

# Sub-regional workshop on land-use planning and industrial safety for Eastern Europe and the Caucasus

Chisinau, Republic of Moldova, 22-24 May 2019

## Main Objectives:

- Provide a platform for countries of Eastern Europe and the Caucasus to share their experiences and good practices in coordinating their land-use planning and industrial safety procedures and to support cooperation between the relevant experts for industrial accident prevention, including in a transboundary context
- Discuss challenges and opportunities for improved coordination and cooperation
- Improve the understanding and implementation of the following instruments, frameworks and guidance:
  - [UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention](#), with a particular focus on Article 7 on land-use planning and decisions on siting
  - [Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing](#) and the [UN-HABITAT International Guidelines on Urban and Territorial Planning](#)
  - Other relevant legal instruments, such as the [UNECE Convention on Environmental Assessment in a Transboundary Context](#) and its [Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment](#)
  - [UNECE Guidance on land-use planning, the siting of hazardous activities, and related safety aspects](#)
- Raise awareness of the linkages to Agenda 2030 on Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015 – 2030 in the context of land-use planning and industrial safety.

**Venue:** Conference Hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova, 31 August 1989 street, No. 80, 1st floor, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova

**Languages:** English and Russian (with simultaneous interpretation)

**Beneficiary countries:** Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine

**Organizers:** United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Industrial Accidents Convention and UNECE Committee on Urban Development, Housing and Land Management in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment (Republic of Moldova), with contributions by the UNECE Espoo Convention/Protocol on SEA and the government of Flanders (Belgium).

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# Agenda

Wednesday 22 May 2019

**08:30 – 09:00**      **Arrival and registration of participants**

**09:00 – 09:30**      **Opening of the meeting and welcome statements**

*Ms. Valentina Tapis, State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment, Republic of Moldova*

*Ms. Torill Tandberg, Specialist Director, Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection, Chair of the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention*

*Ms. Marie-Pierre Meganck, Adviser Environment - Transport, Permanent mission of France to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Switzerland*

*Ms. Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa, Regional Advisor, UNECE Environment Division*

**09:30 – 10:00**      **Tour de Table (introductions and expectations of the workshop)**

***Moderated by Ms. Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa, Regional Advisor, UNECE Environment Division***

*Introduction of speakers and participants, responding to the following question: “What are your expectations of this workshop?”*

## **Session 1 – Setting the scene: coordination between land-use planning and industrial safety**

***Chaired by Mr. Gabriel Gilca, Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment, Republic of Moldova, Focal Point for the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention***

**10:00 – 10:05**      **Introductions by the Chair**

*Mr. Gabriel Gilca, Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment, Republic of Moldova, Focal Point for the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention*

**10:05 – 10:15**      **Land-use planning and industrial safety in the broader context and experience of France**

*Ms. Marie-Pierre Meganck, Adviser Environment - Transport, Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Switzerland*

**10:15 – 10:25**      **Setting the scene: Objectives, linkages with the 2030 Agenda and the New Urban Agenda and conclusions of previous seminars (Mechelen 2018, Geneva 2016 and The Hague 2010)**

*Ms. Franziska Hirsch, Secretary to the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention; and Ms. Amie Figueiredo, Secretary to the UNECE Working Party on Land Administration*

**10:25 – 10:40**      **Key topics and recommendations from the UNECE publication: "Guidance on Land-Use Planning, the Siting of Hazardous Activities, and related Safety Aspects", and introductory video**

*Ms. Rebecca Wardle, Consultant to the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention*

**10:40 – 10:50**      **Questions**

**10:50 – 11:10**      **Coffee break**

**Session 2A – Exchange of experiences and good practices: implementation of and integration between land-use planning and industrial safety in the framework of the SDGs implementation, presentations by 3 countries**

*Chaired by Ms. Torill Tandberg, Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection, Chair of the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention*

**11:10 – 11:15**      **Introductions by the Chair**

*Ms. Torill Tandberg, Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection, Chair of the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention*

**11:15 – 11:40**      **Presentation by Republic of Moldova (15 minutes plus 10 mins question time)**

**11:40 – 12:05**      **Presentation by Armenia (15 minutes plus 10 mins question time)**

**12:05 – 12:30**      **Presentation by Georgia (15 minutes plus 10 mins question time)**

**12:30 – 13:00**      **Panel discussion on ‘Communication and Inter-institutional Cooperation between Land-Use Planning Authorities and Industrial Safety Authorities’**

*Moderated by Ms. Torill Tandberg, Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection, Chair of the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention*

*Key questions: How do land-use planning authorities and industrial safety authorities cooperate? Does policy-making on land-use planning consider industrial safety considerations? Is there policy integration (joint policy making) between the areas of industrial safety, land-use planning and environmental assessment? Are communication channels between land-use planning authorities and industrial safety authorities well-established? What kind of obstacles to implementation and coordination are present and what are the challenges that countries face in overcoming these obstacles?*

**13:00 – 14:00**      **Lunch**

**Session 2B – Exchange of experiences and good practices: implementation of and integration between land-use planning and industrial safety in the framework of the SDGs implementation, presentations by 3 countries**

