



Technical mission to support Montenegro in the implementation of the UNECE Convention on Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents

Co-organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the Ministry of Ecology, Spatial Planning and Urbanism of Montenegro

Main Objectives:

- Strengthen the implementation of the Industrial Accidents Convention in Montenegro
- Support the implementation of the Strategic Approach under the Assistance and Cooperation Programme
- Prepare an updated national self-assessment and national action plan agreed by all relevant stakeholders
- Explain the linkages and complementarities of the Convention with EU legislation
- Enhance cooperation between respective authorities
- Provide an opportunity for an exchange of experience between international and national experts

Dates: 30 November-1 December 2021

Venue: Ministry of Ecology, Spatial Planning and Urbanism, IV Proleterske 19, Podgorica, Montenegro and online

Beneficiaries: Ministry of Ecology, Spatial Planning and Urbanism and all relevant authorities responsible for prevention of, preparedness and response to industrial accidents, environmental protection & DRR

Languages: English and Montenegrin with simultaneous interpretation

Draft Agenda

Tuesday, 30 November 2021

- 08:00 – 08:30** **Arrival and registration of participants**
- 08:30 – 08:40** **Opening of the meeting**
Mr Dusan Bugarin, General Director, Directorate for Ecology, Ministry for Ecology, Spatial Planning and Urbanism of Montenegro
Ms. Liza Rubach, Manager of the Assistance and Cooperation Programme, UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents
- 08:40 – 09:00** **Introduction to the workshop: Opening “Tour de Table”, agenda, planned activities and goals**
Ms. Liza Rubach, UNECE

Session I: Setting the scene

Moderated by Mr. Camille Siefridt, Bureau Member, European Union (remotely)



- 09:00 – 09:20** **UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention: main requirements, existing tools and guidance**
Ms. Liza Rubach, UNECE
- 09:20 – 09:40** **Industrial safety and the prevention of accidental water pollution: work of the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents**
Ms. Claudia Kamke, Secretary of the Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents, UNECE (remotely)
- 09:40 – 10:00** **Cooperation with neighbouring countries in South-Eastern Europe and beyond**
Ms. Suzana Milutinovic, Bureau member, Serbia (remotely)
- 10:00 – 10:20** **Linkages between the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention and EU legislation, and approximation to EU law**
Mr. Camille Siefridt, Bureau Member, European Union (remotely)
- 10:20 – 10:30** **Q&A and discussion**
- 10:30 – 10:50** **Coffee break**

Session II: Implementation of the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention: good practices & examples from other Parties

Moderated by Ms. Liza Rubach, UNECE

- 10:50 – 11:10** **Benefits of enhanced implementation of the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention & risk assessment approach on the example of Serbia**
Ms. Sanja Stamenkovic, Member of the Working on Group on Implementation (WGI), Serbia
- 11:10 – 11:30** **Example of cooperation between national competent authorities responsible for industrial accident prevention, preparedness and response**
Ms. Torill Tandberg, Chair of the Industrial Accidents Convention, Specialist Director, Directorate for Civil Protection, Norway (remotely)
- 11:30 – 11:50** **National Policy Dialogues on Industrial Safety: possible launch and implementation in Montenegro**
Ms. Liza Rubach, UNECE
- 11:50 – 12:00** **Q&A and discussion**
- 12:00 – 13:00** **Lunch**



Session III: Assistance and Cooperation Programme under the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention

Moderated by Ms. Jelena Kovačević, Ministry for Ecology, Spatial Planning and Urbanism of Montenegro

- 13:00 – 13:20** **Presentation of the current situation in Montenegro with regards to the implementation of the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention**
Ms. Dragana Raonić Popović, Ministry for Ecology, Spatial Planning and Urbanism of Montenegro
- 13:20 – 13:40** **Strategic Approach under the Assistance and Cooperation Programme**
Ms. Liza Rubach, UNECE
- 13:40 – 14:00** **Implementation of the Strategic Approach on the example of the Assistance and Cooperation Programme beneficiary country**
Mr. Evgeny Baranovsky, Bureau Member, Belarus
- 14:00 – 14:10** **Q&A and discussion**
- 14:10 – 14:30** **Coffee break**

