

Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents

**joint work of the Bureaux of the
Industrial Accidents and Water
Conventions**

in 2009-2010

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- Strategy for the Joint Expert Group
- Priority task for the Group

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Strategy /1

- Developed by the Industrial Accidents Bureau in cooperation with the Water Bureau
- Adopted by the Industrial Accidents Bureau at its 15th meeting in Geneva (13-14 July 2009)
- Endorsed by the Meeting of the Parties to the Water Convention in Geneva (10-12 November 2009)

It specifies:

- JEG mission – to assist Parties to both Conventions in drawing up and implementing measures aimed at strengthening the prevention of and preparedness to accidental water pollution in transboundary context

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Strategy /2

It specifies:

- work arrangements
 - Step I – Bureaux to identify the demand
 - Step II – Bureaux to decide whether to activate JEG, kind of product, format of work, timeframe, budget
 - Step III – prepare a project proposal
 - Step IV – review the progress in work
- composition (Parties to both Conventions, but also non-Parties)
- chairmanships (co-chairing)
- Coordination between Bureau and secretariat

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Priority task /1

Workshop on joint management of transboundary emergencies involving international waterways (Slubice, PL, 8-10 Sept 2009) – outcome and recommendation in ECE/CP.TEIA/2010/8

Survey (questionnaire) carried out by the Bureau of the Water Convention between Water Convention's Parties – outcome contained in WGIWRM/2010/Inf.5

The outcome – demand exists for a development of a checklist/methodology for harmonized contingency planning for accidents with a potential impacts on transboundary watercourses

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Priority task /2

Expertise for addressing the identified demand with JEG
– joint teleconference of the Bureaux 28 Sept 2010

The implementation plan for the JEG task was developed and approved by both Bureaux

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Priority task /3

Seven steps work

- Step 1 – elections of chairs for co-leading the activity, **CoP-6 can elect the IA chair from countries interested to lead this activity**
- Step 2 – engagement of a group of 10 persons (experts equally on IA and Water); membership to be reviewed by the Bureuax, engagement of a consultant
- Step 3 – review of existing material and preparation of a extended outline & main content for the checklist/methodology

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Priority task /4

Seven steps work (continued)

- Step 4 – session on the contingency planning at the Sandoz 25 year after seminar, discussion on outline & main issues, JEG meeting to sketch the further advancing of the checklist/methodology
- Step 5 – preparation of a testing version of checklist/methodology

TESTING as part of separate projects

- Step 6 – revision of the checklist/methodology on the basis of the results of the tests
- Step 7 – checklist/methodology presented for discussion/endorsement by MoP & CoP

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Priority task

Budget – estimated at approx. 40,000 USD

No funding is yet available. The Bureaux should take relevant steps to ensure the required funding.