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# **Progress report on the Assistance Programme**



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## **Brief overview**

- CoP third meeting (Budapest, 27-30 October 2004)
  - Assistance Programme adopted and launched
- CoP fourth meeting (Rome, 15-17 November 2006)
  - review of the results achieved by EECCA and SEE countries under the preparatory phase as contained in the report ECE/CP.TEIA/2006/3
  - adoption of the report and initiation of the implementation phase for those EECCA and SEE countries that had accomplished their preparations (implemented basic tasks)
  - request to the Bureau and WGI to keep operational approach and to organize first assistance activities, but also to elaborate an action plan forming a strategic approach
  - request to the Bureau to continue preparatory phase and to provide assistance to those countries which felt unable to implement basic tasks

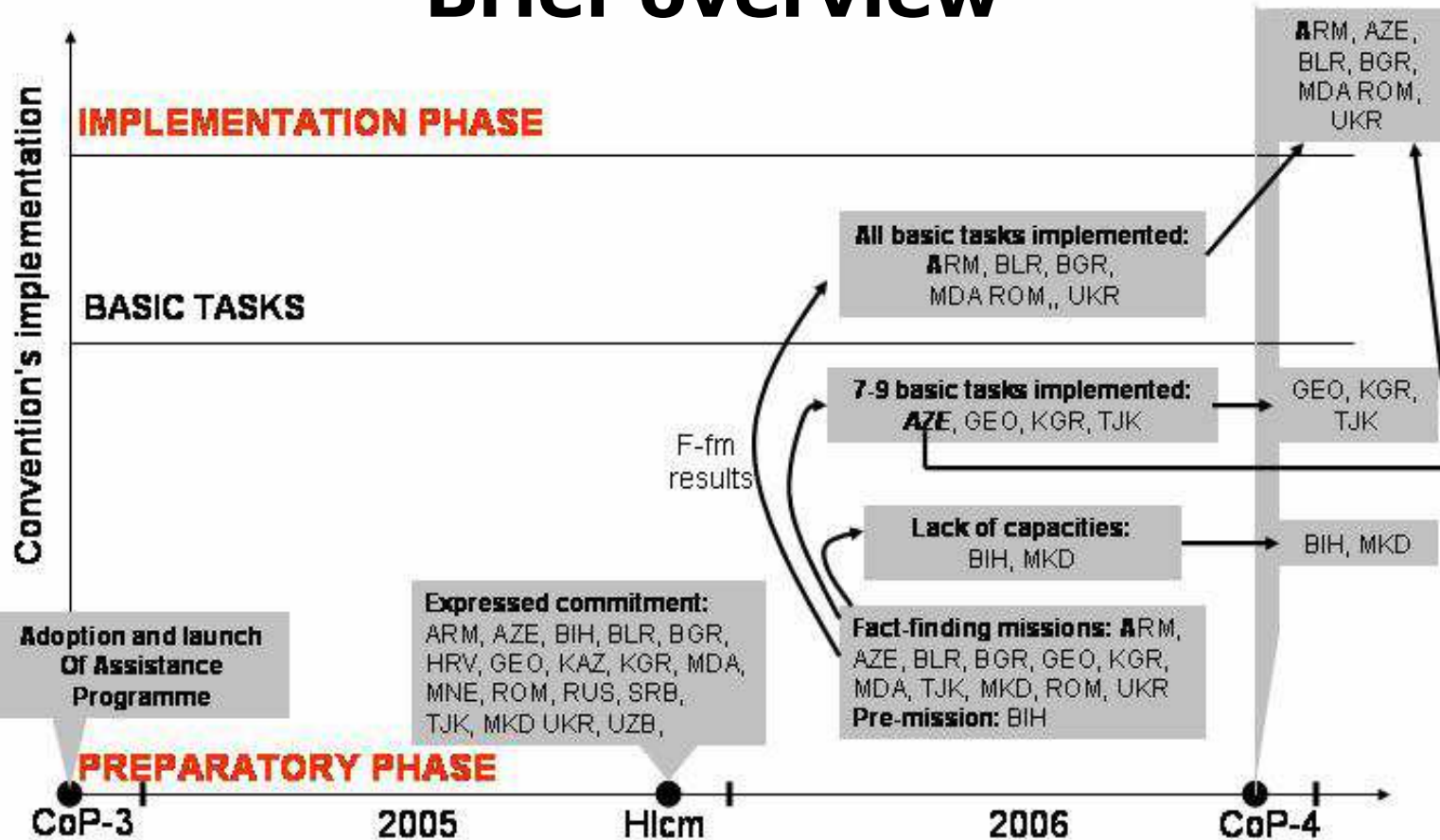


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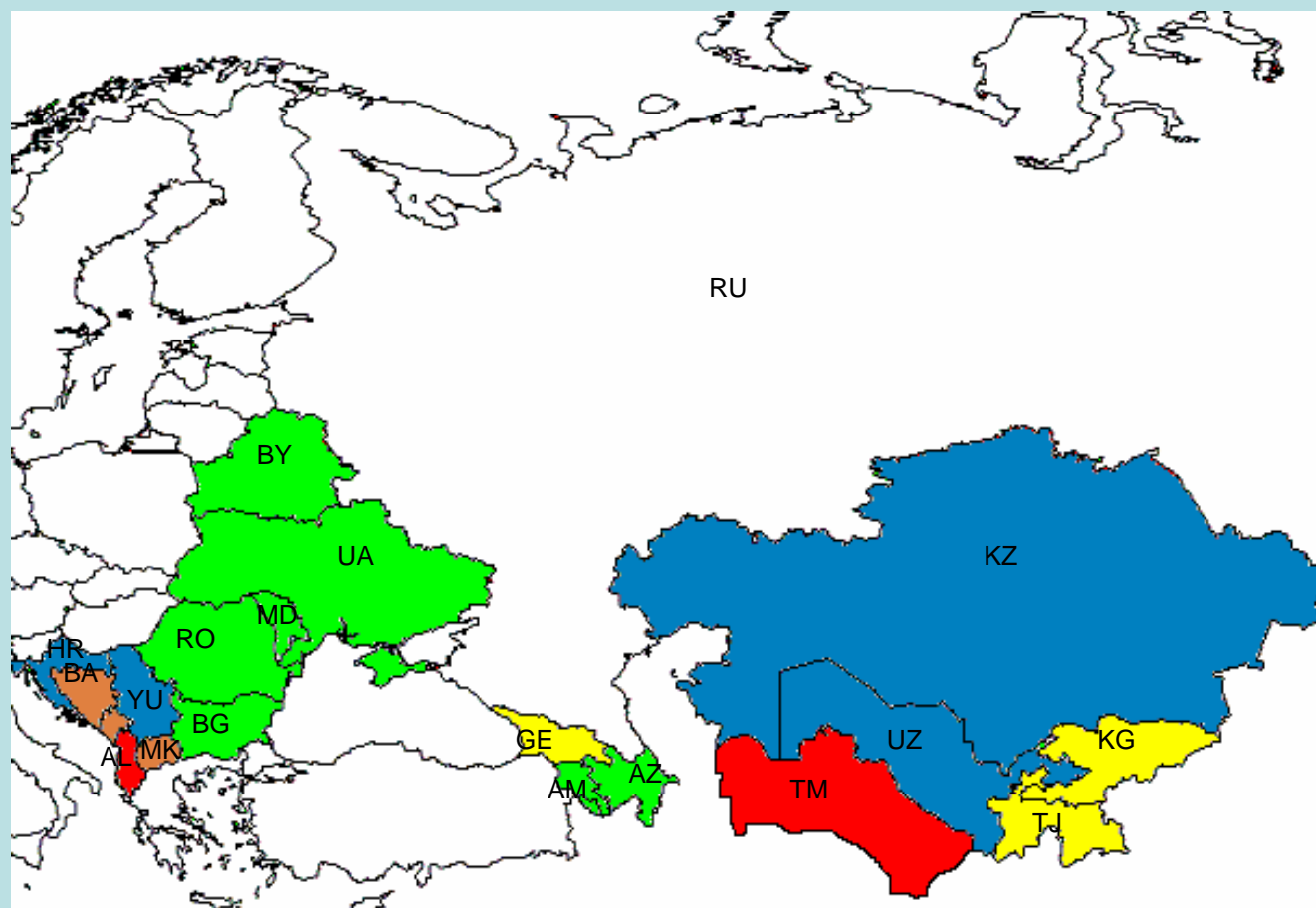


