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**The CBSS Enhances Radiation Monitoring in the
Baltic Sea Region**

On 12-13 April 2011 the Expert Group on Nuclear and Radiation Safety of the Council of the Baltic Sea States (CBSS) gathered around thirty radiation experts from across the region for a *Topical Day* in Oslo to discuss best practices to monitor radioactive materials in the environment. A report with concrete recommendations on how to go forward will be published in June 2011 based on an extensive survey study done by the Expert Group and conclusions drawn from the *Topical Day*.

Radiation exists in the environment both naturally and due to human activities. There are many different monitoring programmes in place in the region, both national and international, to monitor radioactive materials in the air, soil, sea water, fresh water, food stuffs and drinking water.

A certain degree of harmonisation and interoperability of monitoring systems is a precondition for efficient sharing and analysing of information produced, especially regarding the management of an emergency situation.

The *Topical Day* recognized a number of possible short-term and longer-term improvements that can be achieved, and it also provided recommendations on priorities in monitoring programmes.

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