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# Preventing another Sandoz, Baia Mare or Beirut accident: Perspectives on risk management in the context of the Sendai Framework

Focused thematic discussion on chemical and industrial accidents in the framework of the  
UNDRR European Forum on Disaster Risk Reduction (EFDRR)

24 November 2021, 10.00 – 12.00 CET, Matosinhos, Portugal and online

## Draft agenda

Moderation by **Dmitry Mariyasin** (Deputy Executive Secretary, UNECE) and **Ricardo Mena** (Director, UNDRR).

10.00 – 10.15 Opening

Welcome by the moderators

Key note address

**Elisabeth Sørbøe Aarsæther**, Director-General of the Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection (DSB), Norway

Key note address

**Bojan Dejak**, Director-General, Water and Investment Directorate, Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning, Republic of Slovenia

10.15 – 10.35 Session 1: Chemical and industrial disaster risk – a scene setter

Overview of chemical and industrial accidents

**Rachel McCann**, Chair of the OECD Working Party on Chemical Accidents and Head of Emergency Planning Unit, Health and Safety Executive, United Kingdom

Legal, policy and governance frameworks and their implementation

**Franziska Hirsch**, Secretary to the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention

Q&A

10.35 – 11.10 Session 2: Revisiting the Sendai priorities<sup>1</sup> using a chemical disasters' risks lens

Moderated panel discussion

Understanding industrial and chemical disaster risk *Jasmina Karba, Secretary, Ministry of the Environment and Spatial Planning, Slovenia*

Governance for industrial and chemical accident prevention, preparedness and response *Speaker TBC*

Financing for industrial and chemical risk management *Bartholomew Judd, Environmental Specialist, European Investment Bank*

Transboundary cooperation for prevention, preparedness and recovery *Svetlana Stirbu, Health, Safety and Environmental Protection Specialist, ICS Danube Logistics SRL, Moldova*

Discussion with the audience

11.10 – 11.15 **COFFEE BREAK**

11.15 – 11.55 Session 3: Coherence between policies: industrial safety, disaster risk and sustainable development

**Part 1: showcasing policy coherence**

Cascading effects: Natech risk and governance responses *Elisabeth Krausmann, Principal Scientist, European Commission Joint Research Centre*

Showcasing integrated national strategies on DRR and sustainable development - technical, industrial and chemical safety *Evgeny Baranovsky, Deputy Head of the International Cooperation Department, Ministry for Emergency Situations, Belarus*

Land-use planning for accident prevention and response *Martin Merkofer, Head of the Major Accident and Earthquake Mitigation Section, Federal Office for the Environment, Switzerland*

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<sup>1</sup> (i) Understanding disaster risk; (ii) Strengthening disaster risk governance to manage disaster risk; (iii) Investing in disaster reduction for resilience and; (iv) Enhancing disaster preparedness for effective response, and to "Build Back Better" in recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction.

## Part 2: Interactive poll and discussion

Poll with online participation of the audience

## Part 3: COVID-19 implications for industrial and chemical safety (5 minutes presentation and discussion)

Current and future implications of the COVID-19 pandemic for chemical and industrial safety

**Torill Tandberg**, *Chair of the Industrial Accidents Convention, member of the Bureau of the OECD Working Party on Chemical Accidents and Specialist Director International Relations of the Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection*

Q&A

11.55 – 12.00 Closing remarks

Key messages for global discussion and key input to EFDRR and Global Platform on DRR

**Dmitry Mariyasin**, *Deputy Executive Secretary, UNECE.*