

Objectives of the seminar

Present real case studies that showcase practical examples of cooperation and coordination between land-use planners and industrial safety experts, including in a transboundary context.

Bring together land-use planning and industrial safety experts to share experiences and learn from different countries' practices.

Highlight the good practices and lessons learned in coordinating land-use planning and industrial safety in practice.

Identify ways to improve integration of the two communities (within and between countries).

Promote the implementation of the 'Guidance on Land-Use Planning, the Siting of Hazardous Activities and Related Safety Aspects'.

Improve the understanding and effective implementation of the provisions of the Industrial Accidents Convention and other relevant legal instruments.

Raise awareness of the linkages to the 'Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030' and the role of International Financial Institutions.

Review the conclusions and recommendations of previous workshops and seminars on land-use planning and industrial safety.



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the UNECE Committee on Housing and Land Management,
the Government of Flanders (Belgium), and the European
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Seminar on Land-Use Planning and Industrial Safety



The seminar will bring together land-use planners and industrial safety experts (including authorities, consultants, industry representatives and experts in related fields) from UNECE countries, to discuss experiences, challenges and opportunities in this area. Countries from beyond the UNECE region are also invited to attend. The expected number of participants is between 80-100.

The participants will have the opportunity to establish contacts and engage in the interactive components of the seminar, which will include a video, panel discussions and a role play. The seminar will be held in English. Interpretation into French and Russian will be provided.

Register at: <https://www.unece.org/index.php?id=47225>

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Agenda – Day 1 (May 16th, 2018), 09:30 – 18:10

Registration of participants / Welcome coffee: 08:30 – 09:30

SESSION 1

9:30-13:00	Introductions and Setting the Scene: the benefits of enhanced coordination between land-use planning and industrial safety <i>Chair: Mr. Peter Cabus, Secretary-General, Government of Flanders (Belgium)</i>
09:30 – 10:00	Welcoming statements <i>Mr. Peter Cabus, Secretary-General, Government of Flanders (Belgium)</i> <i>Mr. Sergiusz Ludwiczak, Deputy Director, Environment Division, UNECE</i> <i>Speaker TBC, European Investment Bank</i>
10:00 – 10:15	Land-use planning, siting decisions and industrial safety – Key tools for managing disaster risks under the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction <i>Ms. Jasmina Karba, Slovenia, Chair of the Conference of the Parties, UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention</i>
10:15 – 10:25	Setting the scene: Objectives of the seminar and conclusions from previous seminars on land-use planning and industrial safety <i>Ms. Franziska Hirsch, UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention</i>
10:25 – 10:35	Seminar overview and introductory video <i>Ms. Rebecca Wardle, Consultant to UNECE and the European Investment Bank</i>
10:35 – 10:50	The EIB's Economic Resilience Initiative and disaster recovery projects <i>Mr. Bartholomew Judd, European Investment Bank</i>
10:50 – 11:05	The challenges for housing and land management in the context of industrial safety <i>Ms. Amie Figueiredo, UNECE Committee on Housing and Land Management</i>
11:05 – 11:35	Coffee / tea break
11:35 – 12:05	Key topics and recommendations from the UNECE publication: 'Guidance on Land-Use Planning, the Siting of Hazardous Activities, and related Safety Aspects' <i>Ms. Vesna Kolar Planinšič, Slovenia, Chair of the Working Group on EIA & SEA</i> and <i>Mr. Lorenzo van Wijk, Consultant, Risk Integrated Solutions And Technology Ltd</i>
12:05 – 12:20	Land-use and spatial planning for disaster risk reduction, and the 'Making cities resilient' campaign <i>Mr. Abhilash Panda, Regional Office for Europe, UNISDR</i>
12:20 – 12:35	The impacts of natural and man-made disasters on the sustainability of settlements, and the 'New Urban Agenda' <i>Speaker TBC, UN-HABITAT</i>
12:35 – 12:50	Comparison of spatial planning in different countries <i>Ms. Katrien Debeuckelaere, Government of Flanders (Belgium)</i>
12:50 – 13:00	Questions from the audience <i>Moderated by Mr. Peter Cabus, Government of Flanders (Belgium)</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break

SESSION 2

14:00 – 16:20	Planning and decision-making on development proposals near existing hazardous facilities – good practices and lessons learned <i>Chair: Mr. Bartholomew Judd, European Investment Bank</i>
14:00 – 14:20	Presentation 1 Major accident prevention coordination, spatial planning and development protection measures for large-scale mixed-use development projects Switzerland <i>Mr. Pascal Stofer, State of Geneva Major Accidents Sector</i>
14:20 – 14:40	Presentation 2 How to deal with residential areas and areas of public use in the vicinity of Seveso establishments Belgium <i>Ms. Lina Grooten, Government of Flanders</i>
14:40 – 15:00	Presentation 3 Urban regeneration in the aftermath of the Baia Mare cyanide spill – the EU UIA C-BREATH proposal Romania <i>Mr. Pietro Elisei, URBASOFIA</i>
15:00 – 15:20	Presentation 4 Land-use planning around existing hazardous facilities – communicating the risks to the public, and coordination between local planners, national authorities and operators Norway <i>Mr. Jan G. Røed, Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection</i>
15:20 – 15:50	Panel discussion Development protection measures for new proposals near existing hazardous facilities – how authorities can enhance the safety of communities surrounding hazardous facilities, and challenges in implementation <i>Moderated by Mr. Bartholomew Judd, European Investment Bank</i> <i>Panellists: Mr. P. Stofer (Switzerland), Ms. L. Grooten (Flanders, Belgium), Mr. P. Elisei (Romania), Mr. J. Røed (Norway), Ms. K. Debeuckelaere (Flanders, Belgium), Mr. T. Kyriacou (Cyprus)</i>
15:50 – 16:20	Coffee / tea break

