

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

Second Workshop in Brunei Darussalam to prepare the National Action Plan to mitigate Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear risks

Negara Brunei Darussalam, May 2014. The second workshop on the Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) National Action Plan (NAP) was held on 29-30 May 2014 in Brunei Darussalam. The two-day workshop is part of the European Union (EU) Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Risk Mitigation Centres of Excellence (CoE) Initiative. The EU CBRN CoE Risk Mitigation Initiative creates a network of regional initiatives and promotes and supports the development and implementation of a national CBRN policy

The overall purpose of the National CBRN Action Plan is to articulate a national vision for CBRN risk mitigation and to identify priorities for building capacity. It also facilitates the identification and implementation of projects and ensures that capacity building is part of a coordinated and sustainable approach. The National Action Plan is designed to make sure that separate efforts are incorporated into one coherent approach that strengthens national CBRN capacities for prevention, detection, preparedness and response to CBRN threats.

The main objective of the second workshop was for the National CBRN team and international experts to present and review the draft National CBRN Action Plan, resulting from a series of previous meetings, with a particular focus on identification of priorities.

The EU CBRN CoE Risk Mitigation Initiative involves some 45 countries in 8 regions of the world – and South-East Asia is a success story with Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam participating.

The EU CBRN CoE Initiative is jointly implemented by the European Union and the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI), and entirely financed by the EU. It aims at strengthening regional security by increasing local ownership, local expertise and long-term sustainability. This includes sharing good practices and capabilities, developing guidelines as well as identifying, collecting, analysing and deploying resources to respond to the needs identified by partner countries.

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CBRN Centres of Excellence website:

<http://www.cbrn-coe.eu/>

DG Development and Cooperation – EuropeAid – Instrument for Stability website:

http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/how/finance/ifs_en.htm