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Centers of Excellence: rationale (1)



- **An iterative process that started in 2009**
- **We are today developing assistance worldwide on:**
 - **Export control**
 - **Illicit trafficking**
 - **Biosafety and bio security**
 - **Engagement of scientists**
 - **Nuclear safety**
- **We are going to brief you on what we have been doing in each domain for the last three years and how these programs are progressively integrated in our Centers of Excellence methodology**



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Centers of Excellence: rationale (2)



- We are also going to brief you on EU new methodology;
- We started years ago by “ad hoc” assistance to respond to immediate needs in different regions (Russia, Ukraine, CIS countries). No real coordination but only with ad hoc basis;
- We continued with targeted coordination mechanism to avoid duplication with major donors mainly in the nuclear field (US, IAEA, EU): border monitoring working group;
- We have continued with the UN with the KMS process: knowledge management system: channel of communication with IAEA, OPCW, WHO, Interpol, Europol for North Africa, Caucasus, South East Asia;
- We recently moved from KMS methodology to Centers of Excellence methodology:
 - KMS: mere coordination among CBRN international organizations with information exchange among countries;
 - Assessing regional needs and coordinating regional responses;
 - Establishing 8 secretariats in 8 regions
 - Involving international expertise to develop local CBRN policy



- **Centers of Excellence could be used by G8 to:**
 - **Support 1540 requirement;**
 - **Reinforce a region by region approach (convergent with US chair approach), recognizing culture differences;**
 - **Avoid duplication among donors by providing a regional platform of cooperation;**
 - **Bring additional G8 GP donors and recipients;**
 - **Provide possibility for piggy**