

Draft CEN Workshop Business Plan

“CBRN – Education, Training and Exercises” (CWA XXX “CBRN/ETE”)

* To be / approved at the Kick-off meeting on 2011-05-16

1 Background to the CEN Workshop

This CWA is related to the CATCH project, short for CBRN Advanced Training Curriculum The Hague. The CATCH project intends to develop for the European market that will address all requirements.

This project aims at meeting the demand for specifications for the education, training and exercising of first responders to CBRN incidents. To this end, this Workshop on Education, training and exercises (ETE) is created for the implementation of the results of the CATCH project and to get support from a larger group of stakeholders.

This project is not related to European, national or international regulations. Existing standards and standard related activities and documents are listed at Annex A.

Stakeholders' categories are, amongst others, companies and institutions dealing with CBRN risks, such as emergency services, small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs), large industrial enterprises, international and national organisations, and research and education institutes.

Concrete stakeholders who expressed their needs and their commitment to develop this CWA are the members of the “CATCH consortium, coordinated by IB Consultancy and consists of a mixture of SMEs, large industrial enterprises, international and national organisations and research and education institutes. The partners are Hot Zone Solutions Benelux BV, Thales UK, Prometech BV, the Netherlands Institute for Standardization (NEN), the international Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons OPCW, and the Netherlands Institute of International Relations Clingendael.

2 Workshop proposers and Workshop participants

The original proposers of the Workshop are

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Registered participants to the Workshop will be listed in Annex B in a later version of the BP.

3 Workshop scope and objectives

This project aims at describing the knowledge and skills specifications for personnel, dealing with CBRN incidents, in prevention, preparedness, response and recovery.

The specifications will be listed in separate sections for education, training and exercises.

The workshop will focus on:

- a common understanding of the CBRN risks among all stakeholders;
- a common understanding of the different tasks and responsibilities in the different, separate, joint but always co-ordinated actions. The specifications will focus on this co-ordinated and risk-based approach;
- a description of the competences required by the different emergency services in their co-ordinated actions, in preparedness, response and recovery.

The resulting CWA will be distributed and disseminated through the CEN system.

4 Workshop programme

The entire project will be conducted in English.

The Workshop will produce one single CEN Workshop Agreement. The duration of the work is estimated to 18 months.

Tentative timetable

2011-03-01 Announcement of the CWA

2011-05-16 KO meeting at NEN, Delft

2011-09-12 first working draft available

2011-10-12 Discussion on 1st draft

2011-11-15 2nd working draft available

2011-12-15 Discussion on 2nd draft

2012-02-01 Public draft CWA for final comments to WS participants

2012-03-01 Draft CWA in the CEN website (comment period 60 days, optional*)

2012-05-16 Examination of the comments on the draft

2012-06-30 Final version to the WS participants

2012-09-30 Publication of the CWA

A first preliminary draft of the table of contents for the future CWA is currently in development and will be circulated among the participants to the KO meeting. After this meeting, the drafting of the table of contents will be part of the CEN Workshop activities.

* In accordance with the CEN rules for the development of a CWA, a commenting period of 60 days will be carried out as the intention is for the CWA(s) to be used in support of a public policy interest. Even though this project is not financed by the European Commission, knowing the fact that especially the end-users are hard to get involved, the decision on this public comment will be asked during the KO meeting.

In case this comment phase is accepted, registration to this Workshop is possible until the comment phase.

5 Workshop structure

The workshop will be conducted by a Chairman to be elected at the kick-off meeting. A vice-chairman will also be elected. The secretariat will be held by NEN.

6 Resource requirements

All costs related to the participation of interested parties in the Workshop's activities have to be borne by themselves.

The main costs of the secretariat are covered by the Catch consortium.

Other stakeholders who wish to register for participation in the Workshop will be required to pay a fee of 2000 euro to cover part of the costs of the secretariat (NEN).

7 Related activities, liaisons, etc.

CEN/TC 391 "Societal and citizen security" has expressed a strong interest in standardization in the field of CBRN. Currently, there are no work related items in CEN/TC 391. If any new work item related to CBRN emerges during the development of the proposed CWA, a cooperation will be sought.

ISO/TC 223 "Societal security" deals with emergency response and will also be informed.

These TCs will be informed about the activities and asked to inform the stakeholders about the possibility to participate.

Participants in the CWA "CBRN – Risk assessment, risk awareness and risk management" may also be interested in this CWA.

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Annexes:

- A Existing standards and standard related activities and documents**
- B Registered participants to the CEN Workshop**

Annex A

Existing standards and standard related activities and documents

- CWA 15793:2008 - Laboratory Biorisk management & Security
- CWA 16106:2010 : PPE for CBRN Hazards
- CWA 16107: 2010 - Emergency Services Capability Framework
- WS 53 : Biosafety Professional Competence (BSP) (not published yet)
- COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION, 15505/1/09 REV 1 - Council conclusions on strengthening chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear (CBRN) security in the European Union - an EU CBRN Action Plan, Brussels, 12 November 2009.

Annex B

Registered participants to the CEN/Workshop

To be completed after the KO meeting