

UNECE Seminar on Risk Assessment Methodologies

**Scope of the Industrial Accidents Convention, evaluation of the
implementation reports and recommendations by the Working
Group on Implementation**

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Scope of the Industrial Accidents Convention

- **Prevention of, preparedness for and response to industrial accidents** capable of causing **trans-boundary effects**
 - including the effects of such accidents caused by natural disasters.
- **International cooperation** concerning
 - mutual assistance,
 - research and development,
 - exchange of information and
 - exchange of technologyin the area of prevention of, preparedness for and response to industrial accidents.

Scope of the Industrial Accidents Convention

- What does this mean in practice?
 - Adapt your national legislation;
 - Nominate Competent Authorities and Points of Contact;
 - Identify the hazardous activities in your country;
 - Notify the hazardous activities to your neighbouring countries;
 - Make the operators using state-of-the-art equipment and procedures;
 - Conduct contingency exercises (on-site and off-site);
 - Grant the public information and participation;
 - Share information to and cooperate with your neighbouring countries.

Evaluation of the implementation reports

- Who shall submit a national implementation report?
 - All Parties (41) (obligation by art. 23);
 - Non-Parties participating in the Assistance Programme (5) (commitment expressed at the High-level Commitment Meeting in 2005).
- Initiation by the secretariat (sending the reporting format and the reporting guidelines, setting the deadline for the submission of the reports).
- Content of the report:
 - General data (person responsible for reporting etc.);
 - 9 sections covering the provisions of the Convention with respect to implementation.

Evaluation of the implementation reports

- Organization of the evaluation process:
 - Every 2 members of the WGI evaluate assigned sections of all reports to ensure comparability;
 - WGI members send their findings to the secretariat;
 - A draft report is discussed in a WGI meeting;
 - The report is finalized in cooperation between the secretariat and the Chair and the Vice-Chairs.
- The next reporting round (9th)
 - will cover the years 2016, 2017 and 2018;
 - will be initiated in early 2019.
- The next report will be presented to the 11th CoP in 2020.

Recommendations by the WGI from the 8th implementation report (2014 - 2015)

- Share information on **risk assessment methodologies** to evaluate the potential transboundary effects of hazardous activities;
✓ this seminar
- Improve the procedures for the **notification of hazardous activities** to neighbouring countries;
✓ 2 subregional workshops in 2017; annex III, ECE/CP.TEIA/2018/11
- Improve the sharing of **off-site contingency plans** between neighbouring countries and conduct joint emergency exercises;
✓ JEG checklist; OECD Guiding Principles
- Improve policies on **land-use-planning** and **decision-making on siting**;
✓ UNECE draft guidance documents; UNECE/EIB seminar, Mechelen, May 2018

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- Share documentation and information on contingency exercises;
- Conduct activities, where possible, **in coordination with relevant stakeholders**;
- Continue **sharing of good practice examples** through the national implementation reports → Please highlight good practices and guidelines, including the provision of weblinks, in the national implementation reports, to help disseminate such good practices;
- Feel invited to contact the Working Group, through the secretariat, to discuss the implementation of specific aspects under the Convention.



Thank you for your attention!

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