

Joint Ad Hoc Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents

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The Joint Expert Group (JEG)



Participating countries

The Joint Expert Group has actively cooperated with and assisted many countries (shown in blue), including through trainings, exercises, workshops, expert meetings and pilot projects.

JEG was established under the “Water”- and the “Industrial Accidents”- Conventions to work on issues related to the prevention of accidental water pollution which is of interest to both Conventions in 1998.

Co-Chairmanship

“Water” Convention + “Industrial Accident” Convention

Timeline of the main products



Progress and activities in this area of work in 2019

- Postcards on JEG guidances, Leaflet on the JEG
- Tailing Management activities continues, (ICPDR project on improving tailings safety in Romania (2019, Phase I) and Serbia (2020, Phase II) financed by Germany.
- UNECE Sub-regional workshop on strengthening mine/tailings safety and preventing water pollution for Central Asian countries (Almaty, Kazakhstan, 20-21 Nov 2019)
- Safety guidelines and good practices for the management and retention of firefighting water retention
- Seminar on Accidental transboundary water pollution prevention – contingency planning, early warning. 4-5 November 2019, Budapest.
- 19th meeting of JEG, 05 November 2019, Budapest

Planned future activities in this area in 2019-2021 and challenges

- Implementation of the JEG workplan for 2019-2020
 - Disseminate, test and facilitate the application of Guidance on Fire Water Management
 - Support the implementation of UNECE safety guidelines
 - Promote transboundary exercises
- More active participation is required in the implementation of the future work and in hosting of the meetings
- Continuous and active work is expected from participants
- There is a need for a sound financial base to support eligible countries
- Mr. Gerhard Winkelmann-Oei re-elected as co-chair for Industrial Accident Convention (26-27 September 2019, Oslo – 492nd meeting of the Bureau)



Thank you for kind attention!

