

First meeting of the Steering Committee to the National Policy Dialogue (NPD) for Industrial Safety in Serbia
Belgrade, 16 March 2022

Agenda

Objectives:

- Provide a platform for dialogue in view of advancing policy reforms on industrial safety and related areas in Serbia
- Agree on the approach to the National Programme on Industrial Safety of Serbia, by reviewing a draft concept, sharing views by the different authorities and agreeing on next steps
- Familiarize participants with international approaches to designing and implementing national industrial safety programmes and consider how these can benefit Serbia
- Identify key challenges/gaps related to the prevention of, preparedness for and response to industrial accidents, and, as a result, determine next steps in the NPD implementation in Serbia

Background:

NPD for Industrial Safety is a forum to advance policy reforms and enhance environmental governance, disaster resilience and industrial safety. It also addresses challenges related to industrial safety at the national level with regard to transboundary cooperation. NPD is being implemented by all relevant national authorities and stakeholders in Serbia with support from UNECE under the auspices of the Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents (Industrial Accidents Convention). NPD for Industrial Safety in Serbia was successfully launched on 26 October 2021, resulting in the establishment of the NPD Steering Committee (SC), agreement on the Terms of References (ToR) of the SC and its initial composition (remaining open to be joined by additional stakeholders), agreement to conclude a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). Further information on the launch meeting is available at: <https://unece.org/info/Environmental-Policy/events/353193>

Organizers:

The meeting is co-organized by the Ministry of Environmental Protection of Serbia and the secretariat of the UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents

Beneficiaries: Ministry of Environmental Protection, Ministry of Interior, Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Ministry of Mining and Energy, Ministry of Constructing, Traffic and Infrastructure

Working languages: English & Serbian (with simultaneous interpretation)

Format: in-person with possibility of remote connection

Venue: Meeting room 129 „Palata Srbija”, Bulevar Mihajla Pupina 2, Novi Beograd, Belgrade

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Session 1: Setting the scene

Moderated by Ms. Françoise Jacob, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Serbia

- 09:00 – 09:15** **Arrival and registration of participants**
- 09:15 – 09:30** **Welcome statements**
Mr. Filip Abramovic, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Environmental Protection, Serbia
Ms. Françoise Jacob, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Serbia
Ms. Franziska Hirsch, Secretary to the Industrial Accidents Convention, UNECE
- 09:30 – 09:45** **Introduction to the meeting: NPD on industrial safety in Serbia, ToR of SC, objectives of the 1st SC meeting & agenda**
Ms. Suzana Milutinovic, Focal Point to the Industrial Accidents Convention, Section for Major Chemical Accident Protection, Ministry of Environmental Protection, Serbia
- 09:45 – 09:55** **Opening “Tour de Table”**
- 09:55 – 10:05** **Election of the NPD Steering Committee (SC) Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary**
Moderated by Ms. Franziska Hirsch, Secretary to the Industrial Accidents Convention, UNECE
- 10:05 – 10:15** **Short presentation & discussion of the elements of the Memorandum of Understanding between relevant authorities of Serbia and UNECE**
Ms. Ksenia Nechunaeva, Environmental Affairs Consultant, Industrial Accidents Convention, UNECE

Session 2: National Programme on Industrial Safety of Serbia

Moderated by the elected Chair of the Steering Committee, Serbia

- 10:15 – 10:30** **Presentation of the Draft Concept of the National Programme on Industrial Safety in Serbia**
Mr. Slobodan Tosović, National Expert under Serbian NPD Process
- 10:30 – 10:40** **Presentation/Statement on recent developments, needs/challenges in the area of industrial safety and industrial legislation, feedback on Concept of the National Programme on Industrial Safety in Serbia**
Mr. Zivko Babovic, Head of Department, Sector for Emergency Management, Department for Risk Management, Ministry of Interior, Serbia

