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EU CBRN Risk Mitigation Centres of Excellence

The EU CBRN Risk Mitigation Centers of Excellence Initiative. Overview-Way forward

EUROPEAN COMMISSION

2014



The CoE Initiative: a CBRN regional based network

- **Legal basis:** Instrument for Stability 2007-2013 (IfS) , now continued by Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace 2014-2020 (IcSP).
- **Aim:** CBRN risk mitigation, on a voluntary and regional basis (institutional capacity building). Mirroring effect (EU CBRN Action Plan).
 - Mid term: CBRN National Action Plans established.
 - Long term: long term sustainable CoE network by 2020.
- **Structure:** Partner countries, Regional Secretariats, National Focal Points, CBRN National Teams



The CoE Initiative: continued

Main contributing parties:

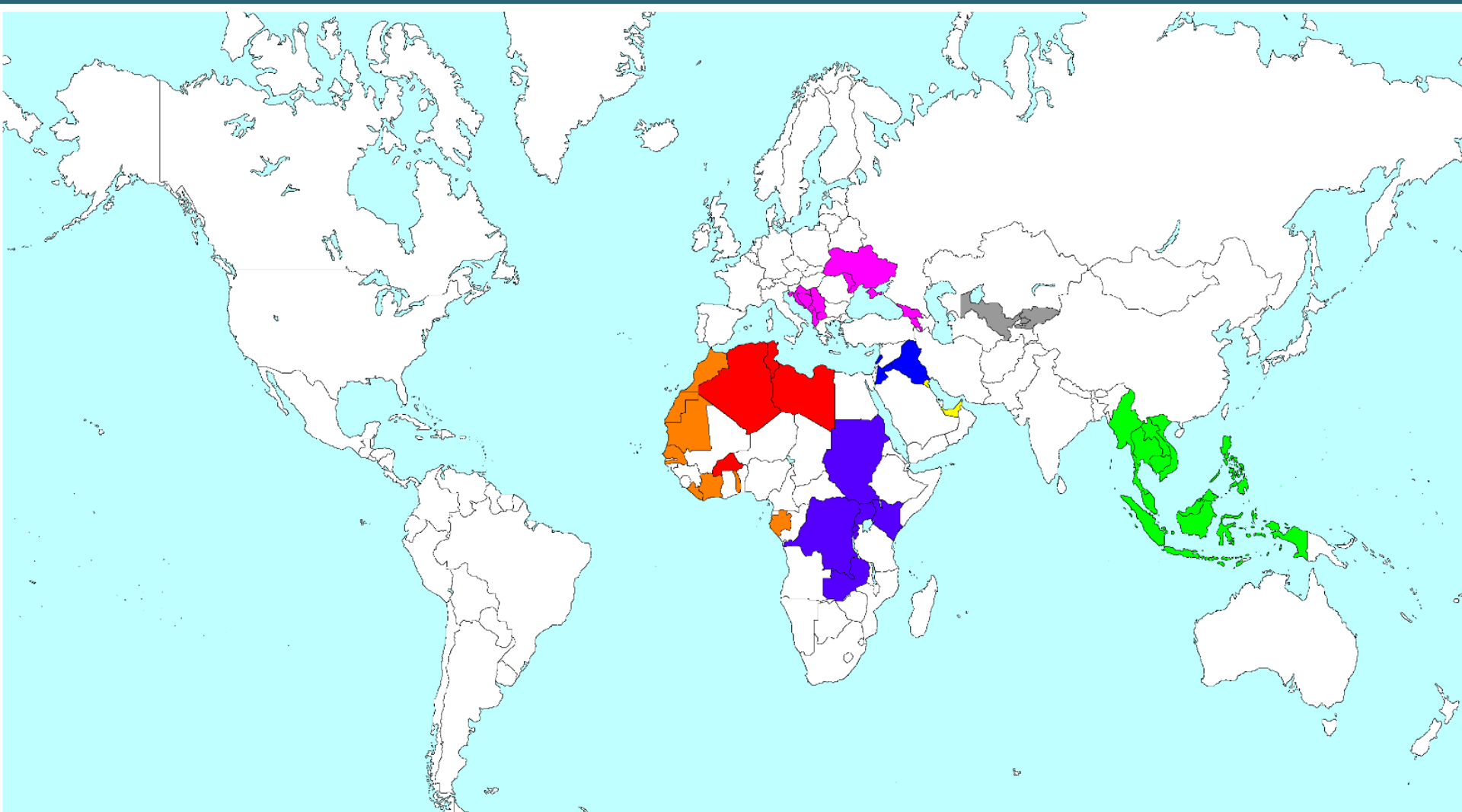
- European External Action Service (policy, diplomacy)
- EC DEVCO : overall implementation with two main partners
 - EC Joint Research Center under AA (technical support, International coordination eg IAEA)
 - UNICRI (building structure, coordination of secretariats) via a specific Contribution Agreement EC-UNICRI
- EU Member States (IfS Committee, MS CoE contact points, EU Agencies)
- EU delegations in the partner countries
- Other International Organisations, on a case by case basis
- Others: by contract, based on specific needs



EU CBRN CoE, eight regions, 42 countries as of 1st Jan 2014



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Regional
Secretariat



International/Regional
Organizations

**NATIONAL
FOCAL
POINT**

National CBRN team

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Ministry of Interior

Customs

Ministry of Health

Civil Protection

Ministry of Defence

Police, first responders

Intelligence Service

Any other relevant institution



Secretariat Manila



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Region: South East Asia

Location of the Secretariat:
Presidential Palace
Manila, The Philippines

Head: Mr Oscar Valenzuela

10 Partner Countries: Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam

Regional Coordinator: Mrs Maria Rettori





- **9 partner countries: Albania, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Georgia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Ukraine**
- **National Teams (NTs) established in 8 partner countries: over 120 governmental officers/scientific experts involved**
- **NTs endorsed by top-level decision makers at the national level (decrees and orders of Prime Ministers, Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Ministers of Interior)**
- **Over 15 workshops in support of the NTs performed by CoE experts**



Tools: Regional ROUND TABLES

- Strategic platforms to discuss CBRN issues in a region
- IfS funded project identification and implementation
- Facility to exchange information and coordinate among experts
- Twice a year in each region



Tools: Needs Assessment Questionnaire (NAQ):

- Developed by the EU (EC), recently tested in 3 partner countries: Moldova, Armenia and Lebanon
- Voluntary, confidential (data belongs to partner countries)
- User friendly, modular, paper or electronic
 - YES/ NO/ DON'T KNOW/ INFO
- Make use of existing data sets (National/ International)
- Basis to prepare National Action Plans



Tools: NATIONAL ACTION PLANS

- Based on NAQs
- Template under development
- Voluntary, confidential (data belongs to partner countries), EU support if required
- Priority countries



Tools: Regional PROJECTS

- 40 IfS funded projects signed
 - Consulting, training, capacity building, some equipment, no research
- regional focus, duration up to 4 years, significant budget
- project priorities & specification defined during Round Tables
- regional ownership (evaluation of offers, negotiation, implementation and monitoring, coordination of activities)
- EU MS consortia in the lead, PC invited to join consortia



Way forward

- Consolidate the CoE structure
- Consolidate the role of NPFs and their National Teams
- NAQs completion
- NAPs development and implementation
- Full coordination with other National and International CBRN activities



Tools: COMMUNICATION/ VISIBILITY

- Public Website (<http://cbrn-coe.eu>)
- Private Portal (<https://cbrn-coe.jrc.ec.europa.eu>)
- Newsletters, Press releases
- Videos on projects, CoE events (2014)



Thank you !

