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KNOWLEDGE DEVELOPMENT AND TRANSFER OF BEST PRACTICE ON CBRN IMPORT/EXPORT MONITORING

IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS:

German Office of Economics and Export Control (BAFA, lead partner), Germany; Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), Sweden

IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD:

1 January 2013 - 31 December 2014

GEOGRAPHICAL SCOPE:

Atlantic Façade, Central Asia, Middle East, North Africa

PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES:

Algeria, Gabon, Iraq, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lebanon, Mauritania, Morocco, Senegal, Tunisia, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan

BUDGET:

1,440,000.00 euro

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The project aims to enhance the capacities of the partner countries to enforce import and export controls of strategic goods and CBRN materials.

Through dialogue with key national authorities, the project supports the countries in assessing their CBRN import/export monitoring systems and existing capacities, and in identifying priority areas for improvement. For each region, a dedicated regional mentor has been made available for advice and consultation on practical tools, strategies and good practices with a view to enhancing capacities and inter-agency communication and cooperation.

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Four regional workshops have been held, bringing together officials from the countries and raising their awareness of regional best practices in import/export controls. In May 2014, officials of 13 countries participating in the project will take part in a central training workshop on the technicalities of implementing and enforcing trade controls for strategic goods and CBRN materials. The workshop is expected to also enable these officials to conduct national seminars by the end of the project, thus increasing local capacity and supporting ownership of the project results. Visits to the partner countries, regional workshops and a central training workshop are expected to ensure that an exchange on control standards and procedures takes place at a national, regional and trans-regional level.

Finally, guidance material for self-assessment and self-testing will be shared in order to encourage the countries to develop a road map for further developing their national monitoring systems and aligning them with the international monitoring standards.

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