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Project 7

GUIDELINES, PROCEDURES AND STANDARDIZATION ON BIO-SAFETY AND BIO-SECURITY

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS:

France Expertise Internationale (FEI, lead partner), France; Science and Technology Center in Ukraine (STCU), Ukraine; Luigi Sacco, University Hospital, Italy; Insubria Center on International Security (ICIS), Italy

IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD:

1 January 2013 – 31 March 2015

GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE:

Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (fYRoM), Lao PDR, Moldova, Philippines, Serbia, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES:

Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (fYRoM), Lao PDR, Moldova, the Philippines, Serbia, Thailand

BUDGET:

1,199,575.72 euro

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The goal of the project is to reinforce partner countries' capacities in the field of bio-safety and bio-security, thus preventing the exposure of the population and the environment to harmful biological agents and toxins. This is to be achieved through the provision of recommendations adapted to the specific needs of the partner countries to assist them to:

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1. set legislations and regulations in the field of bio-safety, bio-security and laboratory management systems, and,
2. establish national procedures to regulate the manufacturing, use, import, export, transport and storage of hazardous micro-organisms in line with international standards and guidance.

While the project is employing the key international and EU legislative instruments, directives, regulations and standards, all national and regional specificities and varying levels of knowledge are taken into account. The project carried out mapping and inventory of legal and normative texts. Furthermore, a comparative analysis of the relevant legislation in the EU and the beneficiary countries is being produced based on a defined set of criteria to enable the national authorities to establish the main stakeholders, biological pathogens employed, working conditions in laboratories, purpose of experiments and transportation requirements between laboratories as well as import and export trans-boundary conditions for the most virulent pathogens. Such a comparison will enable the national authorities to identify the gaps for establishment or reinforcement of national bio-risk management procedures. For countries where the level of knowledge is more advanced, national authorities will be supported in the development of an integrated management system for laboratories.

In the region of South East Europe, Southern Caucasus, Moldova and Ukraine, the project will develop, in consultation with local authorities, a set of recommendations to support them in strengthening the national procedures in place, while in the South East Asian countries, the project will result in an agreement with the national authorities on tailored roadmaps, as well as mechanisms for addressing those even after the end of the project.

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