

12th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents
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EFDRR (European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction) 2021

Thematic session:

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

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European Forum for Disaster Risk Reduction (EFDRR):

- triennial conference of regional Sendai community to discuss the developments in reaching the goals of Sendai framework and to discuss specific related subject topics
- important vehicle to address the regional disaster risk challenges
- serves as a forum for stakeholders to take a shared responsibility and make commitments to reduce disaster risks
- the outcomes are included in the United Nations Secretary General's report to the General Assembly, in the deliberations at the High Level Political Forum in New York and at the Global Platform on Disaster Risk Reduction.

EFDRR 2021: 24 – 26 Nov 2021, Matosinhos, Portugal

The focused thematic session **Preventing another Sandoz, Baia Mare or Beirut accident: Perspectives on risk management in the context of the Sendai Framework** realised in co-creation and co-organization of **UN ECE, OECD, EIB, Norway and Slovenia.**

1st thematic session on risks of industrial accidents in the framework of EFDRR

The overall aim of the focused thematic session: raise awareness and stimulate the Sendai community to further integrate industrial/chemical risk management policies, governance and good practice into Sendai Framework implementation process.

Specific objectives of the focused thematic session:

- i) inform the Sendai community on specifics of chemical/industrial risk,
- ii) present good examples on accident prevention and mitigation,
- iii) support and call for increased policy coherence,
- iv) place chemical/industrial risk in a broader context by addressing recent challenges such as COVID 19 and the energy transition.

Structure of the thematic session:

2 key note speeches

Session 1: chemical and industrial disaster risk – a scene setter

- Overview of chemical and industrial accidents
- Legal, policy and governance frameworks and their implementation

Session 2: revisiting Sendai priorities using a chemical disasters' risk lens

- Understanding industrial and chemical disaster risk
- Governance of industrial and chemical accident prevention, preparedness and response
- Financing for industrial and chemical risk management
- Transboundary cooperation for prevention, preparedness and recovery

Session 3: coherence between policies: industrial safety, disaster risk and sustainable development

- Cascading effects: Natech risk and governance responses
- Showcasing integrated national strategies on DRR and sustainable development
- Land-use planning for accident prevention and response

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

Key messages and inputs for EFDRR and Global Platform on DRR

(Mr. Dmitry Mariyasin, Deputy Executive Secretary, UN ECE)

Past accidents and existing policy

Policy coherence

Transboundary cooperation

Recommendations for implementing the EFDRR Roadmap 2021-2030

Addressing disaster risks in systemic manner by mainstreaming it in all relevant policies and reacting to new and emerging risks and developments ... this is common to all types of disasters.

Sendai process is an important mechanism addressing disaster risks in holistic manner.

Industrial accidents' risks to be addressed along the risks of other types of accidents.