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# Preparatory phase in 2007-2008

## Fact finding missions

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Croatia, 20-22 August 2007



Serbia, 12-14 June 2007

Mr. L. Dinkloh  
Mr. T. Trcka  
Ms. J. Bogdanovic

Mr. C. van Kuijen  
Mr. G. Mattiello  
Ms. J. Bogdanovic



Kazakhstan, 17-20 April 2007

Uzbekistan, 9-12 July 2007

Mr. B. Frattini  
Mr. M. Cozzone  
Mr. V. Novikov

Mr. E. Berger  
Mr. J. Road  
Mr. V. Novikov



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## **Preparatory phase in 2007-2008 Outcome of the fact-finding missions**

- Croatia, Kazakhstan and Serbia implemented all basic tasks
- Uzbekistan failed to implement two tasks

Decisions of the Bureau of the CoP:

- Croatia, Kazakhstan and Serbia invited to the implementation phase of the Assistance Programme,
- Uzbekistan invited to accomplish the implementation of basic tasks



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## **Preparatory phase in 2007-2008 Outcome of the fact-finding missions**

### **Identified needs for assistance**

- **Many needs shared by countries (also true when compared to missions organized in 2006)**
- **Most quoted needs**
  - **identification of hazardous activities**
  - **implementation of preventive measures**
  - **training and education for inspectors in assessing quality of safety reports, risk assessment**
  - **assessment of legal and institutional frameworks**
  - **enhancement of preparedness measures**



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## **Preparatory phase in 2007-2008 Guidance on implementing basic tasks**

### **Awareness-raising missions to:**

- (a) Raise awareness among the country's authorities about the purpose and provisions of the Convention and ensure common understanding of the basic tasks;
- (b) Provide the necessary assistance to the country's authorities so that they will be able to establish a plan of action aimed at the implementation of the basic tasks under the Convention, including a time frame for its completion

Awareness-raising team – four experts with practical experience in implementing different provisions of the Convention

During the mission – one meeting with all authorities charged with prevention, preparedness and response aspects of industrial accidents





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## **Preparatory phase in 2007-2008 Guidance on implementing basic tasks**

### **Invitation to host awareness-raising missions to:**

- the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia,
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Montenegro

### **Organization of awareness-raising mission**

- the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia – 26-27 November 2007 in Skopje

Ministry of Environment and Physical Planning, Centre for Crisis Management, Directorate for Protection and Rescue

[Mr. L. Katai-Urban, team leader, Ms. J. Karba, Mr. G. Mattiello, Ms. V. Fuse]

- Bosnia and Herzegovina and Montenegro – no capacity/readiness to host the missions



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## **Preparatory phase in 2007-2008 Outcome of the awareness-raising mission to tfYR of Macedonia**

### Results:

- Better understanding of the tasks under the Convention
- Establishment of a national working group to prepare an action plan and implement it
  
- Action plan submitted to the Bureau in March 2008, Bureau welcomed it and invited the country to present the action plan and the progress in implementation to the CoP
- Ms. Emilija Kupeva from tfYR of Macedonia will introduce the action plan and its implementation



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## **Preparatory phase in 2007-2008 Completion of the implementation of basic tasks**

**Georgia, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan submitted their reports**

**No report from Tajikistan**

**Albania expressed commitment**

### **Decision of the Bureau**

- **Georgia invited to the implementation phase**
- **Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan invited to provide additional information**
- **Albania invited to host fact-finding mission**

