EU Council Decision 2016/51/CFSP

An important tool in support of the BTWC

Workshop in Support of the Biological Weapons Convention
Extended Assistance Programmes
Geneva, 28-29 March 2017

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STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

EU STRATEGY AGAINST PROLIFERATION OF WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION (2003)

• Strengthening, implementing and universalising international treaties, including BTWC

• EU positions in multilateral fora, including BTWC Review Conference in 2006, 2011 and 2016

• EU’s financial support, including two Joint Actions and two Council Decisions in support of BTWC amounting to 6.3 million EUR since 2006
EU SUPPORT TO THE BTWC SINCE 2006


4) Council Decision 2016/51/CFSP for the period 2016-2018
WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED?

EU-sponsored bilateral (9) and regional (16) workshops to discuss challenges related to universalisation, national implementation, Confidence-Building Measures (CBMs).

16 States. both parties and not yet parties to the BTWC, received concrete assistance on national implementation thanks to EU financial support.

23 new States have joined the BTWC, the overall number of the State Parties reaching 178.

The number of annual CBM submissions has increased from 58 to 70, 19 States have submitted their first CBM declaration.

Countries benefiting from assistance under the previous Council Decision in 2012-2015: Benin, Burkina Faso, Colombia, Ecuador, Mongolia, Nepal, Uganda
COUNCIL DECISION 2016/51/CFSP

Adopted by the Council of the European Union on 18 January 2016

Focus on those aspects on which consensus was reached at the 7th BTWC Review Conference

Financial reference amount: EUR 2,340,000

Duration: 36 months

Implementing Agency: UN Office for Disarmament Affairs
PROJECTS UNDER COUNCIL DECISION 2016/51/CFSP

1) SUPPORT FOR BTWC UNIVERSALISATION

2) INTERACTION WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL STAKEHOLDERS ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

3) CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT FOR BTWC IMPLEMENTATION

4) SUPPORT FOR THE INTERSESSIONAL PROGRAMME AND THE PREPARATIONS FOR THE EIGHTH REVIEW CONFERENCE

5) SUPPORT TO THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL’S MECHANISM FOR INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED USE OF CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL AND TOXIN WEAPONS (SGM)

6) ENABLING TOOLS FOR AWARENESS-RAISING, EDUCATION AND ENGAGEMENT.
PROJECT IV: IMPLEMENTED PROJECT ACTIVITIES PRIOR TO THE BTWC REVIEW CONFERENCE

FOUR REGIONAL WORKSHOPS ahead of the Eighth Review Conference in Astana, New Delhi, Brasilia and Addis Ababa

TWO SIDE-EVENTS EVENTS IN GENEVA, in April and November 2016

A SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME to support participation by national experts from 35 countries in the Preparatory Committee and Eighth Review Conference

RESEARCH STUDY on Enhancing the Consultation Provisions of Article V of the Biological Weapons Convention was used as the basis of an EU working paper to the Eighth Review Conference (as BWC/CONF.VIII/WP.16)

TOTAL COST OF PROJECT IV IS ESTIMATED AT 430.000 EUR
PROJECT V: SUPPORT OT THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL'S MECHANISM

Co-funding of a basic UNSGM training course hosted by the Government of Australia in Canberra from 17-28 October 2016

Co-funding of an advanced training course in Umea, Sweden from 28 September to 3 October 2016

Co-funding of a specialised course on command and control in the UK from 5-9 December 2016

TOTAL COST OF PROJECT V IS ESTIMATED AT 250.000 EUR
NEXT PHASE:
ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR 2017
PROJECT I: SUPPORT FOR BTWC UNIVERSALISATION

PLANNED PROJECT ACTIVITIES

a) SiX IN-COUNTRY VISITS; Regions involved (Indicative): Africa, Asia, Caribbean. Possible locations include Fiji, Togo, Kenya

b) A REGIONAL TWO-DAY STAKEHOLDERS UNIVERSALISATION WORKSHOP FOR AFRICA. Focus activities will be awareness-raising among national stakeholders and the establishment of national coordination mechanisms.

c) SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME FOR ATTENDING BTWC MEETINGS OR OTHER RELEVANT EVENTS. The project will allow relevant officials from 6 States not party to the BTWC to travel to Geneva to participate in meetings.

TOTAL COST OF PROJECT I IS ESTIMATED AT 76.000 EUR
PROJECT II: INTERACTION WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL STAKEHOLDERS ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

PLANNED PROJECT ACTIVITIES

a) A MAXIMUM OF FIVE REGIONAL WORKSHOPS ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ISSUES AND ON BIOSAFETY AND BIOSECURITY

b) ESTABLISHMENT OF A VIRTUAL NETWORK OF EXPERTS

TOTAL COST OF PROJECT II IS ESTIMATED AT 205,000 EUR
PROJECT III: CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT FOR BTWC IMPLEMENTATION

PLANNED PROJECT ACTIVITIES

a) **UP TO TEN EXTENDED ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMES** including structured Action Plans tailored for the beneficiary countries and comprising:
   - Two national workshops
   - Two in-country assistance visits
   - One sponsored training visit to an EU capital or Geneva for one relevant official

**Regions involved:** Asia, Africa, Latin America

- Broad interest from BWC State Parties. The ISU received 27 applications.
- Selected 10 countries: Cameroon, Colombia, Cote d’Ivoire, Iraq, Malawi, Malaysia, Sierra Leone, Yemen, Lebanon and Nepal
- Other relevant assistance providers, such as the EU CBRN Centres OF Excellence, UN Regional Centres for Peace and Disarmament, UNSCR 1540 Group of Experts, will be engaged to ensure coordinated implementation and make use of synergies.
PROJECT III: CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT FOR BTWC IMPLEMENTATION

PLANNED PROJECT ACTIVITIES (cont.)

b) WORKSHOP FOR EXPERTS FROM 28 EU MEMBER STATES AND FROM RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

before the start of the first extended assistance programmes, in order to discuss best practices as well as coordination/interaction with other assistance providers - being held TODAY.

TOTAL COST OF PROJECT III IS ESTIMATED AT 368.000 EUR
Remaining part of PROJECT IV: SUPPORT FOR THE INTERSESSIONAL PROGRAMME AND PREPARATIONS FOR THE EIGHT REVIEW CONFERENCE

A PEER REVIEW EXERCISE:

Voluntary transparency measure to enhance confidence in compliance.

To be organised by Morocco in May 2017.
PROJECT VI: ENABLING TOOLS FOR AWARENESS-RAISING, EDUCATION AND ENGAGEMENT

PLANNED PROJECT ACTIVITIES

1) DEVELOPMENT OF A WEB-BASED EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE about biological weapons and biosecurity for students and teachers

2) TRANSLATION OF BWC WEBSITE from English to other four official languages of the BTWC (Arabic, Chinese, Russian and Spanish)

3) PRODUCTION OF ENABLING TOOLS PRODUCED UNDER PREVIOUS JOINT ACTIONS AND COUNCIL DECISION.
   a) Revision of the guide to the CBMs: produced in English and translated into the other official languages under the previous Council Decision
   b) Completion of a guide on national implementation: foreseen by the previous Council Decision

TOTAL COST OF PROJECT VI IS ESTIMATED AT 95,000 EUR
THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION

QUESTIONS?