



# OECD WORKING GROUP ON CHEMICAL ACCIDENTS (WGCA)

## – Tour de Table

*Annual Inter-Agency Coordination Meeting on Industrial Accidents*

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## OECD Guidance on Change of Ownership in Hazardous Facilities



A new tool for managing risks at hazardous facilities:

- Provide a framework for all stakeholders to **identify**, **understand** and **minimise** the risks before, during and after a change of ownership at a hazardous facility;
  - Aim to help make the change of ownership a better informed process.
- *Project led by Norway*
- *Guidance also available in French and Norwegian*



## Highlights on on-going activities



- **Revision of the Guiding Principles** on Chemical Accidents Prevention, Preparedness and Response *(2022)*;

*Your inputs will be needed! 1<sup>st</sup> draft available in 2021, we will request your specific input on the sections linked with your agency's work – transboundary, labour, health (etc.) aspects*

- **Revision of the 'Acquis'/4 OECD Legal Acts** on Chemical Accidents *to be updated and consolidated into one (2022)*;
- **Management of Inspection at Hazardous Installations**; sharing of good practices; *case studies collected, draft report being prepared (2021)*;
- **Accidents involving nanomaterials** / *2015 project report to be updated and finalised (2021)*;
- **Encourage reporting of accidents** in eMars!



## Key recent collaborations with partner agencies

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- Contribution of the WGCA Bureau to the JRC Lessons Learned Bulletin on Pandemic Measures and Chemical Process Safety (*issued mid-May*);
- OECD to moderate the next JEU webinar on ‘*Preparing for and responding to chemical risks: restarting industry*’ – 14<sup>th</sup> of October;
- Project on Natech Risk Management – in collaboration with the JRC, JEU, and UNECE (*to be detailed in a next item*).



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Next OECD WGCA meeting:  
27-29 October 2020

*with a thematic session on the Impact of the Covid-19  
on the Operation of Hazardous Installations*