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Project 3

KNOWLEDGE DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFER OF BEST PRACTICE ON BIO-SAFETY, BIO-SECURITY AND BIO-RISK MANAGEMENT

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS:

Insubria Center on International Security (ICIS, lead partner), Italy; Luigi Sacco University Hospital (Sacco), Italy; France Expertise International (FEI), France; Verification Research, Training and Information Centre (VERTIC), UK; Hellenic Pasteur Institute, Greece; European Biosafety Association (EBSA), Belgium; National Institute of Public Health and the Environment (RIVM), The Netherlands; Georgian State Agricultural University (AUG), Georgia; International Science and Technology Center (ISTC), Russia; Science and Technology Center in Ukraine (STCU), Ukraine; Tropical Infectious Diseases Research and Education Centre at University of Malaya (TIDREC), Malaysia; Pathogen and Animal Toxin Act Bureau, Department of Medical Sciences, Ministry of Public Health (PATAC), Thailand; Institut Pasteur in Algeria (IPA), Algeria; Institut Pasteur de Tunis (IPT), Tunisia; Centre National de l'Énergie, des sciences et des Techniques Nucléaires (CNESTEN), Morocco; Institut Pasteur du Maroc (IPM), Morocco

IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD:

1 January 2013 – 1 July 2015

GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE:

African Atlantic Façade, North Africa, South East Asia, South East Europe, the Southern Caucasus, Moldova and Ukraine

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES:

Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (fYRoM), Gabon, Georgia, Lao PDR, Libya, Mauritania, Moldova, Morocco, Myanmar, Philippines, Serbia, Singapore, Thailand, Tunisia, Ukraine, Vietnam

BUDGET:

1,920,000.00 euro

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PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The objective of the project is to promote sustainable knowledge development on bio-safety, bio-security and bio-risk management. Knowledge development is based on a transferable model of training, whereby the project activities enable national experts to become trainers.

The participating countries have appointed national experts who will be trained on different aspects related to bio-safety, bio-security and bio-risk management following a holistic and multidisciplinary approach that will empower them to become trainers in their countries. The training addresses bio-risk management from the technical but also the policy, legal, ethical and environmental points of view. The schedule and content of the training programme has been shaped in consideration of local needs, the different local backgrounds in the bio-field and specificities of the four regions involved in the project. The content of the training is based on identified transferable best practices, lessons learned from past experience of project stakeholders and common learning objectives.

In addition to providing intensive theoretical and practical courses, organized around four thematic modules, the project has also created an e-learning environment, in use since November 2013. The learning support platform is conceived as a space for virtual exchange and training, houses a variety of educational materials adapted to different levels of expertise, an e-library of background material, papers and guidelines, as well as fora for interaction among the experts.

While deepening the knowledge of the participants, the training courses and the e-learning platform represent important opportunities for sharing experience and best practices adopted in their countries and thus strengthening the networking and collaboration among countries in the same region.

The training courses have started in all regions and it is expected that, by the second half of 2014, the national experts will be capable of leading the training in their own countries. At this point, the project will have reached out to 360 scientists and technicians from hospitals, research institutes and industrial facilities from the countries participating from the four regions of African Atlantic Façade, North Africa, South East Asia, South East Europe, Southern Caucasus, Moldova and Ukraine.

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