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EU CBRN CoE Project 67 Regional Kick-off Meeting was conducted in Podgorica, Montenegro 19-20 October 2018



On 19th-20th October 2018, the Regional Kick-off Meeting for the European Union Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Risk Mitigating Centres of Excellence Initiative (EU CBRN CoE) Project 67, titled ‘Strengthening CBRN Waste Management Capabilities in South-East and Eastern European Countries’, was conducted in Podgorica, Montenegro. Over 50 participants attended the meeting, with experts from the South-East Eastern European (SEEE) EU CBRN CoE Partner Countries, European Commission, the EU CBRN CoE Regional Secretariat for SEEE, and the P67 Implementation Consortium.

The meeting was opened by Mr. Sorin Popa, Programme Manager (Directorate General International Cooperation and Development of the European Commission), Mr. Givi Amiranashvili, and Mr. Marko Milivjevic (Head and Deputy Head of the SEEE EU CBRN CoE Regional Secretariat respectively) and Dr. Hendrik Visser, P67 Team Leader.



Image: Partner Country presentations (Day 1)



Image: P67 Key Expert led Break-Out sessions (Day 2)

Project 67 commenced in July 2018 and will run for 3 years. The project will be implemented in close cooperation between the P67 Implementation Consortium and the ten SEEE Partner Countries of the EU CBRN CoE: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Georgia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia and Ukraine. The P67 Implementation Consortium is led by Sustainable Criminal Justice Solutions (SCJS) from the UK and consists of the additional EU partners: Cranfield University (UK), the International Security and Emergency Management Institute – ISEMI (Slovakia), Jadrová a vyraďovacia spoločnosť, a.s. – JAVYS (Slovakia), Military Institute of Chemistry and Radiometry – MICHIR (Poland), Public Health England – PHE (UK) and the Verification Research, Training and Information Centre - VERTIC (UK).

As part of the Kick-off Meeting, key discussion points included the scope of Project 67 and the implementation strategy to achieve the project's core objectives, i.e.: strengthen legislative frameworks, enhance procedural and organisational capacities, as well as, establish sustainable training programs to increase the capabilities of experts (through various training workshops) of the Partner Countries and encourage regional cooperation with respect to CBRN waste management.

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"It should be noted that Project 67 is very much in line with the main objective of the EU CBRN CoE initiative to enhance regional and interregional cooperation between partner countries. This project is a very important project because it based on bottom-up approach and was proposed and developed by partner countries themselves.

This project provides an excellent opportunity for the partner countries in region to establish sustainable training programs to increase the capabilities of experts and exchange experiences and identify those areas that could be further developed to improve national capabilities, legislative frameworks and enhance regional cooperation with respect to CBRN waste management. So, I am very delighted that implementation of the project 67 has launched successfully and I believe that it will provide a real benefit for our region".



For further information on Project 67 see www.cbrn-project67.com and for the EU CBRN CoE see www.cbrn-coe.eu