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## 1. Executive Summary

Following the discovery and notification of a potential Chemical, Biological and Radiological (CBR) incident and subsequent site assessment and initial sampling by a member state's emergency service, the nature and extent of contamination needs to be assessed. At this assessment stage it may be necessary to call upon the services of specialist suppliers. Specialist suppliers may also be needed at the decontamination verification and waste management (see Work Package 5 Deliverables 5.12 and 5.11 - Hale 2012 and Hale et al 2012) stages of an incident. Currently, in many member states, arranging the contract between specialist suppliers and the Responsible Authority (RA) is carried out at the time that services are required. This process can lead to delays in the timely provision of services at the contaminated site. In addition, prior knowledge of possible requirements and characteristics of a particular event could speed the decision making process and identify the necessary suppliers within a Framework Agreement.

To reduce the amount of time spent on contract procurement and negotiation at the outset of an incident, member states may wish to introduce pre-arranged framework agreements procured under EU rules as the basis for contracts with Responsible Authorities (RAs). Whilst the existence of framework agreements does not preclude the RA from contracting other specialist suppliers outside of the framework agreement, the agreements nevertheless provide a sound basis for contract negotiation.

Deliverable 7.3 under Work Package 7 (D7.3/WP7) provides a basis for the procurement of framework agreements in the form of a FRAMEWORK Agreement Manual.