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Strengthening Preparedness and Response to Biological Threats in Europe



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Global reduction of risks/threats due to Chemical, **Biological**, Radiological and Nuclear materials



Theft, sabotage,
smuggling, trafficking,...

Criminal

Comprehensive approach

Industrial disaster, lack or
inadequate treatment of waste,
transport accidents, etc.

Accidental



Flooding,
Earthquake, etc.

Natural



Main Features of the Initiative

- Launched by the EU in **2010** with the support of UNICRI
- Global reduction of risks/threats from **CBRN** materials
- **Comprehensive** approach: natural, accidental or criminal origin
- Country participation on a voluntary basis, **demand-driven** with local approach
- **Holistic**/silo breaking CBRN security governance
- **Regional** dimension



South East and Eastern Europe

- Albania
- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Georgia
- Moldova
- Montenegro
- North Macedonia
- Serbia
- Ukraine

Middle East

- Iraq
- Jordan
- Lebanon

Central Asia

- Kazakhstan
- Kyrgyzstan
- Pakistan
- Mongolia
- Tajikistan
- Uzbekistan

Southeast Asia

- Brunei Darussalam
- Cambodia
- Indonesia
- Lao PDR
- Malaysia
- Myanmar
- Philippines
- Singapore
- Thailand
- Viet Nam

African Atlantic Façade

- Benin
- Cameroon
- Côte d'Ivoire
- Gabon
- Liberia
- Mauritania
- Morocco
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone
- Togo

North Africa and Sahel

- Algeria
- Burkina Faso
- Libya
- Mali
- Morocco
- Niger
- Nigeria
- Tunisia

Gulf Cooperation Council

- Bahrain
- Kuwait
- Oman
- Qatar
- Saudi Arabia
- UAE

Eastern and Central Africa

- Burundi
- DRC
- Ethiopia
- Ghana
- Kenya
- Malawi
- Rwanda
- Seychelles
- Tanzania
- Uganda
- Zambia

National activities



1. Nominate a CBRN National Focal Point
2. Establish a CBRN National Team of Experts: multisectoral/inter-agency coordination
3. Draft a CBRN National Action Plan (NAP)
 - CBRN Risk assessment
 - Identify needs and capacities (NAQ)
 - Define a CBRN National Action Plan according to risks & needs with priorities

• **Veterinary Services within CBRN National Teams: Added Value**

- **One Health approach AND security sectors**
- **Improved early detection** of zoonotic and animal diseases
- **More coordinated and timely crisis response**

• **Value of National CBRN Team Meetings**

- **Regular cross-sector exchange** (public health, veterinary, law enforcement, civil protection)
- **Joint risk analysis** (zoonoses, animal diseases, plant pests)
- **Better anticipation of cross-border threats**
- **Strengthened trust and interagency communication**



€ 180 million in capacity building

Legislation

Training

115 PROJECTS

Equipment

Exercises

Regional capacity building projects

- **P53:** Biosafety in Central Asia
- **P81:** Biosafety and biosecurity in Southeast Asia
- **P99:** Biosafety and biosecurity in Central and East Africa
- **P100:** Biosafety and biosecurity for border points (SEEE)
- **P106:** Multisectoral exercises including with bio agents
- **P109:** Zoonosis in Central Asia (One health)
- **P110:** One health approach to VBD

• Impact of Workshops & Trainings

- Environmental sampling workshops → tailored to **national risk profiles** (e.g. anthrax, cholera, avian influenza, hantavirus)
- Biological waste management → improved **preparedness for containment breaches**
- Strong **peer-to-peer learning** AND regional experience sharing

• Key Role of Exercises (TTX, simulations)

- Test **multi-sector coordination mechanisms**
- Identify **operational gaps and limitations**
- Strengthen **SOPs and real-world response capacity**
- Practical scenarios: brucellosis, avian influenza, emerging zoonoses

National CBRN team meetings
+ practical exercises

**critical enablers of effective,
coordinated, and sustainable
health security**





Thank you for your attention

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