

STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION – NATIONAL POLICY DIALOGUE ON INDUSTRIAL SAFETY

Belgrade
20 September 2023

Background:

The meeting is organized in the framework of the National Policy Dialogue (NPD) for Industrial Safety in the Republic of Serbia, launched in 2021. NPD aims to effectively assist Serbia in improving coordination between national authorities, ensure sound dialogue and involvement of all relevant stakeholders, including civil society and industry, and provide policy coherency in the area of industrial safety, taking account of transboundary considerations as well.

Development of the National Programme for Industrial Safety has been identified by the NPD Steering Committee (SC) as one of the main needs of Serbia in the area of industrial safety. The Programme is being developed under the leadership of the Ministry of Environmental Protection of the Republic of Serbia, in close cooperation and support from the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Convention on Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents, and collaboration with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Programme on Chemical Accidents. The National Programme for Industrial Safety is a comprehensive document outlining the national strategy in terms of industrial accidents prevention of, preparedness for and response to industrial accidents, which is being developed since 2022. Its concept was agreed upon by the members of the NPD Steering Committee at its First meeting. Further information on the NPD Launch meeting is available [here](#), and the First NPD SC meeting is available [here](#).

Objectives:

- Review, discuss and agree on the draft National Programme for Industrial Safety of Serbia
- Agree on the timeline and actions to be taken to finalize the National Programme for Industrial Safety of Serbia
- Share information on on-going work, priorities and gaps with regard to industrial accidents prevention, preparedness and response in Serbia
- Increase the capacity of all relevant stakeholders dealing with industrial safety, disaster risk reduction and related policy areas
- Strengthen cross-sectoral cooperation between all relevant actors
- Identify further needs for technical cooperation and capacity building and next steps in the NPD for Industrial Safety process in Serbia
- Review overall progress towards the full implementation of the Industrial Accidents Convention and other international frameworks.

Organizers:

The meeting is led by the Ministry of Environmental Protection of the Republic of Serbia and organized with support from the secretariat of the UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents and the OECD Programme on Chemical 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, Local self-governments, Chamber of Commerce, representatives of academia, industry and civil society of Serbia

Working languages: English & Serbian (with simultaneous interpretation)

Format: In-person, with possibility of remote connection

Venue: Meeting room Crystal A, Hyatt Regency Belgrade, Milentija Popovića 5, Beograd 11070, Serbia

Connection link for online participation: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87110610407>

Agenda

OPENING AND SETTING THE SCENE

Moderated by Ms. Sarangoo Radnaaragchaa, Regional Adviser for Environment, UNECE

08:45-09:00 **Arrival (in-person) and connection (online) of participants**

09:00-09:15 **Opening remarks and welcome statements**

- *Ms. Aleksandra Imsiragić Đurić, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Environmental Protection, Serbia*
- *Ms. Françoise Jacob, United Nations Resident Coordinator in Serbia*
- *Mr. Bertrand Dagallier, Principal Administrator, Chemical Accidents Programme, OECD*

9:15 - 9:30 **“Tour de Table”**

09:30-09:45 **Introduction: NPD in Serbia, objectives of the Stakeholder Consultation and agenda**

- *Ms. Liza Rubach, Assistance and Cooperation Programme Manager, Industrial Accidents Convention, UNECE*

Session 1: NATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR INDUSTRIAL SAFETY OF SERBIA

Moderated by Mr. Chris Dijkens, International Expert under Serbian NPD Process

09:45-10:05 **Presentation of the draft National Programme for Industrial Safety in Serbia**

- *Mr. Slobodan Tosović, National Expert under Serbian NPD Process*

10:05-10:45 **Feedback on the draft National Programme for Industrial Safety in Serbia**

- *Representatives of the NPD Steering Committee of Serbia*
 - *Representatives of industry of Serbia*
 - *Representatives of local self-governments of Serbia*
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10:45- 10:50	Group photo
10:50-11:05	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:05-11:50	Feedback on the draft National Programme for Industrial Safety in Serbia (continuation) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Representatives of the Chamber of Commerce of Serbia- Representatives of academia of Serbia- Representatives of international organizations
11:50-12:10	Discussion and exchange of views on the draft National Programme for Industrial Safety in Serbia <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Moderated by Mr. Chris Dijkens, International Expert under the Serbian NPD Process
12:10-12:20	Timeline and next steps to finalize the National Programme for Industrial Safety and priority topics to be addressed under NPD process <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ms. Suzana Milutinovic, Focal Point to the Industrial Accidents Convention, Section for Major Chemical Accident Protection, Ministry of Environmental Protection, Serbia
12:20- 13:45	<i>Lunch</i>
Session 2: APPROACHES AND TOOLS TO IMPROVE INDUSTRIAL SAFETY IN SERBIA AND BEYOND <i>Moderated by Ms. Liza Rubach, Industrial Accidents Convention, UNECE</i>	
13:45-14:00	International best practices and recommendations to developing industrial safety programmes/strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr. Chris Dijkens, International Expert under Serbian NPD Process
14:00-14:15	New OECD Legal Instrument and Guiding Principles on Chemical Accident Prevention, Preparedness and Response <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr. Bertrand Dagallier, Principal Administrator, Chemical Accidents Programme, OECD
14:15 – 14:30	Development of the Health Sector's National Contingency Plan for Chemical Accidents <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr. Miljan Rančić, Env.Eng., MSc, National Professional Officer for Country Health Emergency Preparedness & IHR, WHO
14:30- 14:45	Statements by the international stakeholders
14:45-15:00	Prevention of accidental water pollution: Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents (JEG) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mr. Bojan Srdić, Section for Major Chemical Accident Protection, Sector for Management of Environment, Ministry of Environmental Protection of Serbia, JEG Co-chair
15:00-15:45	Questions & answers

15:45-16:00 *Coffee break*

Session 3: NEXT STEPS AND WAY FORWARD FOR THE NPD PROCESS IN SERBIA
Moderated by Mr. Bertrand Dagallier, Principal Administrator, Chemical Accidents Programme, OECD

16:00-16:15 On-going work and priorities with regard to industrial accident prevention, preparedness and response in Serbia
- *Ms. Aleksandra Imsiragić Đurić, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Environmental Protection of Serbia, Chair of the NPD SC*

16:15-16:45 Brainstorming on a potential action plan for the National Programme for Industrial Safety of Serbia and next steps of the NPD process
- *Moderated by Ms. Aleksandra Imsiragić Đurić, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Environmental Protection, Serbia*

16:45-17:00 Questions & answers

CLOSING SESSION

17:00-17:15 Wrap up and conclusions
- *Ms. Aleksandra Imsiragić Đurić, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Environmental Protection, Serbia*

17:15-17:20 Meeting evaluation & closure
