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CBRN
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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: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Algiers, Algeria.

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



Partner Countries



Algeria



Burkina Faso



Libya



Mali



Morocco



Niger



Nigeria



Tunisia



Objectives

- 1 ▶ Support National Focal Points in the implementation of the Initiative in their countries.
- 2 ▶ Support the establishment and the institutionalisation of National Teams.
- 3 ▶ Support Partner Countries in the development of National and Regional CBRN Action Plans.
- 4 ▶ Support Partner Countries in the development of regional project proposals.
- 5 ▶ Collect information and assist in the monitoring of CoE CBRN projects.
- 6 ▶ Facilitate the cooperation between Partner Countries at the regional and international levels.
- 7 ▶ Encourage Partner Countries to take ownership of the Initiative through the engagement of local experts and institutions in the CoE activities.
- 8 ▶ Outreach and coordination with other international organizations and donors.

Food contamination
Nuclear
Radiological
Terrorism
Biological
CRIME
Organized crime
Chemical
CBRN
Radioactive waste
Risk Mitigation
Safety and Security
Border Control
Accident
Food contamination

Regional Priorities



Safe transportation of chemical and biological materials



Detection of illicit trafficking of CBRN materials



Management of chemical and biological waste



Implementation of the COE initiative in the North Africa and Sahel Region

MEETINGS

- ➔ CBRN National Teams and Round Tables regularly organized within the North African and Sahel partner countries.
- ➔ Annual CBRN National Focal Point Days held in Brussels, Belgium.
- ➔ 1st CBRN Academy organized in Turin, Italy, in October 2022.

PROJECTS

- ➔ Project on safe transport of CB materials - SECTRANS P. 72- *completed*.
- ➔ Delivery of CBRN protective equipment - P. 54 and P. 70- *completed*.
- ➔ Border control and CB detection- FRONSEC P. 55- *ongoing*
- ➔ CB waste management - *starting in 2023*.

Implementation of projects include:

- ➔ Table-top exercises.
- ➔ Regional exercises.
- ➔ In country visit of relevant CBRN sites.



Methodology



All **8 partner countries** have appointed their **National CBRN Focal Point**.



7 partner countries have established their **National CBRN Teams**.



3 partner countries completed the **NAQ** and are currently engaged in the preparation and promotion of their **National CBRN Action Plans**.



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 Instruments (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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