SESSION 3

16:20 – 18:10	How the technical aspects of industrial safety can be better understood and integrated into the planning context: challenges, opportunities and linkages to the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 <i>Chair: Mr. Abhilash Panda, UNISDR</i>
16:20 – 16:40	Presentation 5 Making risk related technical data more accessible to planners United Kingdom <i>Ms. Rachel McCann, Health & Safety Executive (HSE)</i>
16:40 – 17:00	Presentation 6 Societal risk models and dynamic spatial planning for new developments near existing hazardous facilities Denmark <i>Mr. Peter Wade, Municipality of Vejle</i>
17:00 – 17:20	Presentation 7 Land-use planning and industrial safety coordination and cooperation Russian Federation <i>Speaker TBC</i>
17:20 – 17:40	Presentation 8 PPRT land use planning tool for managing disaster risks associated with upper threshold Seveso facilities France <i>Ms. Marie Gennesseaux, Ministry of Ecological and Solidarity Transition</i>
17:40 – 18:10	Panel discussion The targets and priorities under the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction – helping to bridge the gap between planning and industrial safety <i>Moderated by Mr. A. Panda, UNISDR</i> <i>Panellists: Ms. R. McCann (UK), Mr. P. Wade (Denmark), TBC (Russian Federation), Ms. M. Gennesseaux (France), Ms. S. Vieira (Portugal)</i>
18:30 – 19:30	Evening event Guided historic walk in the city of Mechelen, followed by Dinner at Grand Café Lamot (19:30 - 21:30)

Agenda – Day 2 (May 17th, 2018), 08:30 – 16:00

SESSION 4

08:30 – 12:00	Land-use planning and accident prevention in a transboundary context <i>Chair: Ms. Jasmina Karba, Slovenia, Chair of the Conference of the Parties, UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention</i>
08:30 – 08:40	Recap, key points and clarifications from Day 1 <i>Ms. Jasmina Karba, Slovenia, Chair of the Conference of the Parties, UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention</i>
08:40 – 09:00	Presentation 9 Decision-making processes and the challenges of cross-border land-use planning Germany <i>Mr. Klaus Eberhardt, Lord Mayor – City of Rheinfelden (Baden)</i>
09:00 – 09:20	Presentation 10 Challenges and opportunities for planning and industrial safety of large-scale port operations, including coordination across borders Republic of Moldova <i>Ms. Svetlana Stirbu, ICS Danube Logistics SRL, Giurgiulesti International Free Port</i>
09:20 – 09:40	Presentation 11 Interventions to spatial plans regarding industrial safety measures for planned future developments in areas with hazardous industrial facilities Republic of Serbia <i>Mr. Bojan Srdic, Ministry of Environmental Protection</i>
09:40 – 10:00	Presentation 12 Land-use planning decisions influenced by safety concerns Hungary <i>Mr. Balázs Kovács, Ministry of Interior</i>
10:00 – 10:30	Panel discussion Opportunities and lessons learned for enhanced cooperation between land-use planners and industrial safety experts, including across borders <i>Moderated by Ms. Jasmina Karba, Slovenia, Chair of the Conference of the Parties, UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention</i> <i>Panellists: Mr. O. Wolf (Germany), Ms. S. Stirbu (Republic of Moldova), Mr. B. Srdic (Republic of Serbia), Mr. B. Kovács (Hungary), Ms. A. Milosavljevic (Republic of Serbia), Ms. Gordana Grujic (OASIS, Republic of Serbia)</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee / tea break
11:00 – 12:00	Explanation of the Role Play and seating arrangement <i>Mr Chris Dijkens, expert from the Netherlands, former Chair of the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention</i>
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch break

SESSION 5

13:00-16:00	Practical session with a role play, and seminar conclusions <i>Chair: Mr. Chris Dijkens, expert from the Netherlands, former Chair of the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention</i>
13:00 – 15:45	Practical Session with a Role Play Participants will be presented with a fictitious scenario, and then divided into groups. Each participant will be assigned a stakeholder role to adopt, and will debate their objectives and interests. Then, each group must debate and make decisions on whether the development proposals should be approved or not by the authorities, with an aim to prevent and manage the potential (incl. transboundary) effects of accidents. <i>Moderated by Mr. Chris Dijkens, Netherlands, former Chair of the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention</i>
15:45 – 16:00	Co-Chairs seminar conclusions <i>Ms. Jasmina Karba, Slovenia, Chair of the Conference of the Parties, UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention</i>