

# Subregional workshop for Eastern Europe and Caucasus on industrial accident prevention:

## *Chemicals management, identification and notification of industrial hazardous activities*

Minsk, 11 – 13 April 2017

### Agenda

#### Objectives

1. To familiarize the countries in Eastern Europe and Caucasus with the UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents in order to enhance industrial safety, safeguard human health and the environment and enhance sub-regional cooperation
2. To increase the expert and administrative capacity in the area of identification and notification of hazardous activities, in line with Annex I of the Convention, aligned with the Globally Harmonized System for the Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS)
3. To increase the awareness of the countries in Eastern Europe and Caucasus with regards to the sustainable development agenda, including the Sustainable Development Goals and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030.

11 April 2017

- 10:00 – 10:05**      **Welcome statement by a representative of Belarus**  
*(Mr. Alexandre Kudrashov, Head, Department for Supervision of Industrial Safety, Ministry of Emergency Situations)*
- 10:05 – 10:10**      **Welcome statement by a representative of UNDP Country Office**  
*(Mr. Igar Tchoulba, Programme Officer, Energy & Environment, UNDP Belarus)*
- 10:10 – 10:15**      **Welcome statement on behalf of the UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents**  
*(Ms. Jasmina Karba, Chair of the Industrial Accidents Convention)*

Session 1: Setting the scene

*(Chaired by Ms. Jasmina Karba, Chair of the Industrial Accidents Convention)*

- 10:15 – 10:25**      **Introduction to the workshop**  
*(Ms. Liza Rubach, UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention secretariat)*
- 10:25 – 10:35**      **The Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents – scope and main requirements**  
*(Ms. Claudia Kamke, UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention secretariat)*
- 10:35 – 10:45**      **Questions and answers**
- 10:45 – 11:05**      **The UN Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (GHS) and linkages with the Industrial Accidents Convention**  
*(Ms. Rosa Garcia Couto, Secretary of Subcommittee of experts on the GHS, UNECE Transport Division)*
- 11:05 – 11:15**      **Questions and answers**
- 11:15 – 11:30**      **Coffee Break**
- 11:30 – 12:00**      **Classification of hazardous substances according to the GHS and exchange of information on the hazardous properties of chemicals through the supply chain**  
*(Ms. Rosa Garcia Couto, Secretary of Subcommittee of experts on the GHS, UNECE Transport Division)*
- 12:00 – 12:10**      **Questions and answers**

<b>12:10 – 12:20</b>	<b>Identification of hazardous activities in Belarus</b> <i>(Representative of Belarus)</i>
<b>12:20 – 12:30</b>	<b>Questions and answers</b>
<b>12:30 – 14:00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>
<b>14:00 – 14:10</b>	<b>Identification of hazardous activities in Republic of Moldova</b> <i>(Representative of Republic of Moldova)</i>
<b>14:10 – 14:20</b>	<b>Questions and answers</b>
<b>14:20 – 14:30</b>	<b>Identification of hazardous activities in Ukraine</b> <i>(Representative of Ukraine)</i>
<b>14:30 – 14:40</b>	<b>Questions and answers</b>
<b>14:40 – 14:50</b>	<b>Identification of hazardous activities in Armenia</b> <i>(Representative of Armenia)</i>
<b>14:50 – 15:00</b>	<b>Questions and answers</b>
<b>15:00 – 15:10</b>	<b>Identification of hazardous activities in Azerbaijan</b> <i>(Representative of Azerbaijan)</i>
<b>15:10 – 15:20</b>	<b>Questions and answers</b>
<b>15:20 – 15:40</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>15:40 – 15:50</b>	<b>Identification of hazardous activities in Georgia</b> <i>(Representative of Georgia)</i>
<b>15:50 – 16:00</b>	<b>Questions and answers</b>
<b>16:00 – 16:30</b>	<b>Discussion on next steps towards improving the national capacities for identification of hazardous activities</b> <i>(moderated by Ms. Jasmina Karba, Chair of the Industrial Accidents Convention)</i>
<b>16:30 – 16:45</b>	<b>Conclusions and closure of Day 1</b>
<b>19:30</b>	<b>Welcome Dinner hosted by UNECE</b> <i>(Hotel Minsk)</i>

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Session 2: Classification of hazardous substances in the context of the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention

*(Chaired by Ms. Jasmina Karba, Chair of the Industrial Accidents Convention)*

**09:00 – 09:20** Identification of hazardous activities with transboundary impact – location criteria

*(Ms. Liza Rubach, UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention secretariat)*

**09:20 – 10:20** Practical exercise for the countries in Eastern Europe and Caucasus on classification of hazardous substances and identification of hazardous activities

**10:20 – 11:00** Presentation of the outcome of the exercise and discussion

*(Ms. Rosa Garcia Couto, Secretary of Subcommittee of experts on the GHS, UNECE Transport Division and Ms. Liza Rubach, UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention secretariat)*

**11:00 – 11:15** **Coffee break**

**11:15 – 11:35** Example of cooperation between national competent authorities responsible for chemicals management and industrial accident prevention, preparedness and response

*(Ms. Parvoleta Luleva, Ministry of Environment and Water, Bulgaria)*

**11:35 – 11:45** Questions & Answers

Session 3: Joint Research Centre: EU science hub and its work related to industrial accidents prevention