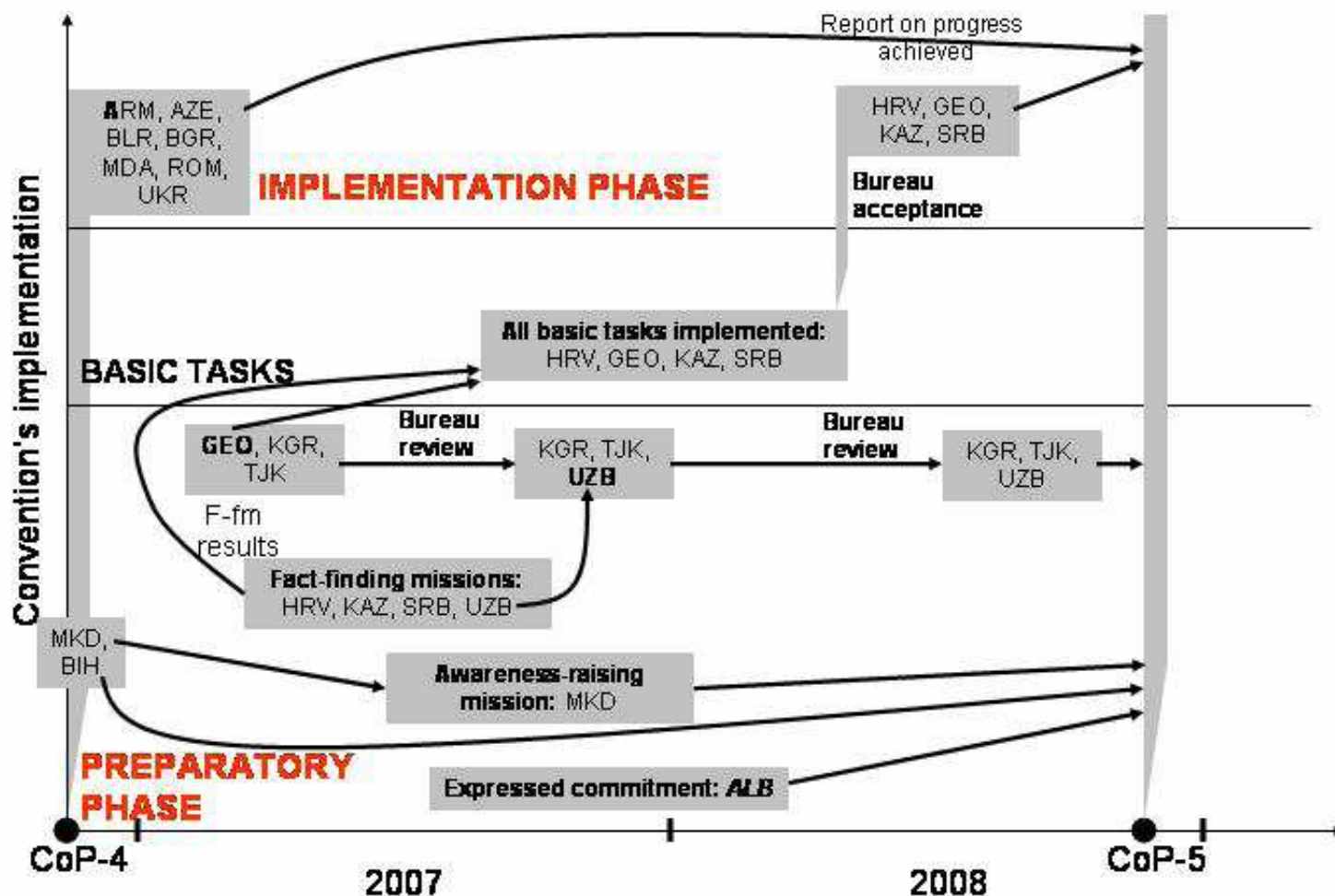


# Overview and results of 2007-2008

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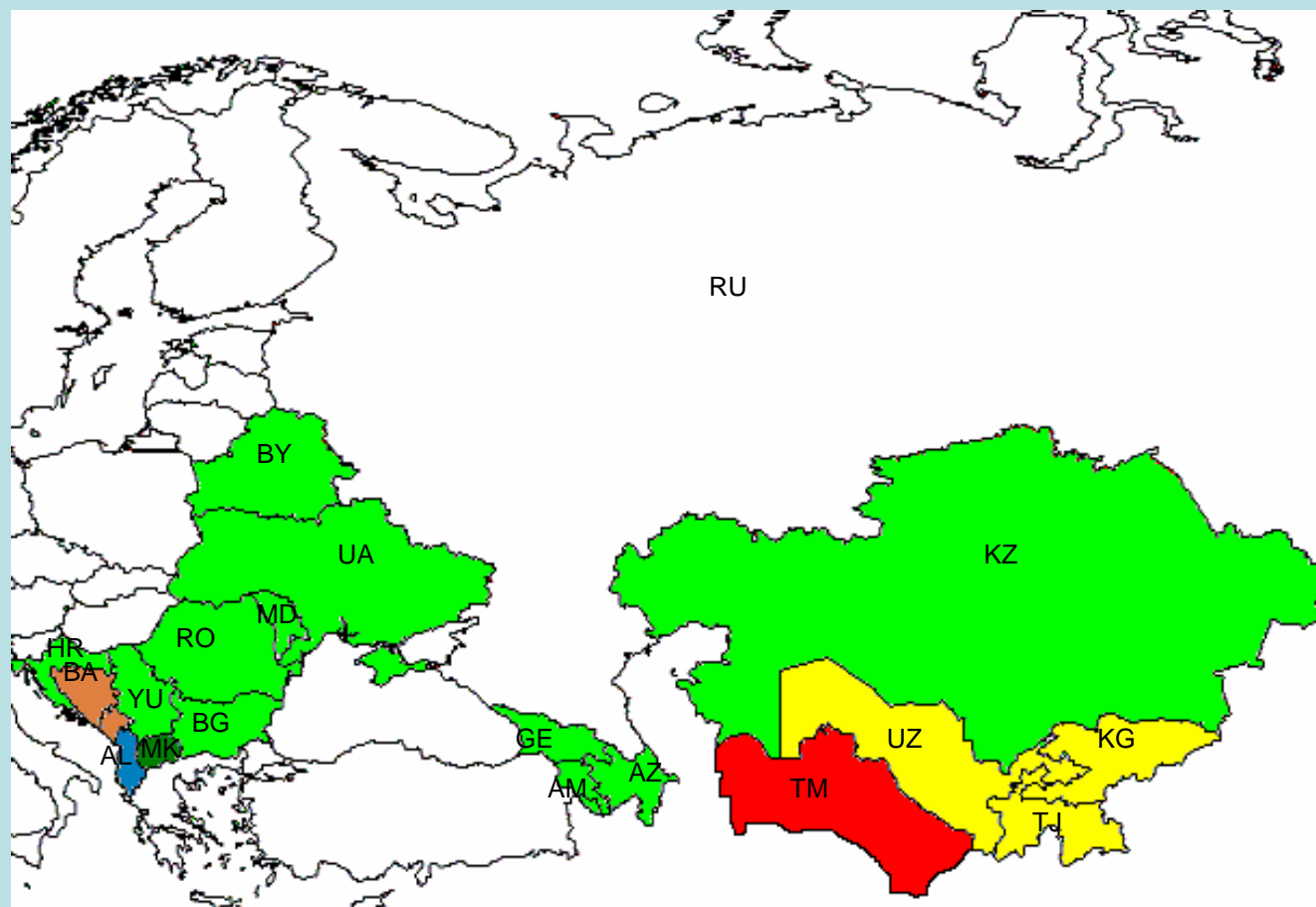


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# Results