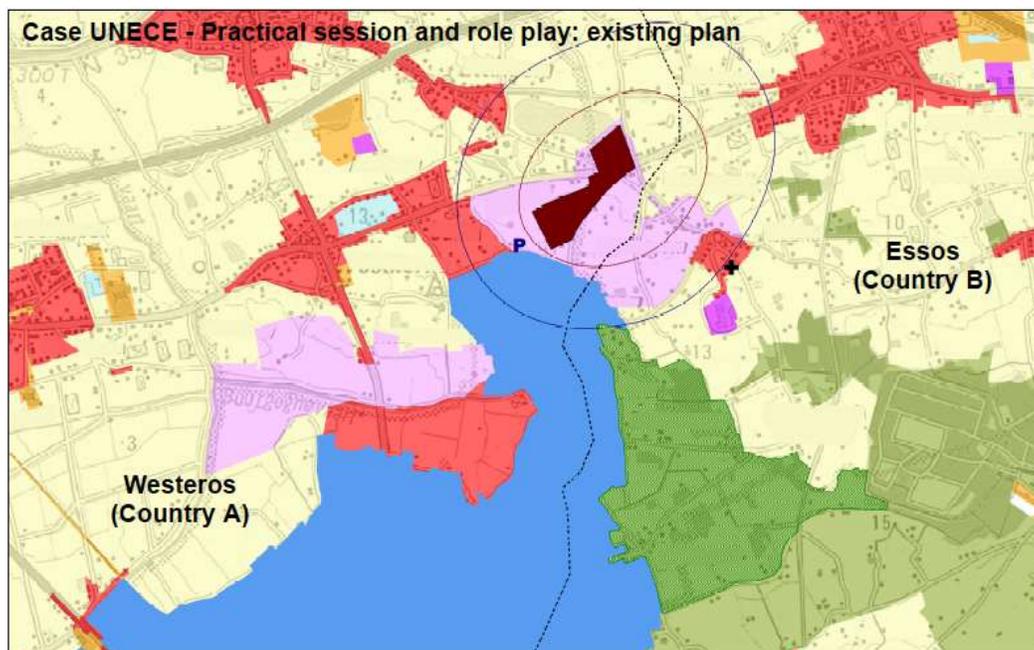


Sub-regional workshop on land-use planning and industrial safety for South Eastern Europe



Practical exercise with a role play – 28 October 2021

Overall conclusions

Scenario

- The scenario presented a realistic situation
- There is a need to look at the whole picture and not only at individual elements
- Understanding the motivation and responsibilities of the stakeholders is essential
- An integrated approach is necessary because of interdependencies

Role play and process

- Successful role play with enthusiastic, substantive and professional involvement of all participants
- It is not easy to leave the 'own' professional role
- Professional and constructive discussions led to well-considered choices and decisions
- It is not about decisions only, it is also about the process how to come to joint decisions on (new) developments and their siting
- All stakeholders delivered valuable input to the discussion
- Solution oriented dialogues
- Discussions can result in alternative (and sometimes better) solutions
- Considerations for the best choices are largely based on technical advice. Expert advice is essential!









Cross-border cooperation

- It was identified and confirmed that cross-border consultation and cooperation is a must
- Discussions on developments and their potential impact should take place with the involvement of all stakeholders
- At an early stage, opinions of all stakeholders involved should be taken into consideration for decision-making
- Cross-border consultation on new developments can identify and create opportunities for mutual benefits
- In case of (two) different risk assessment methodologies, situational adjustment should be considered

Overall conclusions

The role play:

- reinforced the participants' understanding that involvement of a wide range of stakeholders (within and across borders) is crucial for impact assessment, proper planning and management of hazardous activities
- underlined the need to consult with neighboring countries and to exchange information on land-use plans
- highlighted the need for agreeing on joint and transparent arrangements for consultation at the start of a process
- underlined the need to agree on a common risk assessment methodology (in case of different methodologies)
- showed that the outcome of dialogues between stakeholders and countries have been properly considered and reflected in final decisions