



CONTACT – Enhancing capacities to prevent the trafficking of RN material



The CONTACT initiative: RATIONALE

- Countering RN terrorism high in the agenda of the international community
- Detection by intelligence crucial component in countering RN trafficking
- RN trafficking incidents often cross-border – need for effective regional cooperation and exchange of information



The CONTACT initiative: OBJECTIVES

- Improving capacities of State Security and law enforcement agencies to carry out intelligence operations to thwart RN trafficking attempts
 - Create a sustainable training system
 - Improve trainers' capability to deliver training
- Fostering regional cooperation and communication on RN trafficking investigations



The CONTACT initiative: ACTIVITIES

- Training for intelligence, law enforcement and nuclear regulatory authorities on countering RN trafficking
 - Creation of National Training Teams
 - National and regional Train-the-trainers' sessions + national training sessions
 - Involvement of local training institutions
 - Curriculum developed TOGETHER with partner countries
- Regional peer-to-peer workshops aimed at enhancing cooperation on countering RN trafficking
- Regional Table-top exercises



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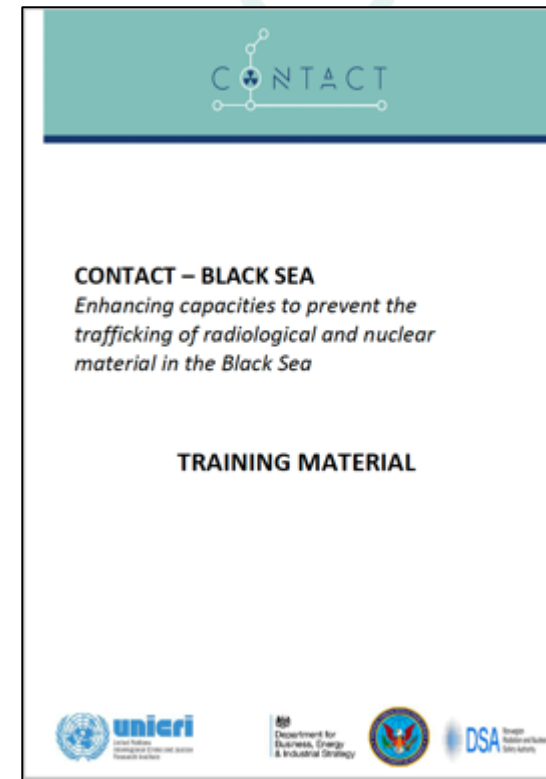
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The CONTACT curriculum

- Focus on **intelligence-led operations** to arrest RN smugglers
- 12 subject-matter modules, 6 training skills modules
- Sample topics:
 - Intelligence gathering (confidential informants, open source, SIGINT) and analysis/validation of intelligence information
 - Infiltrating undercover officers (UCs), development of cover stories
 - Safety, security and communication with UCs and informants
 - RN detection equipment for intelligence-led operations
 - Sting operations and arrest of smugglers



CONTACT training

- **Target group**

- **Practitioners/operatives** from relevant institutions (state security, law enforcement, nuclear regulatory authorities) with fitting experience on counter RN trafficking operations
- Focus on instructors and trainers **already working in this capacity**



ANALYSIS OF TRENDS

- Most cases are **NOT** related to smuggling over the border
- Most cases are related to **information alerts**
- Most of the material is seized from **DOMESTIC** criminal groups
- Criminals know that they are trading **radioactive material**



PREVENTION AND INTELIGENCE

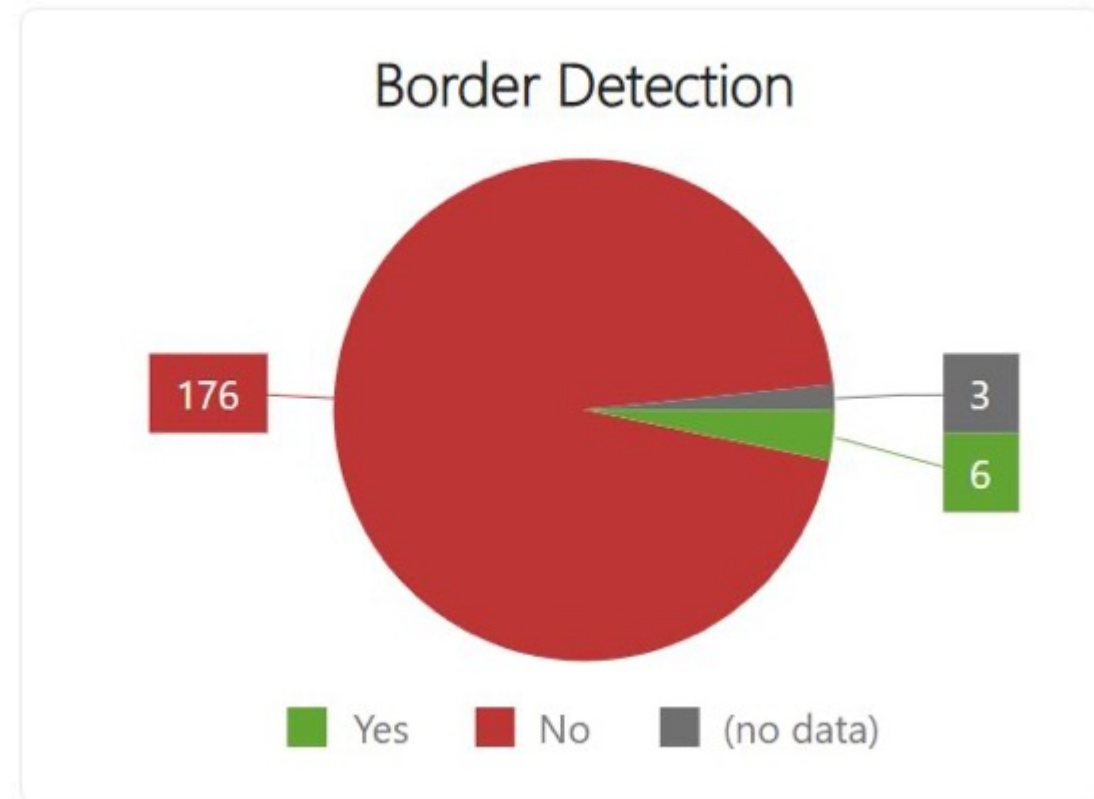
- Control of Black Market
- Efforts on information alarms
- Good understanding of subject matter and physics by Law Enforcement Agencies
- Distinguish between **Scam Cases** and **Genuine Material**



CONTACT: lessons learned

Intelligence operations and HUMINT essential in thwarting RN trafficking attempts
– shifting paradigm

- Monitoring black market
- Efforts on information alarms
- Solid understanding of subject matter and physics
- Distinguish between scam cases and genuine material



CONTACT: lessons learned

Intelligence vs. criminal intelligence: many agencies involved in collecting intel about RN smuggling:

- Foreign intelligence agencies
- State security services
- Criminal police
- Customs' intelligence units



CONTACT: lessons learned

Strong partnerships with national training institutions essential to build sustainable capacities