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- 10:40 – 10:50** **Presentation/Statement on main areas of work, needs/challenges in the area of industrial safety and industrial legislation, feedback on Concept of the National Programme on Industrial Safety in Serbia**
Mr. Bojan Srdic, Sector for Management of Environment, Member of the NPD SC from the Ministry of Environmental Protection, Serbia
- 10:50 – 11:00** **Presentation/Statement on main areas of work, needs/challenges in the area of industrial safety and industrial legislation, feedback on Concept of the National Programme on Industrial Safety in Serbia**
Ms. Dobrila Kujundic, Republic Water Directorate, Member of the NPD SC from the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Water Management, Serbia
- 11:00 – 11:15** **Coffee Break**
- 11:15 – 11:25** **Presentation/Statement on main areas of work, needs/challenges in the area of industrial safety and industrial legislation, feedback on Concept of the National Programme on Industrial Safety in Serbia**
Mr. Goran Tomic, Member of the NPD SC from the Ministry of Mining and Energy, Serbia
- 11:25 – 11:35** **Presentation/Statement on main areas of work, needs/challenges in the area of industrial safety and industrial legislation, feedback on Concept of the National Programme on Industrial Safety in Serbia**
Mr. Djordje Milic, Assistant Minister, and Ms. Svetlana Ceperkovic, Department for Spatial planning, Members of the NPD SC from the Ministry of Constructing, Traffic and Infrastructure, Serbia
- 11:35 – 11:55** **Exchange of views on the involvement of other relevant stakeholders in the NPD process**
Moderated by Ms. Sanja Stamenkovic, Section for Major Chemical Accident Protection, Ministry of Environmental Protection, Serbia
- 11:55 – 12:15** **Exchange of views on needs/challenges, and discussion of the Concept of the National Programme on Industrial Safety**
Moderated by Mr. Tosović, National Expert under Serbian NPD Process
- 12:15 – 12:30** **Recap of next steps and timelines towards the development of the National Programme on Industrial Safety and priority topics to be addressed under NPD process**
Moderated by Ms. Suzana Milutinovic, Focal Point to the Industrial Accidents Convention, Section for Major Chemical Accident Protection, Ministry of Environmental Protection, Serbia
- 12:30 – 14:00** **Lunch**

Session 3: International approaches and good practices of designing national industrial safety programmes/strategies/action plans

Moderated by Ms. Franziska Hirsch, Secretary to the Industrial Accidents Convention

- 14:00 – 14:15** **Overview presentation of international approaches to developing industrial safety programmes/strategies/action plans**
Mr. Chris Dijkens, International Expert under Serbian NPD Process
- 14:15 – 14:25** **Linkages between the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention and EU legislation, and approximation to EU law**
Mr. Camille Siefriidt, Bureau Member, European Union (remotely)
- 14:25 – 14:40** **Sendai Framework, EFDRR Roadmap 2021-2030 and linkages with the Industrial Accidents Convention**
Mr. Andrew Mackay Bower, Programme Management Officer, UNDRR ROECA (remotely) and Ms. Maja Markovic, Coordination and Project Support Specialist to UNDRR (remotely)
- 14:40 – 14:50** **National experience of Italy on designing national industrial safety programme/policy**
Mr. Gianfranco Capponi, Head of the Integrated Analysis of Industrial Risks Section, Italian National Institute for Environmental Protection and Research (ISPRA), Italy (remotely)
- 14:50 – 15:00** **French national strategy on ageing and maintenance at hazardous sites**
Mr. Thibaut Marty, Energy and Chemistry Industries Risk Office, Ministry of the Ecological Transition, France (remotely)
- 15:00 – 15:10** **Key provisions of the Industrial Accidents Convention**
Ms. Franziska Hirsch, Secretary to the Industrial Accidents Convention, UNECE
- 15:10 – 15:20** **Key provisions of the Guiding Principles on Chemical Accident Prevention, Preparedness and Response**
Mr. Bertrand Dagallier, Principal Administrator, Biosafety, Novel Food/Feed Safety, Chemical Accidents, OECD ENV/EHS (remotely)
- 15:20 – 15:30** **Coffee Break**
- 15:30 – 15:45** **Brainstorming on how Serbia can benefit from international experiences and approaches**
Moderated by Mr. Chris Dijkens, International Expert under Serbian NPD Process
- 15:45 – 15:55** **Wrap up and conclusions**
Ms. Suzana Milutinovic, Focal Point to the Industrial Accidents Convention, Section for Major Chemical Accident Protection, Ministry of Environmental Protection, Serbia
- 15:55 – 16:00** **Evaluations, photos and closing of the meeting**
- 19:00 – 21:00** **Dinner**