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# Project B1

## ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL TRAINING AND RESOURCE CENTRE IN BIO-SAFETY, BIO-SECURITY AND LABORATORY MANAGEMENT IN THE SOUTH CAUCASUS

### IMPLEMENTING INSTITUTION:

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

### IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD:

15 August 2013 – 15 August 2015

### COUNTRY:

Georgia

### BUDGET:

540,457 euro

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The aim of the project is to establish a strong institutional, educational, and scientific research capacity in bio-safety and bio-security for the South Caucasus region through the newly established Georgian NCDC/Lugar Center and to forge and strengthen linkages between the Center, and consequently the region, and the bio-safety and bio-security community in Europe.

This objective will be met through institutional and capacity development; education and training; effective interaction, partnerships and networks of professionals inside the region and with international stakeholders.

More specifically, the project will allow for the analysis of the current bio-safety and bio-security situation in Georgia and in the South Caucasus; the procurement of a gas chromatograph/mass spectrometer for the purposes of training in genomics and proteomics; the development and translation of a "Standard Training Materials" handbook; the exchange of staff with European laboratory networks; the development of a list of EU experts with different specialisations who can be involved as trainers in the future where needed; and the organisation of workshops addressing the key bio-safety and bio-security critical areas in the region which have been identified in the gap analysis.

Finally, in order to contribute to the national, regional and international efforts to better understand and minimize the CBRNe threats, the project envisages the hosting of the fifteenth World Congress on CBRNe Science and Consequence Management (CSCM) from 1-5 June 2014 in Tbilisi, Georgia. The Congress will focus on bio-safety and bio-security related issues in the South Caucasus region in line with the mandate of the National Center for Disease Control and Public Health. For more information on the Congress, please refer to the website - <http://www.cscm-congress.com/>.

The main expected result of the project is to provide researchers and laboratory managers with a reference training and resource centre that allows for a better integration of the region, its experts and capabilities, with international CBRNe networks and the international bio-community.

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