CBRN Centres of Excellence
A Global Initiative of the European Union

EU GLOBAL THREATS PROGRAMME

Gulf Cooperation Council Regional Secretariat

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

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

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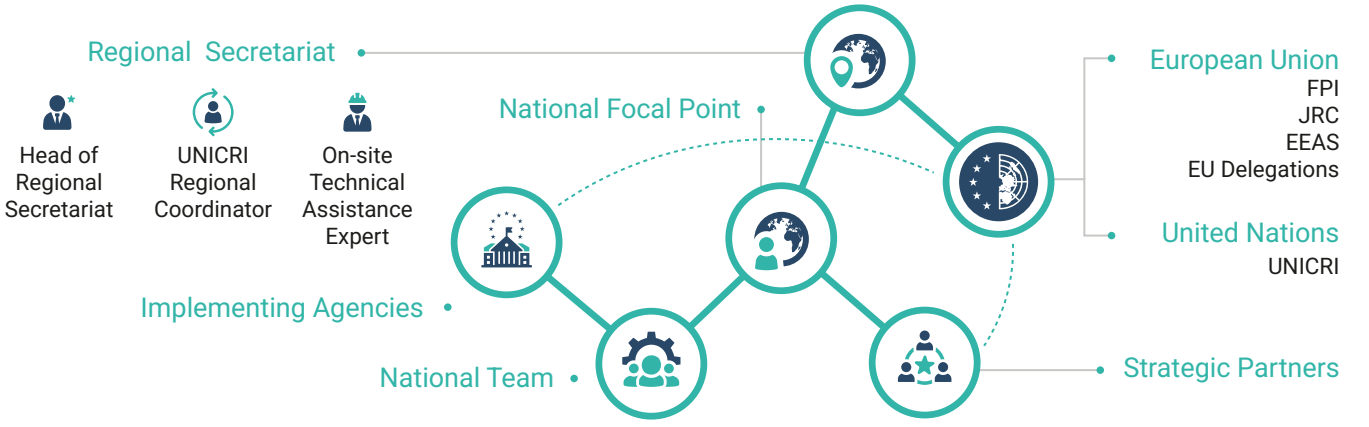
Partner Countries

- Kingdom of Bahrain
- Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
- The State of Kuwait
- The State of Qatar
- The Sultanate of Oman
- United Arab Emirates

Structure



Projects

Project P82
Capacity Building for Medical Preparedness and Response to CBRN Incidents in the GCC countries

Project P89
EU P2P Export Control Programme for Dual-use Goods - Middle East

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Regional Priorities

Biosafety and biosecurity

Chemical Safety and security

CBRN Medical Preparedness and Response

CBRN Field and Cross-Border Exercises

Protection of CBRN critical infrastructuresecurity

Prosecution of CBRN Crimes and Crime Scene Investigation

Methodology

1. Support Partner Countries in identifying CBRN Risk Mitigation needs and priorities.
2. Develop regional and sub-regional project proposals to address the needs of Partner Countries.
3. Support Partner Countries in the establishment and the institutionalisation of CBRN Training centers and Programs.
4. Support Partner countries' ownership of the development and implementation of CBRN capability building structures, activities, and cross-border exercises.
5. Facilitate the provision of CBRN technical assistance to Partner Countries.
6. Reinforce regional cooperation in the GCC, including a reinforced coordination with the GCC Emergency Management Centre.

Recent Achievements

Project P82 on Medical Preparedness and Response to CBRN Incidents in the GCC region enhanced the expertise of 100+ trainers from GCC countries, which increased the national and regional capacity to train future generations of first- and second-line responders to CBRN incidents. Phase 2 of Project 82 further strengthened national capabilities during country-specific training sessions in Kuwait and the UAE.

On-demand expert missions in 2023 and 2024 assessed current CBRN capabilities, including strengths and risks, and identified opportunities and areas of potential improvement in UAE.

Kuwait heightened the medical readiness of the State of Kuwait in dealing with radiation emergencies with the organisation of an EU-supported Radiation Emergency Training course on "Medical Response to Radiation Emergencies" in June 2024.