



Activities and exchanges taking place within the Czech-German-Polish working group



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Seminar on good practices and lessons learned in implementing
the UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents

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Short history:

- 18.3.1992 Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents agreed in Helsinki, Finland
- 9.9.1998 ratification Germany
- 12.6.2000 accession Czech Republic
- 8.9.2003 ratification Poland
- 2006 change of Annex I – The Amendments were adopted at the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, (in Rome) and entered into force on 19 March 2008.
- 2014 the Amendments were adopted at the eighth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, (in Geneva) and entered into force on 19 December 2015.

Bilateral agreements: cooperation and reciprocal support in major accident and disaster events between the Czechia and neighbouring states:



- Germany



- Poland



- Austria



- Slovakia

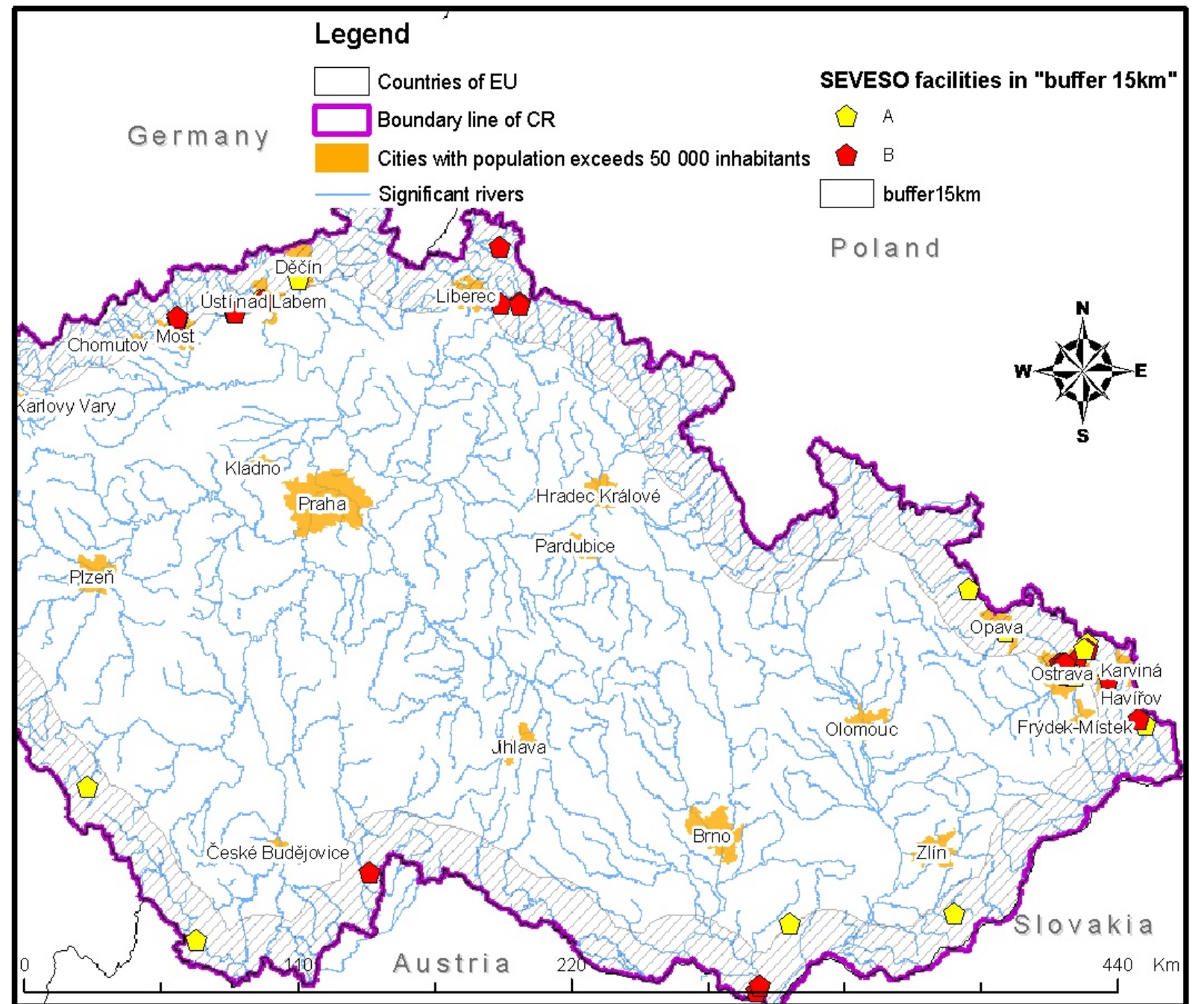
Information exchanges and common activities

- Information sharing of sites/installations with transboundary risk potential
- Information about accidents
- Lessons learned and good practices
- Common research & development and education activities
- Regular bi- and trilateral meetings

