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A European Union funded Regional Training Course on Security of Radioactive Sources for Regulatory Authorities is hosted by the Indonesian Nuclear Regulator BAPETEN in Jakarta from 30 September to 3 October 2014. It brings together specialists in nuclear security from 9 countries in South East Asia as well as from Europe, Australia and the USA.

The main objective of this Regional Training Course is to enhance the participants' understanding of the need to protect radioactive sources. By doing so, the risk of possible malicious acts, which could have serious consequences, is minimised. The course also increases the participants' knowledge about the fundamental principles of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on the security of radioactive sources in particular and on radioactive and nuclear material in general. The IAEA encourages experience sharing between the region's countries by disseminating national practices in the field too.

This regional training course is organised in the framework of Project 28 entitled "Supporting development of an integrated national security system for nuclear and radioactive materials" which is under co-implementation by the European Commission (Joint Research Centre, Institute for Transuranium Elements) and the IAEA (Nuclear Security Division).

Project 28 is one of 19 projects currently implemented in South-East Asia in the framework of the European Union Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Centres of Excellence Initiative (EU CBRN CoE Initiative). The initiative involves 47 countries in 8 regions of the world and aims to mitigate CBRN risks of criminal, accidental or natural origin. It does so by promoting a coherent policy, by improving coordination and preparedness at national and regional levels and by offering comprehensive approaches covering legal, scientific, enforcement and technical issues.

