

## PROJECT INFORMATION

### Establishment of key elements of national systems for a sound management of chemicals in selected countries

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Assessment of chemical products safety

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#### Background

Setting a system for a sound management of chemicals is a priority in Belarus, Georgia and Kazakhstan for protecting the populations' health and the environment from negative impact of chemicals. Further, such systems facilitate trading and are basic for fulfilling obligation of international agreements and for achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals. The participating countries expressed their strong political commitment to improve the national chemicals management.

#### Project details

In Belarus, Georgia and Kazakhstan, the foundations were laid for important elements of national chemical management systems. Roadmaps were written for the development, establishment and application of the systems, which were tailor-made to the existing conditions in the respective countries. These Roadmaps will be followed up in the partner countries after the end of the project and national implementation will be discussed further. Through national and international trainings, a solid transfer of knowledge took place during the project period, which will continue to have an effect in the years to come. As a cornerstone of stable chemicals management, the necessary digital infrastructure was created, which offers the technical and methodological prerequisites for the collection and exchange of substance data. This led to a strengthened cross-sectoral cooperation of stakeholders and a long-term improvement of the legal, technical and personnel situation. With the establishment of a chemicals register in the participating countries, the national implementation of international conventions on health and environmental protection was promoted and the Globally Harmonised System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) was applied.

At the end of the project, numerous other countries expressed their interest in using the results achieved in this project to set up their own national chemical management systems.

**Target countries:** Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan

**Duration:** 01/2018 – 03/2021

**Beneficiaries:** Republican Scientific Practical Centre for Hygiene, Belarus; National Centre for Disease Control and Public Health, Georgia; National Centre of Expertise, Kazakhstan

**Implementing organisation:** World Health Organisation (WHO) through its Regional Office for Europe

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