*(Chaired by Ms. Claudia Kamke, UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention secretariat)*

**11:45 – 12:00** Presentation of the ECHO-JRC Seveso ENPI capacity-building project

*(Ms. Zsuzsanna Gyenes, MAHB JRC)*

**12:00 – 12:15** Natech risk assessment and management

*(Ms. Elisabeth Krausmann, TechRisk JRC)*

**12:15 – 12:30** Questions & Answers

**12:30 – 14:00** **Lunch Break**

## Session 4: Identification of hazardous activities with potential transboundary impacts

*(Chaired by Ms. Parvoleta LULEVA, Ministry of Environment and Water, Bulgaria)*

- 14:00 – 14:20**            **Structure and recent changes of Annex I of the Convention**  
*(Ms. Claudia Kamke, UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention secretariat)*
- 14:20 – 14:30**            **Questions and answers**
- 14:30 – 14:50**            **Example of identification of hazardous activities in Hungary**  
*(Mr. Lajos Kátai-Urbán, Head of Department of Industrial Safety, National University of Public Service, Institute of Disaster Management, Hungary)*
- 14:50 – 15:10**            **Identification of Hazardous Activities with Potential for Transboundary Effects - example of Slovenia**  
*(Ms. Jasmina Karba, Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning, Slovenia)*
- 15:10 – 15:20**            **Questions and answers**
- 15:20 – 15:40**            **Discussion on national procedures for identification of hazardous activities and cooperation between national competent authorities responsible for chemicals management and industrial accident prevention, preparedness and response**  
*(Moderated by Ms. Parvoleta Luleva, Ministry of Environment and Water, Bulgaria)*
- 15:40 – 15:55**            **Coffee break**
- 15:55 – 16:15**            **Voluntary extension on the basis of consequence and risk assessment in Switzerland and transboundary consultations**  
*(Mr. Raphaël Gonzalez, Federal Department of the Environment, Transport, Energy and Communications, Switzerland)*
- 16:15 – 16:25**            **Questions and answers**
- 16:25 – 16:40**            **Using simplified tools for estimation of negative effects of industrial accidents**  
*(Mr. Brian Shay, Joint UNEP/OCHA Environment Unit)*
- 16:40 – 16:50**            **Questions and answers**
- 16:50 – 17:00**            **Conclusions and closure of Day 2**
- 17:00**                      **Bus tour of Minsk**
- 19:00**                      **Dinner hosted by Belarus**

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Session 5: Notification of hazardous activities

*(Chaired by Ms. Jasmina Karba, Chair of the Industrial Accidents Convention)*

- 10:00 – 10:15 Notification of hazardous activities from the Convention perspective  
*(Ms. Liza Rubach, UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention secretariat)*
- 10:15 – 10:30 Notification of hazardous activities – practical implementation and good practices on the example of Bulgaria  
*(Ms. Parvoleta Luleva, Ministry of Environment and Water, Bulgaria)*
- 10:30 – 10:45 Questions and answers
- 10:45 – 11:35 Discussion on the development of common procedures and future steps for notification of hazardous activities and transboundary cooperation in Eastern Europe and Caucasus  
*(Moderated by Ms. Jasmina Karba, Chair of the Industrial Accidents Convention)*
- 11:35 – 11:55 **Coffee break**

Session 6: Prevention of, Preparedness for and Response to Natural and Man-made Disasters:

EU-led initiative for Eastern Europe and the Caucasus

*(Chaired by Ms. Liza Rubach, UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention secretariat )*

- 11:55 – 12:15 Presentation of the EU-funded Flagship Initiative increasing disaster risk management capacities in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine  
*(Mr. Sergej Anagnosti, PPRD East 2 Office)*
- 12:15 – 12:30 Questions and answers
- 12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch Break**
- 13:30 – 14:30 **Guided Tour of the University of Civil Protection of the Ministry of Emergency Situations**

Session 7: 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk

Reduction 2015–2030 – linkages with the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention and the

work of partner organizations

*(Chaired by Ms. Jasmina Karba, Chair of the Industrial Accidents Convention)*

- 14:30 – 14:45**      **2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and its Sustainable Development Goals, and Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030 – relevance to and linkages with the Industrial Accidents Convention**  
*(Ms. Claudia Kamke, UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention secretariat)*
- 14:45 – 14:55**      **Questions & Answers**
- 14:55 – 15:10**      **The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) – fostering environmental protection through the implementation of the SDGs and Sendai commitments**  
*(Mr. Luca Rossi, Programme Manager, UNISDR)*
- 15:10 – 15:15**      **Questions & Answers**
- 15:15 – 15:30**      **The Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) – Advocacy for the reduction of environmental and security risk**  
*(Ms. Nino Malashkhia, Associate Environmental Affairs Officer, OSCE)*
- 15:30 – 15:35**      **Questions & Answers**
- 15:35 – 15:50**      **Coffee break**
- 15:50 – 16:05**      **Discussion on challenges and opportunities with regard to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as well as the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030, and the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention**  
*(moderated by Ms. Jasmina Karba, Chair of the Industrial Accidents Convention)*
- 16:05 – 16:30**      **Conclusions and closure of the workshop**
- 19:00**              **Farewell Dinner hosted by Belarus**

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