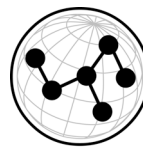




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Indonesia hosts the 17th National Focal Points Round-Table Meeting for South-East Asia of the European Union Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Risk Mitigation Centres of Excellence Initiative (EU CBRN CoE)

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Indonesia had its premiere of hosting a National Focal Points (NFPs) Round-Table Meeting for South-East Asia of the Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Risk Mitigation Centres of Excellence Initiative (CBRN CoE). The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia was supported by the European Union (EU) and the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) in organising this 17th NFPs Round-Table Meeting held in Bogor from 10 to 12 December 2019.

The more than 40 participants of the meeting were NFPs or their representatives from 9 ASEAN countries; experts from ASEAN institutions, INTERPOL, Singapore and the EU; as well as officers from the EU and the United Nations. It served as a forum to exchange latest developments in the area of CBRN risks and incidents, get information about CBRN CoE activities in other regions of the world, reflect on strategic work priorities for 2020, familiarise oneself with future CBRN CoE projects, recognise the importance of protection of critical infrastructure, and discuss the connection of CBRN risk mitigation and response with the ASEAN disaster preparedness and response plans and frameworks.

As trade and industrial development continue to grow in the region, addressing risks related to CBRN materials properly becomes even more important. This is to avoid negative effects on health, the environment, agriculture, security, the economy and society as a whole which could generate serious repercussions at regional and international levels. Recognising the need of a holistic all-hazards approach to CBRN risk mitigation, the CBRN CoE addresses risks related to criminal acts (CBRN proliferation, theft, sabotage, illicit trafficking and terrorism), accidental events (industrial accidents, waste treatment and transport incidents) and natural events (infectious disease outbreaks and CBRN releases caused by natural disasters).

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For more information:

EU CBRN Risk Mitigation Centres of Excellence Initiative website: <http://www.cbrn-coe.eu/>

European Commission, Instrument contributing to Stability and Peace website (see section about "Stable Situations"): <http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/node/7350>