

Project Fact Sheet

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Implementation of the EU CBRN CoE Competition in the SEEE Region

Context

The overall objective is to implement, as a pilot project, the EU CBRN Centres of Excellence (CoE) competition in the South East and Eastern Europe (SEEE) region to promote scientists and engineers with practical, locally feasible, innovative, science and technology-based solutions of CBRN technologies related risk mitigation problems of direct relevance to their country and the Region.

Objectives

1. Solicit a number of quality projects with CBRN technologies related based application as competition entries.
2. Foster the links between the academic and business environments in close relationship with existing local innovation ecosystem aiming at moving innovative solutions to market.
3. Select, award and promote regional innovative solutions in CBRN risk mitigation.
4. Strengthen the capacities of all finalists in pitching investors for other public and private funding programmes.
5. Increase the visibility of the EU CBRN CoE initiative.
6. Promote inter-regional collaborations and practical solutions in CBRN risk mitigation.

Main Activities

1. Prepare an information package to be presented at universities/R&D centres and local existing innovation intermediaries.
2. Design and use a reliable, transparent and monitorable process describing each stage and the criterion to score and rank the projects by neutral peer reviewers.
3. Publish a call for proposal; Analyse proposals and select up to 10 finalists to attend a “new to entrepreneurship accelerated programme” during a Boot Camp.
4. Organize a 7 days Boot Camp where the finalists will receive hands-on training from start-up and business experts, followed by the competition itself (pitch to a Selection Committee).
5. Select up to 3 winners who will receive a monetary award combined with support to develop a roadmap for further business development.
6. Involve the EU private sector as well as innovation experts from the SEEE Region to provide in-kind services to the 3 winners.
7. Monitor results, extract lessons-learned, and develop the concept of a *global* EU CBRN CoE competition to be held regularly in the majority of the CoE Regions.