CBRN Centres of Excellence
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EU GLOBAL THREATS PROGRAMME

Central Asia Regional Secretariat

Tashkent, Uzbekistan

OVERALL GOAL: Mitigate chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) risks of natural, accidental or deliberate origin

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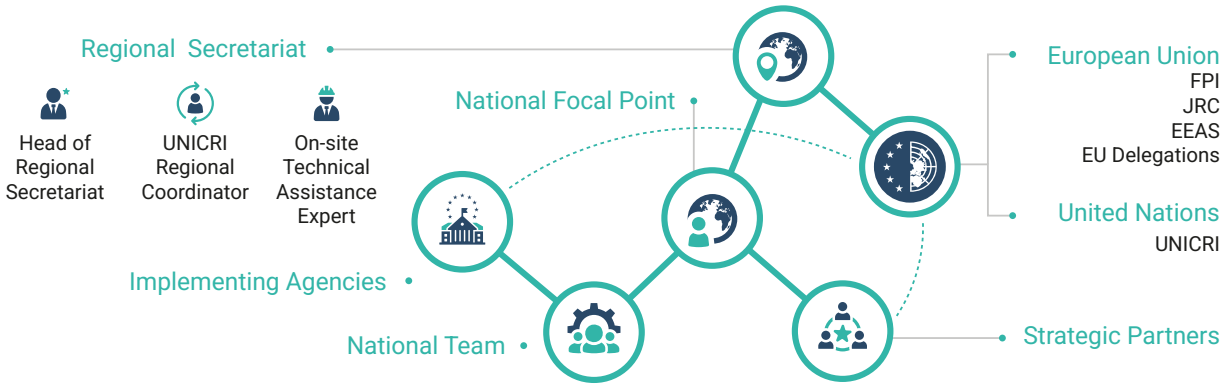
Partner Countries

Kazakhstan | Kyrgyzstan | Mongolia | Pakistan | Tajikistan | Uzbekistan

Structure



Projects

Since 2013, **the region implemented and participated in 18 projects**, of which **4 are on-going** in 2025:

Project 101
Enhancing CBRN Critical Infrastructure Protection and Security in SEEE, CA and MIE

Project 105
EU P2P Export Control Programme for dual-use goods - Central Asia

Project 106
CBRN Table-top and field Exercises, Simulations, Training (TEST) to mitigate risks

Project 109
Mitigating the risks of zoonotic diseases in Central Asia

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Regional Priorities

- Enhancing CBRN Legislative Framework
- Border Control for CBRN Safety and Security
- Strategic Trade Control of Dual Use Goods
- Zoonotic Diseases Risk Mitigation
- CBRN Infrastructure Protection and Security
- CBRN Forensics
- CBRN Safety and Security during Mass Gatherings
- CBRN Public Awareness
- Collaboration in Training

Methodology

6 partner countries have appointed their **National CBRN Focal Point**

6 National Teams established to ensure inter-ministerial and inter-agency collaboration at the country level

5 partner countries are currently engaged in the preparation of their **National CBRN Action Plans**

Recent Achievements

In 2023–2024, national trainers from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Mongolia, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan held trainings for over 1,000 specialists on water, food safety, and chemicals management across Central Asia under Project 87.

In March 2024 Project 87 capacitated 60 communication officers from six countries with crisis risk communication skills, focusing on disinformation, media engagement, public awareness, and stakeholder collaboration during mass gatherings.

On 21–22 May 2024, Project 87 conducted a regional tabletop simulation exercise that took place simultaneously across six countries of the Central Asian region to test coordination and emergency response capacities for water, food safety, chemicals management, and crisis communication during mass gatherings.

Throughout 2023–2024, Project 87 established Poison Information Centers in Pakistan and Kazakhstan, launched respectively at the National Institute of Health of Pakistan and the “KazToxBase” under the Medical Center of Kazakhstan’s Presidential Administration.

The EU CBRN CoE Project 87 has successfully developed comprehensive regional guidance documents in collaboration with Central Asian partner countries, significantly enhancing public health preparedness and response capabilities for mass gatherings by addressing critical areas such as chemical incident response, food safety, and drinking water security.