CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPEAN
  TRAINING COURSE ON RISK
  ASSESSMENT OF LIVING MODIFIED
  ORGANISMS
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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the workshop:

    1.1. Welcoming remarks;

    1.2. Organization of work;

    1.3. Introduction of participants.

2. Overview of biosafety and the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety:

    2.1. History of the Protocol and main provisions;

    2.2. Techniques used in modern biotechnology;

    2.3. Synthetic biology and biosafety.

3. Risk assessment experiences in the region:

    3.1. Experience of Belarus with risk assessment and the regulatory system for living modified organisms;

    3.2. Presentations from participants: national experience with risk assessment and the application of the Cartagena Protocol;

    3.3. Tour of the Institute of Genetics and Cytology.

4. National biosafety frameworks:

    4.1 Competent national authorities, practices and principles;

    4.2. Expert advice and the role of risk assessors.

5. Overview of the risk assessment:

    5.1. Methodology;

    5.2. Overarching issues (quality and relevance of information, uncertainty);

    5.3. The planning phase (context and scope, assessment endpoints, choice of comparators);

    5.4. Conducting the risk assessment (identification of novel characteristics, evaluation of livelihood and consequences, estimation of the overall risk, acceptability of risk);

    5.5. Preparing a risk assessment report and recommendation.

6. Case studies:

    6.1. Presentation of case study 1 (plenary session to exemplify how to apply the risk assessment methodology);

    6.2. Presentation of case study 2 and practical session (break-out groups).

7. Resource mobilization and the Biosafety Clearing-House:

    7.1. Biosafety resource mobilization;

    7.2. Biosafety Clearing-House.

8. Conclusions and recommendations:

    8.1. Evaluation of the workshop;

    8.2. Closure of the workshop.

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