EU Cooperation in Export Control of Dual-Use Goods

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OBJECTIVE:
Programme under the Instrument for Stability to fulfill the trade control related obligations of UNSCR 1540

APPROACH:
Tailored cooperation within the 5 key areas of export control (legal, licensing, customs/enforcement, awareness, sanctions/penalties)
ACHIEVEMENTS - SOME EXAMPLES

- Project support played an important role in helping Albania set up its export control authority.

- EU experts have consulted on draft export control laws for countries in Southeast Europe seeking to meet the legal requirements for EU accession.

- Project activities have supported the transition to a single control list, e.g. in Ukraine.

- Project has actively supported the implementation of Malaysia’s Strategic Trade Act 2010 with capacity-building activities in various areas.

- An ongoing dialogue with China at a working level on export control issues has been established.
CHALLENGES

- Dealing with the political implications and issues related to export control
- Getting the project off the ground
- Navigating through political instability
- Finding a spokesperson for the project in the partner country → sustainability
LESSONS LEARNED

- Usefulness of a guided tailored approach
- Success is based on an ongoing and open dialogue with stakeholders at different working and political levels
- Understanding the underlying cultural and political values is as important as grasping technicalities
- Increasing the strength of the network of donors and experts helps support the work done in individual projects and to identify synergies
WAY FORWARD

- Continued expansion of regional cooperation with partner countries under the CBRN Centres of Excellence initiative

- Building national and regional capacities and capabilities

- More focused and targeted activities – where can we have the greatest impact?

- Increasing coordination with other donors – more joint activities and convergence of expertise