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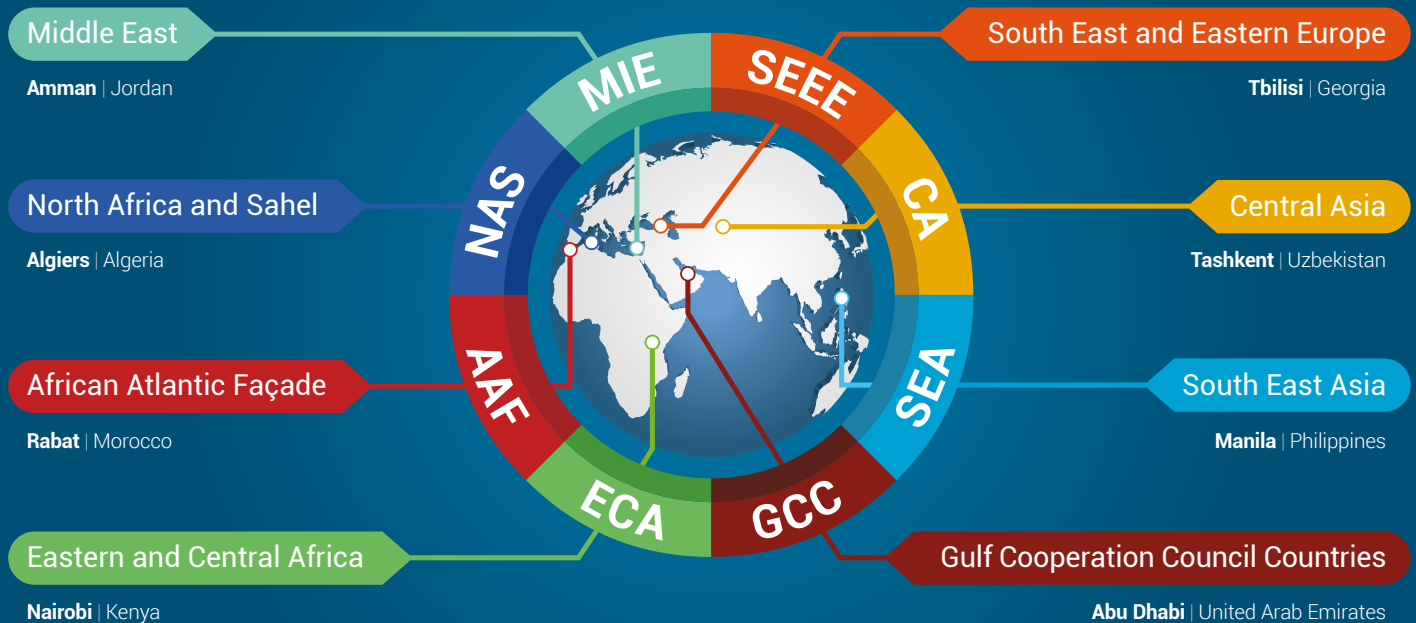
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The European Union (EU) Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Risk Mitigation Centres of Excellence (CoE) is a global Initiative funded and implemented by the European Union as part of its goal to promote peace, stability and conflict prevention.

The aim of the Initiative is to mitigate risks and strengthen an all-hazards security governance in Partner Countries of the EU following a voluntary and demand-driven approach. The EU support is provided to implement a wide range of CBRN risk mitigation activities including needs and risk assessments, national and regional action plans, capacity building activities, legal framework reviews, table top and real time (including cross-border) field exercises, inter-regional exchange of best practices and lessons learnt.

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.

The CBRN CoE network consists of **64 Partner Countries** grouped around **8 Regions**, each facilitated by a **Regional Secretariat**:



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THE EU CBRN CoE NETWORK

Each Partner Country appoints a National Focal Point who coordinates a CBRN National Team, tasked with the implementation of the Initiative at country level. National Focal Points are supported by a Regional Secretariat, which is hosted by one Partner Country in the region. Each Regional Secretariat is composed of a UN Regional Coordinator as well as a regional On-Site Assistance expert. The Secretariat is responsible for ensuring cooperation and coordination between Partner Countries and relevant regional and international stakeholders. Each Regional Secretariat benefits from technical CBRN On-Site Assistance and from specific CBRN security governance support upon request.



FROM NATIONAL TO REGIONAL LEVEL

With the support of the Initiative and the technical and scientific assistance of the EU's Joint Research Centre, the National Focal Points and their National Team proceed with national needs and risk assessments which provide a comprehensive and consistent basis for establishing a CBRN National Action Plan (NAP). This enables Partner Countries to define their priority objectives in the field of CBRN Risk Mitigation, which can be shared to build joint projects and formulate an integrated regional approach.



More information can be found at
www.cbrn-coe.eu