



Balkan & Black Sea Regional Meeting



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Petrovac, Montenegro



The European Union CBRN Risk Mitigation Centres of Excellence



The initiative

- **Objective:** global **reduction** of **risks** and **threats** due to Chemical, Biological, Radiological & Nuclear - **CBRN** materials
- **Launched and funded by the EU since 2010 with the support of UNICRI**
- **Comprehensive approach: natural, accidental or criminal origin**
- **~ 25 million Euros/year**
- **Country participation on a voluntary basis, bottom-up, local approach**
- **Holistic/silo breaking CBRN security governance**



South East and Eastern Europe

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

Middle East

- Iraq
- Jordan
- Lebanon

Central Asia

- Afghanistan
- Khazakhstan
- Kyrgyzstan
- Pakistan
- Mongolia
- Tajikistan
- Uzbekistan

South East 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
- Kenya
- Tanzania
- DRC
- Malawi
- Uganda
- Ethiopia
- Rwanda
- Zambia
- Ghana
- Seychelles





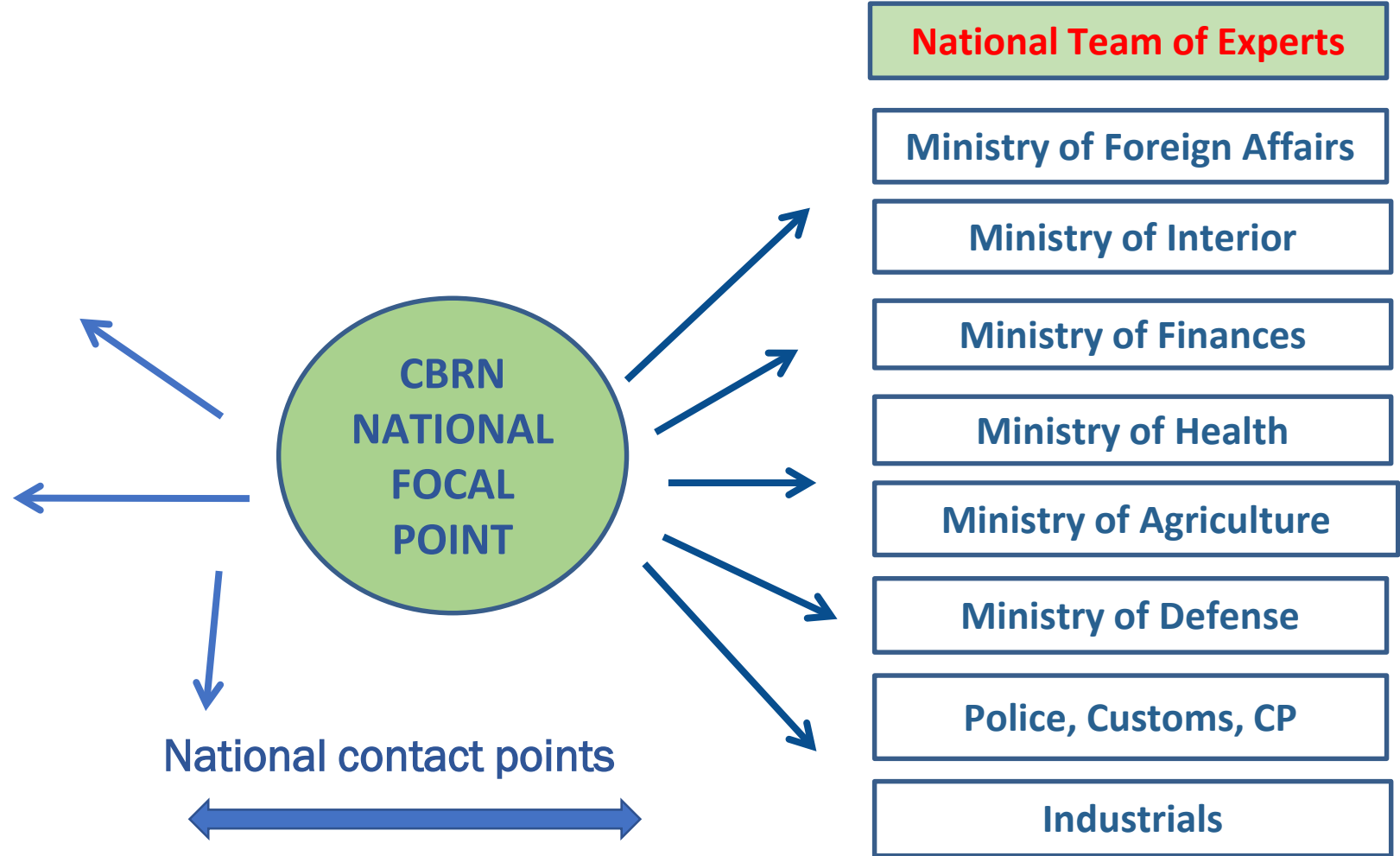
A multi-sectoral structure



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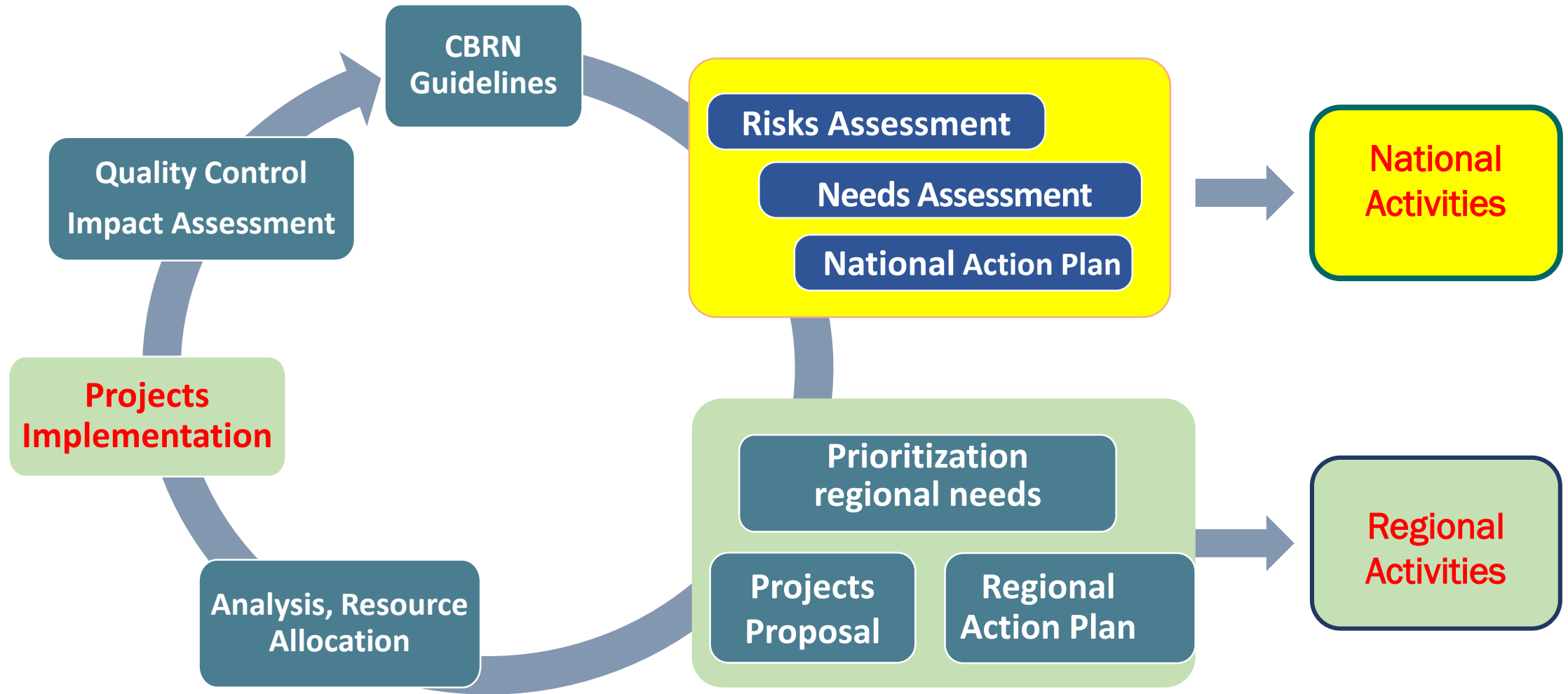


