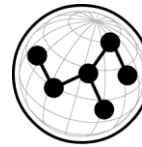




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SUMMARY

P67 ASSESSMENT VISIT - ARMENIA

Performed under EU CBRN CoE Project 67 'Strengthening CBRN Waste Management Capabilities in South-East and Eastern European Countries'

During 24 – 25 January 2019, the European Union P67 implementation consortium conducted an Assessment Visit to Armenia as part of the activities under work package 1 (Inventory of CBRN Waste Management existing legislation, regulations, practices, including capabilities of waste operational infrastructure and training needs).

The visit was coordinated by Armenian National Focal Point, G. Kocharian, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia, and supported by representatives from Ministry of Emergency Situations, Armenian Nuclear Regulatory Authority/Nuclear and Radiation Safety Center (NRSC) and other agencies and ministries. P67 consortium was represented by the P67 Experts: Team Leader, H. Visser, Chemical Waste Management, Key-expert F. Coulon, Biological Waste Management, Key-expert T. Pottage, and Radioactive Waste Management, Key-expert P. Salzer and Expert T. Hrnčíř.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Armenia hosted the opening meeting during which general issues were discussed. Various organisations were visited that are involved with different aspects of chemical, biological and radioactive waste management. Such as, the Ministry of Emergency Response where aspects of response to chemical, biological or radioactive waste incidents were discussed. Additionally, the Nubarashen waste site of obsolete pesticides (organic chlorine compounds) and the former «Nairit» chloroprene rubber plant were visited, as well as, the water treatment substation for Yerevan, providing insight on some of the key Chemical waste management issues Armenia is facing. To better understand the biological waste chain in Armenia the Particularly Dangerous Pathogens Reference Laboratory of Food Safety State Service, the Nork Infection Hospital and the private company «Healthy Mushroom» LTD were visited. Additionally, a site visit to two incinerator facilities for Biological and Chemical waste, «Ecoprotect» and «Ecology», provided insight in the hazardous waste treatment capabilities in Armenia. To assess the radioactive waste management issues the P67 experts visited the NRSC where the overall situation of the radioactive waste management in Armenia was presented and discussed. Consequently, the experts together visited the facility for centralized collection and storage of institutional radioactive waste in Metsamor operated by the company «Rendering Harmless of Radioactive Waste ».

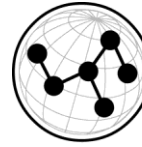
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Meeting at Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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