experts. Enhance the ownership of the Initiative by Partner Countries through the engagement of local experts and institutions.
 - Outreach and coordination with other international organisations and donors.



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Regional Priorities









Methodology



10 partner countries have established their National CBRN Teams.



All **10 partner countries** are currently engaged in the preparation and promotion of their **National CBRN Action Plans** with the support of UNICRI.

All 10 partner countries have appointed their National CBRN Focal Point.

Projects

25 projects have been implemented in the region, of which the current **2 are ongoing**

Project: 095 SAFETIC

Safe Transportation and Installations of Chemicals

Budget: €3,000,000





Project: 086 MANA African CBRNE Master Programme Budget: €1,498,200



Recent Achievements

Since 2021 implementation of 2 editions of the Master Programme (1 completed; 1 ongoing); 50 students involved from 8 countries. The expansion of the Master Programme is foreseen with the involvement of countries from different regions, which will include the 1st edition for English speaking countries.



In addition to the efforts for the development of the CBRN National Action Plan, countries of the African Atlantic Façade are currently engaged in the process of developing the Regional CBRN Action Plan.



Cooperation with the main stakeholders at international (UNEP, GICNT, IAEA, UN Country Teams, OPCW, UNDP, UNODA, UNSC 1540 Committee, BWC-ISU), regional (EU Delegations, African Union) and national level, as well as with other donors (embassies) and initiatives.



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