Supported by UNICRI
+ on-site expert





The cycle of activities





The projects implemented

- Strengthening **CBRN** legal framework
- Improving **CBRN** capacities of first responders
- Enhancing **medical preparedness** to CBRN events
- Capacity building for **CBRN** detection
- Improving **CBRN** waste management
- Building **CBRN** forensics capacities
- Strengthening **CBRN** border control
- Better capacities for **dual use export control**





Projects in SEEE region

Strengthening crime scene forensics capabilities in investigating CBRN incidents in the SEEE Countries – P57 – 2016-2020

- **WP 1: Assessment** of the current situation in partner countries regarding CBRN-related investigations
- **WP 2: Training** for field forensics experts on CBRN crime scene investigations. (3 TTT weeks : general forensics, C & B and RN)
- **WP 3: guidelines** for table-top and field **exercises** and execution of sub-regional exercises (field exercise for the Balkans in Bosnia & Herzegovina; 2019).
- **WP 4:** Creation of an **informal regional network of forensic experts & institutions** and study visits to relevant international institutions (BE, NL and Austria)
- **WP 5: Criminal identification** and exchange of information between the countries of the region. (fingerprint traces and forensic use)
- **WP 6:** Provision of **equipment** to support CBRN forensic investigations



Projects in SEE region

Strengthening CBRN Waste Management (WM) Capabilities in SEE Countries – P67 – 2018-2022

- **WP 1: Inventory** of CBRN WM existing legislation, regulations, practices, including capabilities of waste operational infrastructure and training needs
- **WP 2: Training program** for competencies on CBRN WM: country specific training programs and provision of pilot Train the Trainers (TTT) courses.
- **WP 3:** Elaboration / transfer of **standard procedures/methodologies** for specific aspects of RN and CB WM.
- **WP 4:** Transfer of EU best practices on RN and CB WM. Establish/ enhance **regional cooperation** through strengthening of roles of existed local facilities



Projects in SEE region

Strengthening of CBRN Medical Preparedness and Response Capabilities in SEE countries – P88 – 2021-2025

- **WP 1:** Establishment of **national training systems** for CBRN medical emergency preparedness and response. Identification/establishment of National Medical Emergency/ Disaster Medicine Training Centers in each country
- **WP 2:** Enhanced **technical & methodological capabilities** of medical and paramedical institutions/personnel in CBRN medical emergency preparedness and response with provision of special equipment
- **WP 3:** Regional and sub-regional CBRN medical preparedness and response **cooperation**





Projects in SEE region

Strengthening of Front Line Biosafety and Biosecurity Measures in South East and Eastern European Region – P100 – 2023-2026

- **WP 1:** Assessing **existing capacities, practices, resources, needs, and relevant regulations** to cope with biosafety and biosecurity threats on state borders
- **WP 2: Enhancing** methodological and **technical capacities** of relevant front line national agencies/ institutions to manage biosafety and biosecurity threats
- **WP 3: Enhancing** Regional, sub-regional and cross-border biosafety and biosecurity threats management **cooperation**





Projects on Biological threats

- **MEDIPIET:** Field Epidemiology Training Programme for countries around the Mediterranean and Black Sea – P74 – 2014-2021
- **Long term fellowship:** on the job learning with the support of local supervisors & scientific coordinators

Training courses: 9 modules

and 3 “Train The Trainers”

Networking:

- **Annual scientific Conference**
- **links with other global initiatives**





EU initiative on Health Security 2021-2025

- **WP 1:** Field epidemiology **workforce development** through Mediterranean and Black Sea Programme for Intervention Epidemiology Training (**MediPIET**) 3 more cohorts
- **WP 2: Epidemic intelligence**, risk assessment, **preparedness & response**: workshops for integrating simulation exercises (SimEx) or workshop on recovery and After-Action Reviews, WNF & AMR, bio-risk awareness and mitigation.
- **WP 3:** Integration with ECDC systems, knowledge sharing and networking with **Exchange of experts program**
- **WP 4:** Project management, communication, visibility and cross-cutting actions and the annual **ESCAIDE meeting**





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Strengthening testing capacity for epidemic prone diseases and high threat pathogens through capacity recognition for National Public Health Laboratories

- Relevant stakeholders informed and engaged (workshop) in the **development of a global laboratory recognition programme**
- Essential **tools and guidance documents** produced **for** the implementation of the **laboratory recognition programme**.
- **Initiate Implementation** of established frameworks





Thank you

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