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Profile

FRAMEWORK: European Union (EU) Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Risk Mitigation Centres of Excellence (CoE) Initiative. Funded by the European Union and jointly implemented by the EU and the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI).

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LOCATION: Office of the President, Manila, Philippines.

OVERALL GOAL: Strengthen capabilities of Partner Countries to mitigate CBRN risks, whether natural, accidental, or deliberate in origin.



Partner Countries



Brunei Darussalam



Cambodia



Indonesia



Lao PDR



Malaysia



Myanmar



Philippines



Singapore



Thailand



Viet Nam

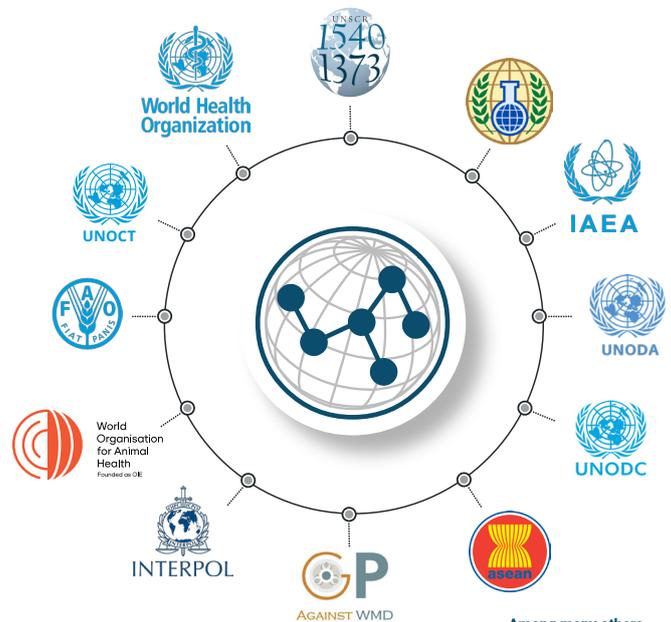


Objectives

- 1 Support the establishment and institutionalisation of inter-agency CBRN National Teams.
- 2 Support Partner Countries in the development of CBRN National Action Plans.
- 3 Support Partner Countries in the development of regional and sub-regional project proposals.
- 4 Collect information and assist in the monitoring of ongoing CBRN CoE projects.
- 5 Organise regional Round-Table Meetings.
- 6 Enhance ownership by Partner Countries in the region.
- 7 Reach out to and coordinate with regional and international partners.

Risk Mitigation ^{Food contamination} Accident
 Waste Management
CBRN Biological Chemical
 Terrorism Disease Outbreaks Safety and Security CRIME
 Radiological Strategic Trade Nuclear

International Cooperation



Methodology



National Focal Points (NFPs): Lead CBRN CoE activities at the country-level, participate in regional and international Round-Table Meetings and liaise with the Regional Secretariat and relevant regional and international partners. All **10 Partner Countries** have appointed NFPs.



National Teams (NTs): Inter-agency teams identify national priorities for capacity-building, participate in CBRN CoE projects and work towards the establishment of comprehensive and integrated national CBRN risk mitigation policies. To date, **7 Partner Countries** (Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Philippines, Thailand, Viet Nam) have established NTs within the framework of the CBRN CoE and **2 Partner Countries** (Malaysia, Singapore) established equivalent teams prior to joining the CBRN CoE.



National Action Plans (NAPs): Identify strategic actions for capacity-building. To date, **3 Partner Countries** (Cambodia, Philippines, Viet Nam) have completed and officially adopted NAPs within the framework of the CBRN CoE, **3 Partner Countries** (Brunei Darussalam, Lao PDR, Myanmar) have NAPs at an advanced stage, and **3 Partner Countries** (Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand) established equivalent plans prior to joining the CBRN CoE.

Projects

30 projects implemented in the region to date, of which the following **4 projects are ongoing**:

Project 98
Strengthening CBRN Medical Emergency Preparedness and Response in Southeast Asia
Budget: €3.5M



Project 94
On-site Technical Assistance to the EU CBRN Centres of Excellence Regional Secretariats.
Budget: €7.5M



Project 90
EU P2P Export Control Programme for Dual-use Goods in Southeast Asia.
Budget: €2.4M



Project 81
BIOSEC - Enhanced Biosecurity in Southeast Asia.
Budget: €3.5M



Recent Achievements

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, between May 2020 and July 2021, the CBRN CoE Regional Secretariat for Southeast Asia delivered a peer-to-peer webinar series to exchange knowledge and experience on the regional and global COVID-19 response, reaching over 1,000 participants.



In late 2022 and early 2023, CBRN CoE Project 62, with the support of the International Security and Emergency Management Institute (ISEMI), worked with Cambodian authorities to strengthen the country's CBRN response capacity in advance of the 2023 Southeast Asian Games.



In March 2023, the CBRN CoE Regional Secretariat for Southeast Asia organised a 10-year anniversary event to celebrate a 10-year anniversary event to celebrate 10-years since the Secretariat's inauguration and to showcase the capacity-building achievements of Partner Countries in the region.



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