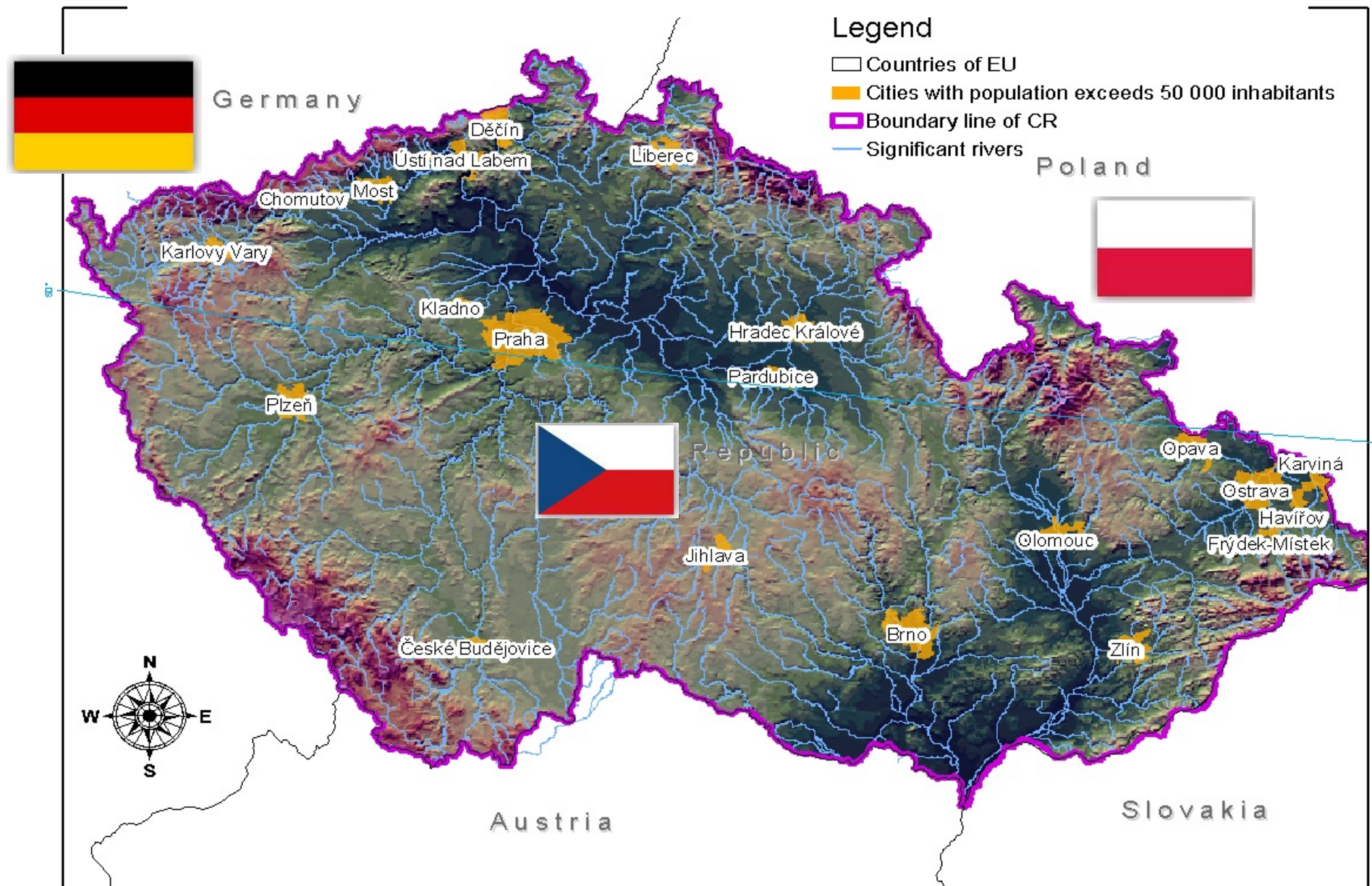
Information sharing:

