



FACT SHEET

Bullseye

What is Bullseye?

The Bullseye, funded by the European Union and implemented in 2019 – 2022, aims to enhance the protection of public spaces and other soft targets addressing the issue of security of CBRN materials and agents in line with the EU Action Plan ([link](#)), with the focus on Chemical (C) and Biological (B) threats. The project seeks to improve the knowledge and skills of public services, such as: police, forensic officers, fire, medical and civil protection services in EU member states on how to prevent terrorist attacks using CBRN agents and explosives by improving detection capabilities, and developing proper mitigate & respond procedures and practices in case of an emerging CBRN attack. The knowledge and experience of the military services will be used to enforce the 'civil' procedures.

What is Bullseye about?

The project consists of the following activities:

- **Gap analysis** concerning the existing procedures and equipment identifies chemical (C) and Biological (B) threats harmonized procedures and other useful tools currently in place.
- **Expert meetings** are held to exchange knowledge and procedures with well-chosen CBRN experts from varied first responders civil services and armed forces, to test and improve existing procedures accordingly to the gap analysis conclusions.
- **Workshops and trainings**, identifying and validating procedures and tools during separate monotraining in per each group of first responders (regular police, SWAT units, EOD teams, fire fighters and civil protection, medical emergency services, CBRN police teams, fire fighters CBRN units, DVI and forensics) to be implemented during the terrorist attack or immediately after the attack.
- **Cross-sectoral exercise** testing identified procedures in particular civil services groups. The results of the cross-sectoral exercise will be compiled into Lesson Learnt document.
- Taken the **lessons-learnt** into account of these trainings and exercise, the procedures and tools will be fine-tuned, adapted and validated. It will serve as a basis for **train the trainer course**;
- **EU-Regional dog detection training and certification centre of excellence** will be further developed;

Why it is needed?

In the last couple of years the European Union was the victim of several terrorist attacks. Although CBRN material has not yet been used during large scale attacks on European soil, there are some clear indications that terrorists try to acquire such materials and are developing the knowledge and capacity to use them. Nowadays the first responders of the EU countries use different procedures. There is a need to harmonize the different procedures on Chemical (C) and Biological (B) threats through a gap analysis concerning the existing procedures and equipment, and further verify them, in practice.

Why is it unique?

In principle, exercises/workshops on response capacity to terrorist attacks are designed to focus only on selected groups of responders, rarely on all of them. Such an approach leads to limited insight in the processes and interactions taking place internally and between different groups of responders. The project's unique added value is its comprehensive approach: the first, the second and the third line practitioners take part in the project, at first, in separate groups, to join together in a multi-agency workshop to test the draft of the procedures on their

interoperability in a tabletop exercise. The project will lead to the harmonization of procedures (best practices), which will help to create common European approach on how to handle a CBRN-incidents. Furthermore, the project collects high-level expertise and best practices from both military and civil services.

Objectives

- The general objective of the project is to reinforce the European resilience against CBRN threats in terms of prevention, preparedness and response, recovery and foster cooperation at the EU-level in this matter.
- The project will further improve the knowledge and skills of first responders in all EU member states on how to properly respond to terrorist attacks using CBRN materials with explosives through exchange of knowledge and best practices and work on the harmonization of procedures.
- The project will generate a common European understanding, knowledge standards, procedures & training on how to handle a CBRN-incidents from the point of view of first responders as well as forensic and DVI personnel; it will be far more easier to provide assistance between member states in case of a CBRN-incident.
- The project's aim in the long term is to guarantee the same level of professionalism and a standard response among all first responders across Europe.

Expected Results

- Increased cross-sectoral preparedness of EU Member States' agencies and authorities to terrorist attack against public spaces. This will be achieved by trainings, exercises and establishment of regional law enforcement training facilities, providing comprehensive training programmes for law enforcement/security authorities in protection of public spaces and other soft targets.
- Development of cross-border, cross-sectoral cooperation and coordination mechanisms for first responders in the immediate response to terrorist;
- Increased cross-sectoral preparedness of EU Member States' agencies and authorities to CBRN incidents in the context of the EU CBRN preparedness and response programme.

Role of ICCSS

ICCSS was one of the authors of the programme, which gives priority to chemical safety and preparedness of services responding to chemical and biological threats (Chem-bio threats and emergencies). As a world leader in chemical safety and security, ICCSS brings to the project Consortium, its experience and expertise in the domain of chemical and ecological safety and security. ICCSS has broad experience in project development and implementation. Bullseye benefits from ICCSS integrated approach to chemical and environmental vulnerability. ICCSS experts support the implementation of procedures and best practices for response and civil protection services. ICCSS will also ensure that Bullseye's experience is widely promoted and used in other projects and that the capacity of response services in other regions and continents is strengthened. In this way ICCSS promotes in practice its mission: operationalize and internationalize existing best practices and capacity building.

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