

Sub-regional workshop on land-use planning and industrial safety for South-Eastern Europe

27-29 October 2021, Belgrade, Serbia and online

Main Objectives:

- Provide a platform for countries of South-Eastern Europe 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 Ministerial Declaration on Sustainable Housing and Urban Development](#)
 - [Geneva UN Charter on Sustainable Housing](#)
 - [Place and Life in the ECE – A Regional Action Plan 2030: Tackling challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic, climate and housing emergencies in region, city, neighbourhood and homes](#)
 - [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: Meeting room 129 „Palata Srbija”, Bulevar Mihajla Pupina 2, Novi Beograd, Belgrade

Languages: English and Serbian (with simultaneous interpretation)

Beneficiary countries: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia

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 Environmental Protection (Serbia)

The sub-regional workshop is hosted by the Ministry of Environmental Protection of Serbia. It is organized thanks to financing provided by the Ministry of the Ecological Transition of France

Agenda

Wednesday 27 October 2021

- 08:30 – 09:00** **Arrival and registration of participants**
- 09:00 – 09:30** **Opening of the meeting and welcome statements**
Ms. Françoise Jacob, UN Resident Coordinator, Serbia
Ms. Aleksandra Imširagić Đurić, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Environmental Protection, Serbia
Mr. Cédric Bourillet, Director-General, General Directorate for Risk Prevention, France
Ms. Torill Tandberg, Specialist Director, Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection, Chair of the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention
- 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**
Moderated by Mr. Bojan Srdic, Ministry of Environmental Protection, Serbia
- 10:00 – 10:05** **Introductions by the Moderator**
Mr. Bojan Srdic, Ministry of Environmental Protection, Serbia
- 10:05 – 10:15** **Setting the scene: Objectives, linkages with the 2030 Agenda and the New Urban Agenda and conclusions of previous seminars (Chisinau 2019, Mechelen 2018, Geneva 2016 and the Hague 2010). Introductory video**
Ms. Franziska Hirsch, Secretary, UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention; and Ms. Amie Figueiredo, Secretary to the UNECE Working Party on Land Administration
- 10:15 – 10:25** **Issues in the impact of industrial development on land and spatial policy**
Mr. Herman Pienaar, Program Management Officer: Lead – Urban Lab, Planning, Finance and Economy Section, Urban Practices Branch, United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)
- 10:25 – 10:35** **Linkages between disaster risk reduction, land-use planning/siting and industrial safety**
Ms. Maja Markovic, Local Resilience Expert in Serbia, UN Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)

10:35 – 10:45 **Land use planning, its trends and use of geospatial data**
*Mr. Fredrik Zetterquist, Chair, UNECE Working Party on Land Administration, Sweden
(remote presentation)*

10:45 – 10:55 **Q&A**

10:55 – 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

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

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

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

11:15 – 11:40 **Presentation by Albania (15 min + 10 min Q&A)**

11:40 – 12:05 **Presentation by Bosnia and Herzegovina (15 min + 10 min Q&A)**

12:05 – 12:30 **Presentation by Montenegro (15 min + 10 min Q&A)**

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, Specialist Director, 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 2 countries

Moderated by Ms. Marie-Claire Lhenry, Head of the European and International Affairs Unit, General Directorate for Risk Prevention, France

14:00 – 14:05 Introductions by the Moderator

Ms. Marie-Claire Lhenry, Head of the European and International Affairs Unit, General Directorate for Risk Prevention, France

14:05 – 14:30 Presentation by North Macedonia (15 min + 10 min Q&A)

14:30 – 14:55 Presentation by Serbia (15 min + 10 min Q&A)

14:55 – 15:25 Panel discussion on ‘Transboundary Cooperation and Implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals’

Moderated by Ms. Marie-Claire Lhenry, Head of the European and International Affairs Unit, General Directorate for Risk Prevention, France

Key questions: Which examples of transboundary information-exchange and cooperation on land-use planning and industrial safety exist in South-Eastern Europe? 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?

15:25 – 15:45 Coffee break

15:45 – 16:05 Conclusions of Day 1

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

Session 3 Role Play

16:05 – 16:50 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.

16:50 – 17:00 Group photo

- 18:30** **Transfer to Dinner**
Bus departing from the IN Hotel (56 Arsenija Čarnojevića Blvd, 11070 New Belgrade)
- 19:00** **Welcome Dinner at the invitation of the Ministry of Environmental Protection of Serbia**
Restaurant „Klub poslanika“, Tolstojeva 2 street

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Session 3 Role Play (cont.)

Moderated by Mr. Chris Dijkens, Consultant; and Ms. Katrien Debeuckelaere, Flanders, Belgium

- 09:00 – 11:00** **Practical exercise with a role play**
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**
Negotiations and decisions on the development proposals
Rapporteurs present their findings to the wider group
- 13:00 – 14:00** **Lunch break**

Session 4 Selected experiences and good practices on risk assessment in relation to land-use planning

Moderated by Ms. Liza Rubach, Manager of assistance activities, UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention

- 14:00 – 14:15** **Presentation by industrial facility operator**
Mr. Srđan Sokolović, NIS a.d. Novi Sad (remotely)
- 14:15 – 14:30** **Risk assessment approach in Serbia for land-use planning process**
Ms. Sanja Stamenkovic, Ministry of Environmental Protection, Serbia
- 14:30 – 14:45** **What is missing? TMF risks and NATECH considerations in land-use planning process**
Mr. Bojan Srdic, Ministry of Environmental Protection, Serbia
- 14:45 – 15:00** **Q&A, reflections & experiences by country delegations**

15:00 – 15:15 **Coffee break**

Session 3 Role Play (cont.)

Moderated by Mr. Chris Dijkens, Consultant; and Ms. Katrien Debeuckelaere, Flanders, Belgium

15:15 – 15:45 **Role Play: round table discussion on lessons learned**

15:45 – 16:00 **Summary / wrap up of the practical exercise with a role play**

Mr. Chris Dijkens, Consultant

19:00 **Dinner at the invitation of UNECE**

Tri sesira (Tri šešira) restaurant, Skadarska str. 29

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Session 5 – Exchange of experiences and good practices by international experts on land-use planning and industrial safety, including transboundary cooperation

Moderated by Ms. Sarangoo Radnaaragcha, Regional Advisor, UNECE Environment Division

09:30 – 09:35 **Introductions by the Moderator**

Ms. Sarangoo Radnaaragcha, Regional Advisor, UNECE Environment Division

09:35 – 09:50 **Comparison of spatial planning in different countries**

Ms. Katrien Debeuckelaere, Advisor – Lawyer, Environment Department Flemish Region, Policy Development and Legal Unit, Belgium

09:50 – 10:10 **The Industrial Accidents Convention's Assistance and Cooperation Programme and transboundary cooperation in South-Eastern Europe**

Ms. Liza Rubach, Manager of assistance activities, UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention; and Ms. Suzana Milutinovic, Ministry of Environmental Protection, Serbia

10:10 – 10:25 **Land-use planning and industrial safety in the broader context and experience of France**

Ms. Marie-Claire Lhenry, Head of the European and International Affairs Unit, General Directorate for Risk Prevention, France

10:25 – 10:40 **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, Specialist Director, Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection, Chair of the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention

- 10:40 – 11:00** **Coffee break**
- 11:00 – 11:30** **Closing “Tour de Table”, conclusions of the workshop and next steps**
Ms. Sarangoo Radhaaragcha, Regional Advisor, UNECE Environment Division
- 11:30 – 12:00** **Evaluation forms, certificates & photos**
- 12:00 – 13:00** **Lunch**