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Project

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BIO-SAFETY AND BIO-SECURITY RISK MANAGEMENT FOR GEORGIA

IMPLEMENTING INSTITUTION:

National Center for Disease Control and Public Health (NCDC), Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Affairs, Georgia

IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD:

August 2013 – 15 August 2015

COUNTRY:

Georgia

BUDGET:

120,000 euro

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

To enhance the bio-safety and bio-security management system in Georgia, it is necessary to elaborate a clear strategy, to establish procedures in compliance with international bio-safety and bio-security standards and to possess the necessary trained human resources for this system.

The purpose of the project is, therefore, to enhance knowledge and understanding of bio-safety and bio-security specialists (laboratory staff and institute managers) in Georgian facilities working on preserving biological materials and to establish a bio-risk management and bio-risk assessment system at the national level.

To reach this end the project will allow for training of health care and public health professionals, representatives of veterinary and food protection agency and representatives of the Ministries of Internal Affairs and Defence in accordance with relevant international standards. The training will focus on laboratory, personnel operational procedures safety, and laboratory equipment and personnel security. The knowledge and understanding developed during the training will be further strengthened during select exchange visits to EU institutions. The visits will also serve to foster the development of a bio-safety and bio-security and bio-risk management and assessment information network.

A final workshop involving relevant stakeholders will be organized to disseminate project analyses and to provide recommendations for a national bio-risk management and bio-risk assessment system.

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