Session IV: National self-assessment with respect to the implementation of the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention

Moderated by Mr. Evgeny Baranovsky, Bureau Member, Belarus

- 14:30 – 14:50** **General remarks on the preparation of the national self-assessment**
Ms. Jelena Kovačević, Ministry for Ecology, Spatial Planning and Urbanism of Montenegro
- 14:50 – 15:20** **Discussion of Self-assessment working area 1: Identification of hazardous activities**
Ms. Jelena Kovačević, Ministry for Ecology, Spatial Planning and Urbanism of Montenegro and feedback by all experts
- 15:20 – 15:50** **Discussion of Self-assessment working area 2: Notification of hazardous activities**
Ms. Dragana Raonić Popović, Ministry for Ecology, Spatial Planning and Urbanism of Montenegro and feedback by all experts
- 15:50 – 16:00** **Wrap up and conclusions of Day 1**
Moderator of the Session
- 19:00** **Dinner**
Boscovich Boutique Hotel, 55 Marka Miljanova, Podgorica 81000



Session IV (cont.)

- 08:30 – 09:00** **Arrival and registration of participants**
- 09:00 – 09:30** **Discussion of Self-assessment working area 3: Prevention**
Mr. Vladan Dragutinović, Environmental Protection Agency of Montenegro and feedback by all experts
- 09:30 – 10:00** **Discussion of Self-assessment working area 4: Preparedness**
Ms. Dragana Raonić Popović, Ministry for Ecology, Spatial Planning and Urbanism of Montenegro and feedback by all experts and feedback by all experts
- 10:00 – 10:30** **Discussion of Self-assessment working area 5: Response and mutual assistance**
Ms. Vera Baturan, Ministry of Interior of Montenegro and feedback by all experts
- 10:30 – 11:00** **Discussion of Self-assessment working area 6: Information to the public and public participation**
Ms. Jelena Kovačević, Ministry for Ecology, Spatial Planning and Urbanism of Montenegro and feedback by all experts
- 11:00 – 11:20** **Coffee break**

Session V: National action plan with respect to the implementation of the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention & enhancing industrial safety in Montenegro

Moderated by Ms. Liza Rubach, UNECE

- 11:20 – 11:35** **Summary of identified shortcomings and priorities for each working area and the respective indicators of the self-assessments**
Ms. Dragana Raonić Popović, Ministry for Ecology, Spatial Planning and Urbanism of Montenegro and feedback by all experts and feedback by all experts
- 11:35 – 12:25** **Group Work: Plan of activities to be undertaken with regards to the list of priority actions identified in the self-assessments**
Group work (in small groups, representatives of different authorities work together on draft action plans)
- 12:25 – 13:00** **Presentations of plan of activities by each of the groups**
- 13:00 – 14:00** **Lunch**



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Session VI: Needs, opportunities and ways forward for Montenegro

Moderated by Ms. Sanja Stamenkovic, WGI Member, Serbia

- 14:00 – 14:20** **Summary of planned activities by Montenegro containing the steps to be taken by appropriate institutions to implement requirements under the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention and time frame for their completion**
Ms. Jelena Kovačević, Ministry for Ecology, Spatial Planning and Urbanism of Montenegro (based on results of group work and presentations)
- 14:20 – 14:40** **Wrap up and conclusions**
Ms. Sanja Stamenkovic, WGI Member, Serbia & Mr. Evgeny Baranovsky, Bureau Member, Belarus
- 14:40 – 15:00** **Closing “Tour de Table”, evaluation forms & photos**
Moderated by Ms. Liza Rubach, UNECE

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