of the preparatory phase 2007-2008





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# Way forward

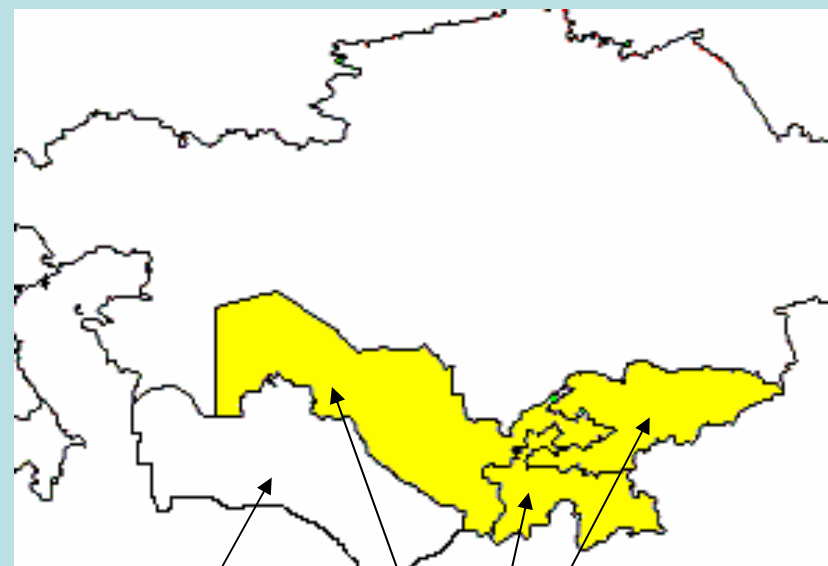
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CoP will consider progress made