Potentially hazardous installations less than 15 km from borders-

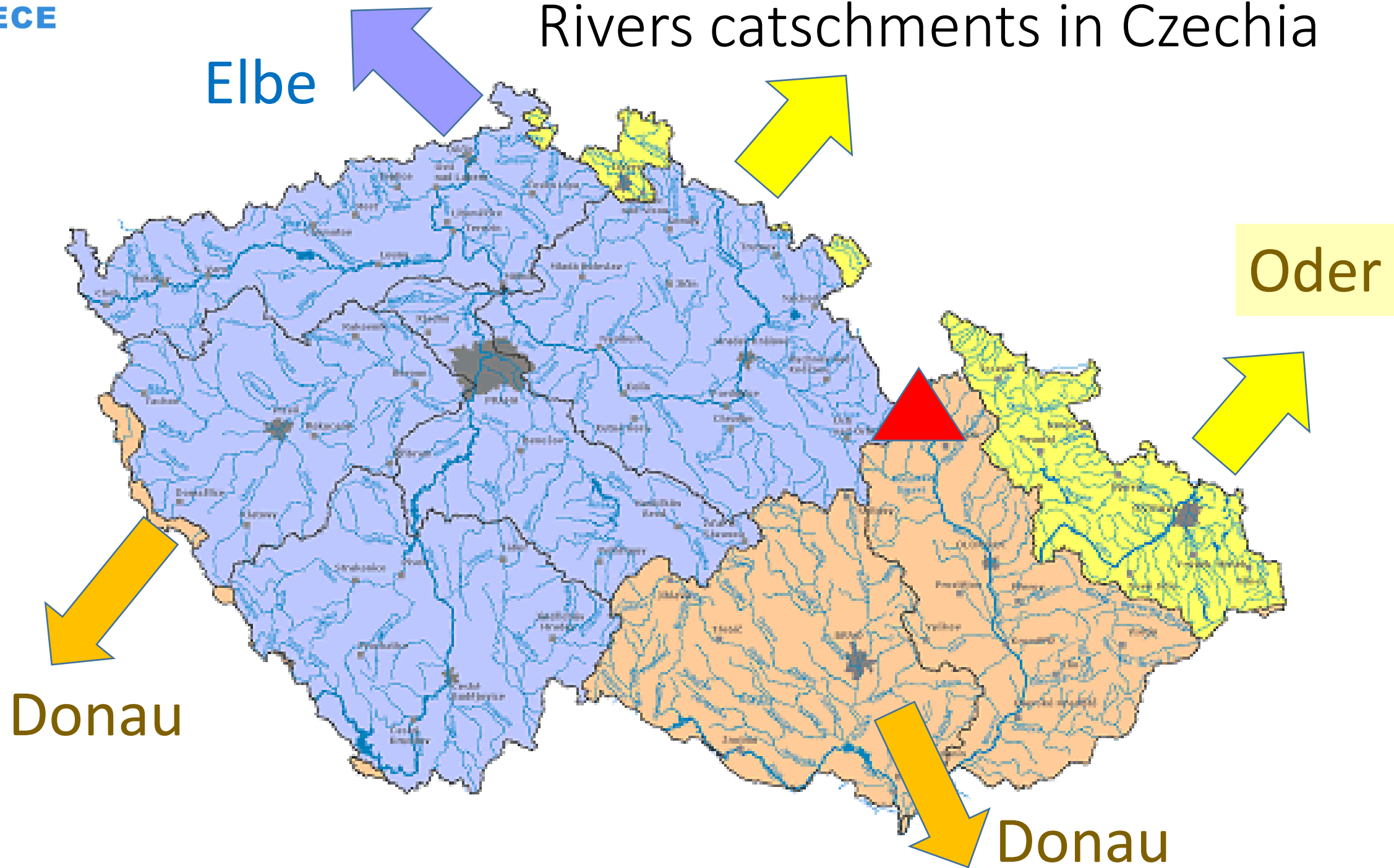
Airborne risk



Waters in Czechia



Rivers catschments in Czechia



International training Eisenhüttenstadt



- Polish – Germany border – river Oder
- Multi-stakeholder training of first responders and their international cooperation
- Various scenarios: hydrocarbon spill on river, extended fire, flood, explosion...
- Wide international seminary with good practices sharing



International training Kotki

- At the border between Poland and Russia (Kaliningrad)
- Participation of experts from many UNECE countries
- Complex exercise in international cooperation:
 - chemical release with transboundary effects
 - transport accident
 - terrorist attack



Common research & development and education activities



- Most of common actions in the wider platform: JEG - Joint Expert Group, e.g. preparation of guidelines
- Especially Germany (UBA and other organisations) is active in international projects, seminars and assistance programmes, e.g.:
 - Tailing facilities safety
 - Pipeline safety
 - NATECHs
 - Contingency planning
 - Others...



Regular meetings of working groups for realization of Convention

- 20 regular meetings of Germany – Poland bilateral working group
- 10 regular meetings of Germany – Czechia bilateral working group
- Last one (13-14 November 2018, Berlin) – first trilateral working group



Programme of trilateral meeting Berlin

- Agreement on protocols of bilateral meetings (19th D-PL, 9th D-CZ)
- Information Exchange in the Convention Framework
 - Cooperation of emergency services in the borders proximity and evaluation of international exercises (e.g. Roter Eber in Chamerau, 2500 participants)
 - Communication (including translation) in international cooperation
 - Equipment compatibility
- Actualisation of contact points
- Firewater retention expert group report and training (Ratzdorf, D-PL)
- Early warning
- Accidents and lessons learned:
 - Świnoujście 2017
 - Litvínov 2015
 - Kralupy 2018



Conclusions:

- UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents is a Framework and an integral part of both national and international effort of trilateral CZ – D – PL working group
- Exchanging information and understanding good practices allow to consider new and innovative approaches to strengthening their implementation
- Activities of Trilateral Working Group commonly cover UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents, Sendai Framework, EU legislation and OECD recommendation
- Further development of exchanges and activities is envisaged

Thank you for your attention

