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Project 61: SEACHEM – Sound Management of Chemicals and their Associated Wastes in Southeast Asia (NO IFS/2017/385-130)

SEACHEM - A new EU-funded Project relating to Chemical Safety and Security gets underway in Southeast Asia.

In the framework of the European Union (EU) Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) Risk Mitigation Centres of Excellence (CoE) Initiative, the 3 years project number 61 entitled “*Sound management of chemicals and their associated wastes in Southeast Asia – SEACHEM*” has started visiting the 10 partner countries in Southeast Asia for first Fact-Finding Visits (FFV).

Visits to date have encompassed, Brunei Darussalam, Malaysia and Singapore (November 2017), Myanmar and Cambodia (January 2018), Vietnam and Lao PDR Feb 2018). Visits to Thailand and the Philippines are taking place during the week commencing on the 7th of May 2018.

The aim of the FFVs is to gain a better understanding of the needs and interests of the partner countries in relation to the scope of activities of the project. During these visits, a team of experts, led by Sustainable Criminal Justice Solutions (SCJS) of the United Kingdom, meets and establishes a working relationship with national representatives of the partner countries. The visits may include visits to sites of interest in the management of chemicals and chemical waste. This information will serve to establish the basis of the project work plan, in close coordination with the CBRN CoE National Focal Point of each country.

The CBRN CoE Project 61 has a variety of objectives: Firstly, it aims to strengthen relevant national legal frameworks in relation to the sound management of chemicals and their wastes. Secondly, it will work to enhance each country's capacity for the prevention of chemical incidents, including safety and security aspects. Furthermore, it will endeavour to develop the region's capacity for mobile detection and chemical testing laboratories. Finally, measures will also be developed or strengthened to enhance the response capacity to chemical incidents at a regional level along with measures to enhance the region's recovery capacity after a large chemical incident.

The CBRN CoE P61 Consortium partners include Public Health England (PHE), the international Verification Research, Training and Information Centre (VERTIC), Slovakia's International Security and Emergency Management Institute (ISEMI) and the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM) of the Netherlands.

For more information: *P61 Website:* <https://www.cbrn-project61.com/>



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