Need to express readiness to organize fact-finding or awareness-raising missions



Needs to express commitment

Need to report on the finalization of basic tasks



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## **Implementation phase in 2007-2008**

- a. Organization of first needs-driven capacity building activities
  
- b. Elaboration of an action plan forming a strategic approach for the implementation phase of the Assistance Programme



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## **Implementation phase Capacity building activities**

Three assistance activities assessed and accepted for implementation as high priority:

1. An activity aimed at further strengthening legal and institutional frameworks, (Kyiv. 5-7 December 2007)
2. An activity aimed at strengthening safety measures at industrial facilities, (Vadul-lui-Voda, 13-14 December 2007)
3. A training session on the identification of hazardous activities , (Minsk, 21-22 October 2008)

Two more activities accepted for implementation

1. Training session on integrated approach for major hazard prevention
2. Pilot project on joint management to emergencies





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# **Implementation phase Capacity building activities**

Way of work:

For each assistance activity a concept is being elaborated, which is discussed by the Bureau and WGI

Assistance activities are implemented in line with the agreed concepts

Common issues for the activities:

- Need to be hands-on – analysis and discussion
- Need to initiate processes demanding follow-up (continuous efforts from countries)
- External experts take role as activities' facilitators



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# **Implementation phase Capacity building activities**

Capacity-building activity with the aim of initiating a process to further strengthen the legal and institutional frameworks under the Convention in the countries of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia and South-Eastern Europe – Kyiv 5-7 December 2007

Objective: analysis of legal and institutional frameworks, identification of shortcomings and challenges, preparations of national action plans

Participation: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Georgia, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia and Ukraine

External Experts: Germany, Hungary, Italy, Slovakia, Sweden Switzerland and UNEP

Report: ECE/CP.TEIA/SEM.4/2008/1



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# **Implementation phase Capacity building activities**

## **Outcome of Kyiv Activity**

- Better understanding of tasks under each of the areas of work of the Convention
- Basis for identification of shortcomings and for preparing action plans (but needs for further mechanisms which would allow working in a structured way)
- Action plans were developed and are/should be under continues review

Detailed presentations will be made by representatives of Republic of Moldova and Serbia



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# **Implementation phase Capacity building activities**

## **Workshop on strengthening the safety measures at hazardous activities – Vadul-lui-Voda, 13-14 December 2007**

Objective: discussion about legislation, standards and methods necessary to ensure adequate safety (licenses, permits, verification of safety documentation, inspections), promotion of cooperation and application of common standards

Participation: Republic of Moldova, Romania and Ukraine

External Experts: Czech Republic and Italy

Report: ECE/CP.TEIA/SEM.5/2008/1



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# **Implementation phase Capacity building activities**

## **Outcome of Vadul-lui-Voda Activity**

- Better understanding on legislation on safety, model administrative structure, safety culture
- Continuation of the analysis of Kyiv and basis for the training session on the integrated approach for major hazard prevention (under preparations led by the Czech Republic)



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# **Implementation phase Capacity building activities**

**Training session on identification of hazardous activities according to annex I of the Convention – Minsk 21-22 October 2008**

Objective: build-up knowledge on use of annex I, location criteria, analysis of possible worst case scenarios for the identification of hazardous activities, discuss good practice regarding collecting, processing, maintaining and updating data on hazardous activities

Participation: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Croatia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Republic of Moldova, Serbia and Ukraine

External Experts: Bulgaria, Italy, the Netherlands, Slovakia and Switzerland

Report: ECE/CP.TEIA/SEM.6/2008/2 as advanced copy



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# **Implementation phase Capacity building activities**

## **Outcome of Minsk Activity**

- Identification of shortcomings in systems for collecting, processing and maintaining data
- Better understanding of use of annex I, location criteria and worst-case scenario methodology
- Follow-up – review of list of hazardous activities based on application of annex I location criteria (where needed review of classification rules to be in line with the Convention), national training sessions
- Identification of further needs – access to information on classification on chemicals, guidebook through identification, assistance in organizing training sessions, training sessions on risk assessment

Follow-up and the needs to be incorporated into the national action plans



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## **Implementation phase Capacity building activities**

