



**To:**

- ECDC National Focal Points (NFPs) for Preparedness and Response – Members
- ECDC National Focal Points (NFPs) for Training – Members
- Europol - Heads of National Units (to be forwarded to the competent authorities in CBRN)
- DG ECHO: National representatives of the Civil Protection Committee

**Cc:**

- ECDC - National Coordinators (NCs)
- ECDC - National Focal Points (NFPs) for Preparedness and Response – Alternates
- ECDC - National Focal Points (NFPs) for Training – Alternates
- DG ECHO: Project Managers of the rescEU decontamination capabilities

For action: Austria, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

For information only: Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, and Sweden

## REQUEST FOR NOMINATION

### ***CROSS-SECTORAL BIORISK AWARENESS AND MITIGATION – 6<sup>TH</sup> EDITION (BAM2024)***

Dear Sir or Madam,

We are pleased to inform you that the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC), in collaboration with the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (Europol), is organising the sixth edition of the ***Cross-sectoral biorisk awareness and mitigation training***. The training will take place in **Athens, Greece, on 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> November 2024**.

The course is designed to train participants selected from key areas (**law enforcement, public health/health emergency services, and civil protection**) with an active duty in events involving the intentional/accidental release of biological agents, and have the capacity to cascade the content of this training within their respective institutions.

The training, through interactive lectures and exercises, is designed to enhance participants' skills in preparing for the intentional or accidental release of biological agents and protecting against biological threats across different sectors. It also aims to provide the participants with the ability to train others within their institutions, using practical strategies and materials.

Due to the complexity of the topic and the aim to establish cross-sectoral regional preparedness partnerships, this training is organised with a regional approach.

This edition will involve participants from 14 EU Countries (Austria, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) and participants from the EU candidates and potential candidates countries.

For all participating countries up to **3 trainees** per country (one representative from each sector described above are expected).



The identified EU/EEA MS Competent Authorities are kindly invited to nominate at least 1 candidate\* from each of the following **key areas**:

- **“Public Health”** (e.g., paramedics, nurses, emergency physicians, red cross, etc.) to be appointed by the NFPs and NCs via the ECDC;
- **“Law enforcement”** (e.g., police officers acting as trainers for CBRN experts or specialists) to be appointed by the EU MSs Competent Authorities via Europol – ENUs;
- **“Civil protection”** (e.g., firefighters acting as trainers in CBRN, etc.) to be appointed by ECDC with the support of DG ECHO).

The nominated candidates should have the following profile:

- Be employed in one of the following sectors - Public Health/Health Emergency Services, Law Enforcement, or Civil Protection with an active duty in events involving the intentional/accidental release of biological agents;
- Have the capacity to cascade the content of this training within their respective institutions; and
- Good working knowledge of English language.

There are NO fees associated to this training. ECDC will cover travel expenses, accommodation and meals of participants.

The participants' nominations (including their affiliation and email address) should be sent at your earliest convenience, not later than **9<sup>th</sup> September 2024**, to the email address [preparedness.response@ecdc.europa.eu](mailto:preparedness.response@ecdc.europa.eu).

A formal invitation will be sent to all the selected participants. Additional questions or clarifications should be addressed to [preparedness.response@ecdc.europa.eu](mailto:preparedness.response@ecdc.europa.eu).

We very much look forward to hearing from you,

With best regards,

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*On behalf of ECDC*

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*On behalf of Europol*

\*Adjunctive participants will only be considered if extra places for the training are available (depending on number of applications).