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**“Strengthening of CBRN Medical Preparedness and Response Capabilities in SEEE countries”  
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In the majority of South Eastern and Eastern European (SEEE) countries, otherwise well trained

- first-line medical and paramedical responders and
- second-line hospital emergency staff and emergency medical managers

may not have the skills and knowledge to respond to a Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear (CBRN) event.

What if we could create or improve a forum for all players to address these problems?

Then we could work together in the following areas:

- Enhance the capacity of selected CBRN Emergency Medical Training Centres through the provision of CBRN equipment.
- Train SEEE Master Trainers in CBRN Emergency Medical Preparedness and Response
- Support the Master Trainers when they run training courses in their own countries.
- Standardise SEEE procedures for CBRN Emergency Medical Preparedness and Response
- Run workshops, seminars and exercises to test capabilities.
- And finally, we could explore regional opportunities to work together to strengthen and empower CBRN Emergency Medical Preparedness and Response in SEEE.

On 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021, The P88 Team hosted an on-line kick-off meeting with the SEEE CBRN CoE Regional Secretariat and the national representatives of Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, North Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, and Ukraine. This 4-year project was received enthusiastically. Bilateral meetings will take place during the next few months.

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