*Chaired by Ms. Amie Figueiredo, Secretary to the UNECE Working Party on Land Administration*

- 14:00 – 14:05**      **Introductions by the Chair**  
*Ms. Amie Figueiredo, Secretary to the UNECE Working Party on Land Administration*
- 14:05 – 14:30**      **Presentation by Azerbaijan (15 minutes plus 10 mins question time)**
- 14:30 – 14:55**      **Presentation by Belarus (15 minutes plus 10 mins question time)**
- 14:55 – 15:20**      **Presentation by Ukraine (15 minutes plus 10 mins question time)**
- 15:20 – 15:50**      **Panel discussion on ‘Transboundary Cooperation and Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals’**  
*Moderated by Ms. Franziska Hirsch, Secretary to the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention*  
*Key questions: Which examples of transboundary information-exchange and cooperation on land-use planning and industrial safety exist in Eastern Europe and the Caucasus? Is there awareness of land-use plans and siting proposals/developments in neighbouring or riparian countries? How can transboundary information-exchange and cooperation be improved? How are countries working towards achieving the SDGs and the Sendai Framework, in the areas of land-use planning and industrial? Which SDG goals (e.g. SDG 11) and targets does this work support?*
- 15:50 – 16:10**      **Coffee break**
- 16:10 – 16:30**      **Conclusions of Day 1**  
*Ms. Torill Tandberg, Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection, Chair of the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention*
- 16:30 – 17:15**      **Explanation of the practical exercise / role play**  
*Mr. Chris Dijkens, independent consultant, Netherlands, and former Chair of the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention; and Ms. Katrien Debeuckelaere, Environment Department, Government of Flanders, Belgium*  
  
*Presentation by the Moderators, providing an overview of the practical exercise and the scenario. The participants will be assigned groups and stakeholder roles.*
- 17:15 – 17:30**      **Group photo**
- 18:30 – 20:00**      **Welcome Dinner (at Jolly Alon Hotel)**

## Thursday 23 May 2019

- 09:00 – 11:00**      **Practical exercise with a role play**  
*Moderated by Mr. Chris Dijkens, Consultant; and Ms. Katrien Debeuckelaere, Flanders/Belgium*  
In groups, review and discuss the plans and development proposals. The stakeholders will voice their individual interests, concerns and responsibilities in relation to the scenario.
- 11:00 – 11:20**      **Coffee break**
- 11:20 – 13:00**      **Continuation of the practical exercise with a role play**  
*Moderated by Mr. Chris Dijkens, Consultant; and Ms. Katrien Debeuckelaere, Flanders/Belgium*  
Negotiations and decisions on the development proposals  
Rapporteurs present their findings to the wider group
- 13:00 – 14:00**      **Lunch break**
- 14:00 – 18:00**      **Site Visit to industrial facility, Chisinau, Republic of Moldova**  
Transportation to/from the site will be provided

## Friday 24 May 2019

- 09:00 – 09:30**      **Summary / wrap up of the practical exercise with a role play and the site visit**  
*Mr. Chris Dijkens, Consultant*

### Session 3 – Exchange of experiences and good practices by international experts on land-use planning and industrial safety, including transboundary cooperation

*Chaired by Ms. Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa, Regional Advisor, UNECE Environment Division*

- 09:30 – 09:35**      **Introductions by the Chair**  
*Ms. Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa, Regional Advisor, UNECE Environment Division*
- 09:35 – 09:50**      **Comparison of spatial planning in different countries**  
*Ms. Katrien Debeuckelaere, Environment Department, Government of Flanders, Belgium*
- 09:50 – 10:10**      **The Industrial Accidents Convention's Assistance and Cooperation Programme and transboundary cooperation in the Danube Delta**  
*Ms. Yelyzaveta Rubach, Manager of assistance activities, UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention; and Ms. Svetlana Stirbu, ICS Danube Logistics SRL, Giurgiulesti International Free Port, Republic of Moldova*

- 10:10 – 10:25**      **Land-use planning around existing hazardous facility, communicating the risks to the public, and coordination between the local planner, the national authority and the operator**  
*Ms. Torill Tandberg, Norwegian Directorate Civil Protection, Norway*
- 10:25 – 10:40**      **Interventions to spatial plans regarding industrial safety measures for planned future developments in areas with hazardous industrial facilities**  
*Mr. Bojan Srdic, Ministry of Environmental Protection, Serbia*
- 10:40 – 10:55**      **Transboundary cooperation on hazardous activities, good practices from Kyrgyzstan**  
*Ms. Gulfiia Shabaeva, State Committee for Industry, Energy and Mining, Kyrgyzstan*
- 10:55 – 11:15**      **Coffee break**
- 11:15 – 11:45**      **Conclusions of the workshop and next steps**  
*Mr. Gabriel Gilca, Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment, Republic of Moldova, Focal Point for the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention; and Ms. Franziska Hirsch, Secretary to the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention*
- 11:45 – 12:15**      **Closing “Tour de Table” and evaluation forms**  
*Moderated by Ms. Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa, Regional Advisor, UNECE Environment Division*
- 12:15 – 12:30**      **Certificates / photos**
- 12:30 – 13:30**      **Lunch**