### Upcoming activities:

- Training session on integrated approach for major hazard prevention under lead of Czech Republic – February 2009 in Prague (invitation letters circulated)
- Project on joint management to emergencies under the lead of Italy – kick off meeting in beginning of 2009





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## **Implementation phase Strategic approach**

- Task of the Bureau and WGI – carried-out by a task force (members from: Bulgaria, Italy, Lithuania, the Netherlands, and at later stage European Commission and Switzerland)
- Strategic approach is presented in ECE/CP.TEIA/2008/5
- Presentation by Mr. Nikolay Savov – member of the task force, on the strategic approach



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## **Conclusions and recommendations of the Implementation phase**

- So far quite successful – initiation of important processes aimed at further strengthening the Convention's implementation
- To keep momentum – the work needs to be continued
- For those countries, who are still not in the implementation phase, activities as already organized should be also offered
- Strategic approach (its mechanisms) to:
  - bring more structure to the work
  - lead to further intensification to strengthening the implementation of the Convention



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## Resources

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The following countries/organizations provided financial and/or in-kind contributions:

Main financial contributors: **Italy, Switzerland, the Czech Republic, Norway**

Other contributors: **Germany, Slovenia, Slovakia, Hungary, the Netherlands, Bulgaria, Sweden, Ukraine, Republic of Moldova, Belarus, European Commissions and UNEP**



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# Use of Resources in 2007-2008

## Costs (US dollars):

| Activities                                  | Trust fund*    | In-kind*       |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Fact-finding and awareness-raising missions | 20,500         | 39,000         |
| Kyiv activity                               | 52,200         | 25,000         |
| Vadul-lui-Voda activity                     | 21,200         | 5,000          |
| Minsk activity                              | 39,700         | 21,000         |
| Task force                                  | 1,400          | 10,000         |
| Sub-TOTAL                                   | <b>135,000</b> | <b>100,000</b> |
| Programme support officer                   | 230,000        | -              |
| TOTAL                                       | <b>365,000</b> | <b>100,000</b> |

\* Estimated figures



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**To ensure that processes do  
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**requires that**

**the work be continued**



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# Use of Resources in 2007-2008

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| Kyiv activity                               | 52,200         | 51,570         | 25,000         |
| Vadul-lui-Voda activity                     | 21,200         | 20,182         | 5,000          |
| Minsk activity                              | 39,700         |                | 21,000         |
| Task force                                  | 1,400          | 1,400          | 10,000         |
| Sub-TOTAL                                   | <b>135,000</b> |                | <b>100,000</b> |
| Programme support officer                   | 230,000        | 195,631        | -              |
| TOTAL                                       | <b>365,000</b> | <b>289,244</b> | <b>100,000</b> |
| Projections Sep-Dec 2008 for AP             |                | 76,000         |                |
| TOTAL                                       |                | <b>365,244</b> |                |

\* Estimated figures

\*\* Figures as known for end August 2008

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# Use of Resources in 2007-2008

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| 195,631             |
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| <b>365,244</b>      |

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|---------|--|
| 17,181  | Costs of services and participation of experts in four fact-finding missions   |
| 3,267   | Participation of one expert and the secretariat in the awareness-raising mission to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (Skopje, 26–27 November 2007)  |
| 51,570  | Participation of one expert and 27 representatives from countries of EECCA and SEE and ..... (Kyiv, 5–7 December 2007), including the grant provided to Ukraine for organization of the activity                                     |
| 20,182  | Participation of three experts, representatives from three countries of EECCA and SEE and ..... (Vadul-lui-Voda, Republic of Moldova, 13–14 December 2007), including the grant provided to Moldova for organization of the workshop |
| 109,244 | Cost of the programme support officer's post including costs of training   |
| 86,387  | Cost of the programme support officer's (January–September 2008)   |
| 1,413   | Participation of the secretariat in the task force meeting to develop the strategic approach for the Assistance Programme (The Hague, 31 January 2008)   |

|  | <i>contributions</i> | <i>expenditure</i> |
|--|----------------------|--------------------|
| <i>PROJECTIONS September–December 2008</i> |                      |                    |
| European Commission                        | 35,000 e/            | <b>100,000 e/</b>  |
| <i>of which Assistance Programme</i>       |                      | 76,000 e/          |

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