

Objectives of the seminar

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

Bring together land-use planning and industrial safety experts (including authorities, consultants, industry representatives and experts in related fields) 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, and where possible, successful approaches to overcome challenges.

Identify ways to improve integration of the two communities (within and between countries) at the early stages of projects and programmes.

Promote the implementation of the 'Guidance on Land-Use Planning, the Siting of Hazardous Activities and Related Safety Aspects' (published in the second half of 2017).

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 in financing projects in support of disaster risk reduction.

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



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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 – 18:00

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

SESSION 1

09:30 – 13:00	Introductions and Setting the Scene: the benefits of enhanced coordination between land-use planning and industrial safety <i>Session Chair: Ms. Katrien Debeuckelaere, Government of Flanders (Belgium)</i>
09:35 – 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>Mr. Bartholomew Judd, 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, Secretary to the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention</i>
10:25 – 10:35	Introductory video: ‘The Benefits of Coordination between Land-Use Planning and Industrial Safety’ <i>Ms. Rebecca Wardle, Consultant to UNECE and the European Investment Bank</i>
10:35 – 10:50	The challenges for housing and land management in the context of industrial safety <i>Ms. Amie Figueiredo, Secretary to the UNECE Working Party on Land Administration</i>
10:50 – 11:05	Financing mitigation and adaptation to natural disasters and accidents <i>Mr. Bartholomew Judd, European Investment Bank</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’ Part A – General Guidance: <i>Ms. Vesna Kolar Planinšič, Slovenia, Chair of the Working Group on EIA & SEA</i> Part B – Technical Guidance <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. Sebastien Penzini, United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UNISDR)</i>
12:20 – 12:35	The impacts of shocks and stresses on the sustainability of settlements, and the ‘New Urban Agenda’ <i>Mr. Esteban Leon, Risk Reduction Unit, UN-HABITAT</i>
12:35 – 12:50	Comparison of spatial planning in different countries <i>Ms. Katrien Debeuckelaere, Department of Environment, Government of Flanders (Belgium)</i>
12:50 – 13:00	Questions from the audience <i>Moderated by Session Chair, Ms Katrien Debeuckelaere, Government of Flanders (Belgium)</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break

SESSION 2

14:00 – 15:50	Planning and decision-making on development proposals near existing hazardous facilities – good practices and lessons learned <i>Session Chair: Mr. Bartholomew Judd, European Investment Bank</i>
14:05 – 14:20	Presentation 1 Major accident prevention coordination and spatial planning 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, Department of Environment, Government of Flanders (Belgium)</i>
14:40 – 15:00	Presentation 3 Urban regeneration in the aftermath of the Baia Mare cyanide spill – the C-BREATH project as an idea for an EU promoted Urban Innovative Action Urbasofia 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 the local planner, the national authority and the operator Norway <i>Mr. Jan G. Røed, Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection (DSB)</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. Pascal Stofer (Switzerland), Ms. Lina Grooten (Flanders, Belgium), Mr. Pietro Elisei (Urbasofia Romania), Mr. Jan Røed (Norway), Ms. Katrien Debeuckelaere (Flanders, Belgium), Mr. Themistoclis Kyriacou (Cyprus)</i>
15:50 – 16:20	Coffee / tea break

SESSION 3

16:20 – 18:00	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>Session Chair</i>
16:25 – 16:40	Presentation 5 Making risk related technical data more accessible to planners United Kingdom <i>Ms. Rachel McCann, Health & Safety Executive (HSE), United Kingdom</i>
16:40 – 17:00	Presentation 6 Cooperating with Spatial Planners – A simple societal risk tool Denmark <i>Mr. Peter Wade, Municipality of Vejle</i>
17:00 – 17:20	Presentation 7 PPRT (Plans de Prevention des Risques Technologiques) 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>
17:20 – 18:00	Panel discussion The priorities under the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction – helping to bridge the gap between planning and industrial safety <i>Moderated by Session Chair</i> <i>Panellists: Ms. Rachel McCann (UK), Mr. Peter Wade (Denmark), Ms. Marie Gennesseaux (France), Ms. Sara Vieira (Portugal)</i>
18:30 – 21:30	Evening event Guided historic walk in the city of Mechelen (18:30-19:30). Dinner at the invitation of the Government of Flanders (Belgium) at Grand Café Lamot, Lamot Conference and Heritage Centre (19:30-21:30).

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

SESSION 4

08:30 – 10:30	Land-use planning and accident prevention in a transboundary context <i>Session Chair: Ms. Jasmina Karba, Slovenia, Chair of the Conference of the Parties, UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention</i>
08:30 – 08:40	Opening of Day 2 of the seminar <i>Session chair: Ms. Jasmina Karba, Slovenia, Chair of the Conference of the Parties, UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention</i>
08:40 – 09:00	Presentation 8 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 9 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 10 Interventions to spatial plans regarding industrial safety measures for planned future developments in areas with hazardous industrial facilities Serbia <i>Mr. Bojan Srdic, Ministry of Environmental Protection</i>
09:40 – 10:00	Presentation 11 Land-use planning decisions influenced by safety concerns Hungary <i>Mr. Balázs Kovács, National Directorate General for Disaster Management, 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: Ms. Svetlana Stirbu (Republic of Moldova), Mr. Bojan Srdic (Serbia), Mr. Balázs Kovács (Hungary), Ms. Aleksic Milosavljevic (Serbia), Ms. Gordana Grujic (OASIS, Serbia)</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee / tea break

SESSION 5

11:00-16:00	Practical session with a role play, and seminar conclusions <i>Session Chair: Mr. Chris Dijkens, expert from the Netherlands, former Chair of the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention</i>
11:00 – 12:00	Explanation of the role play and groups <i>Mr Chris Dijkens, expert from the Netherlands, former Chair of the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention</i>
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch break
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>Presented by Ms. Jasmina Karba, Slovenia, Chair of the Conference of the Parties, UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention</i>