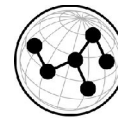




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Within the framework of the European Union (EU) Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Centres of Excellence Risk Mitigation Initiative (CBRN CoE), two workshops were organised on CBRN Risk Assessment (5-6 October 2016) and Awareness Raising for Senior Officials (7 October 2016) in Hanoi, Viet Nam.

The Risk Assessment Workshop, formally opened by Ms. Tran Bich Ngoc, Deputy Director General of the Viet Nam Agency for Radiation and Nuclear Safety (VARANS), was designed to enable a technical review and prioritisation of a set of CBRN incident scenarios. This process supports Viet Nam to identify capability gaps which might be addressed with the support of the project, but may also be included in Viet Nam's National CBRN Action Plan, which is in the process of being elaborated.

The set of scenarios resulting from the Risk Assessment Workshop was presented during the following Awareness Workshop for Senior Officials. Dr. Duong Quoc Hung, Deputy Director General of the VARANS, and Mr. Juan Zaratiegui of the Delegation of the European Union to Viet Nam underlined in their opening remarks the importance of planning when dealing with the risks associated with CBRN materials. Dr. Duong also expressed his appreciation to the 30 delegates, coming from the Ministry of Science and Technology, the Nuclear Regulatory Body, the Ministry of Public Security, the Ministry of Defense, Vinachemia, the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Trade and Industry, the National Committee for Search and Rescue, the Vietnam Fire and Rescue Police Department for attending the workshop.

The workshops are a component of Project 46 "Enhancement of CBRN capacities of South East Asia in addressing CBRN risk mitigation concerning CBRN first response, biosafety and biosecurity, awareness raising and legal framework" and were facilitated by the international expert Mr. John Jones, who shared from his rich experience in other countries, in conjunction with the Ministry of Science and Technology of Viet Nam. Dr. Duong expressed in his closing remarks that the workshops had been highly informative and had allowed the National CBRN Team of Viet Nam and his senior colleagues to develop a clearer view on CBRN risk mitigation.