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Profile

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

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LOCATION: State Security Service of Georgia, Tbilisi, Georgia.

OVERALL GOAL: Strengthening Partner Countries' capabilities in mitigating CBRN risks.



Partner Countries



Albania



Armenia



Azerbaijan



Bosnia and Herzegovina



Georgia



Moldova



Montenegro



North Macedonia



Serbia



Ukraine

Risk Mitigation **Accident**
CBRN Waste Management
 Terrorism Disease Outbreaks **Biological** Chemical
 Safety and Security **CRIME**
 Radiological Strategic Trade Nuclear

Regional Priorities



CBRN risk assessment



CBRN capacity building



Biosafety & Biosecurity



CBRN Infrastructure Protection and Security



Enhance border control of CBRN materials



CBRN national legislation



Food Safety and Defense



CBRN Forensics Capabilities



Transport safety and security of CBRN materials



Strategic Trade Control of Dual Use Goods



CBRN public awareness

Achievements

19 Regional Round-Table Meetings of the National Focal points were organised. Over **30** workshops were organised with the National CBRN Teams in the region. **10** Online Webinars were organised to discuss the COVID-19 country priorities expressed in the fields of response, exchange of best practice and success stories. **4** practical training sessions on ISO 31000 in Risk Management and CBRN risk assessment were conducted.

Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Moldova, and North Macedonia carried out the Needs Assessment Questionnaire workshops. Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia have finalised their National CBRN Action Plans (NAP) or similar documents. CBRN donor's coordination conference will be organised for those countries which have completed the process of developing their CBRN National Action Plans.

The SEEE CBRN Regional Action Plan was unanimously adopted and endorsed by NFPs of the SEEE region. Countries of the SEEE Region join the European Network of CBRN Training Institutions, titled e-NOTICE Network, after conducting regional awareness-raising workshops.

The SEEE Region produced the Prosecutor's Guide to Chemical and Biological Crimes in close coordination with the OPCW and IAP, using regional subject matter expert. Ongoing development of the Prosecutor's Guide to Radiological and Nuclear Crimes in cooperation with the IAEA, the JRC and the IAP. Four training courses were developed to operationalize these Guidebooks: "Table Top Exercise", "Building a case for prosecution", "Mock Trial" and "Train the Trainer".

Projects

29 projects have been implemented in the region, of which the current 1 is ongoing:

Project: P88

Strengthening of CBRN Medical Preparedness and Response Capabilities in SEE countries



Two new projects will start in the SEEE region in 2023:

1. Enhance the CBRN Critical Infrastructure Protection and Security
2. Strengthening of Front-Line Biosafety and Biosecurity Measures

Methodology



7 National Teams



5 Completed Needs Assessment Questionnaires



5 CBRN National Action Plans officially approved

Background

The European Union (EU) Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Risk Mitigation Centres of Excellence (CoE) Initiative is funded and implemented by the EU through the Neighbourhood, Development and International Cooperation Instrument (NDICI), the EU's main international cooperation instrument supporting security initiatives and peace-building activities in Partner Countries.

The Initiative is led by the European Commission's Service for Foreign Policy Instrument (FPI), in close coordination

with the European External Action Service (EEAS). The European Commission Joint Research Centre (JRC) provides technical support to Partner Countries, while the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) ensures a coherent and effective national, regional and international cooperation. Other relevant International and/or Regional Organisations and experts also contribute to the Initiative, which represents the EU's largest civilian external security programme.

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