

UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents

Roundtable Meeting to support the accession of Georgia to the UNECE Convention on Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents

8 November 2023, Tbilisi, Georgia

Evaluation summary

The Roundtable Meeting to support the accession of Georgia to the Convention on Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents was co-organized by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) and the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture of Georgia, with the financial support of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection.

The main objectives of the Roundtable Meeting were to inform the relevant authorities of Georgia about UNECE's work in the field of environmental governance, industrial safety and the prevention of accidental water pollution; to raise awareness of the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention and benefits of accession; to explain the linkages and complementarities of the Convention and the relevant EU legislation; to showcase some of the good practices of the Convention's implementation, and to determine next steps for Georgia for the accession to the Convention and enhanced industrial safety and transboundary cooperation in this regard.

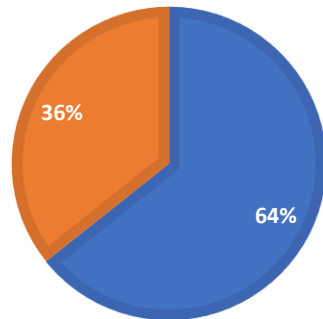
The Roundtable Meeting was attended by the senior representatives of various departments of the Ministry of Environmental Protection and Agriculture, Emergency Management Agency of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, State Security Service, Parliament, as well as representatives of industry - JSC "Rustavi Azot", JSC "APM Terminals Poti" and RMG Rich Metals Group. Furthermore, a Director at the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection of Germany, the Chair of the Industrial Accidents Convention from Norway, the Chair of the Convention's Working Group on Implementation (WGI) from Sweden and its members from Estonia and Switzerland, the co-Chair of the Joint Expert Group (JEG) on Water and Industrial Accidents from Serbia, and the Convention's secretariat contributed to the meeting.

The participants were requested to indicate their opinion of various aspects of the Roundtable Meeting to support the accession of Georgia to the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention in terms of preparations, conduct of the meetings, content, practical and general comments. A total of 14 evaluation forms were submitted. A summary of feedback received is presented below.

1. Please evaluate the organization and practical arrangements for the meeting in view of:

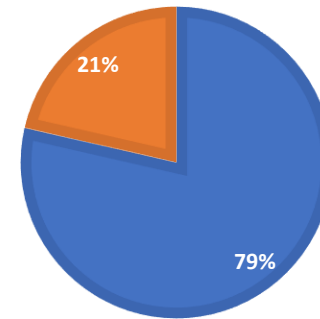
AVAILABILITY OF MEETING DOCUMENTATION IN DUE TIME BEFORE THE MEETING

■ Very satisfactory ■ Satisfactory ■ Unsatisfactory
■ Very unsatisfactory ■ No opinion



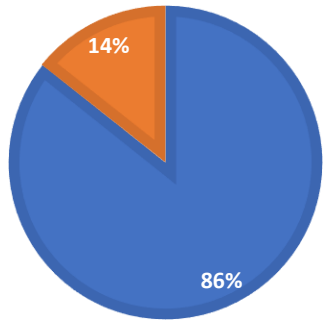
USEFULNESS OF PRACTICAL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

■ Very satisfactory ■ Satisfactory ■ Unsatisfactory
■ Very unsatisfactory ■ No opinion



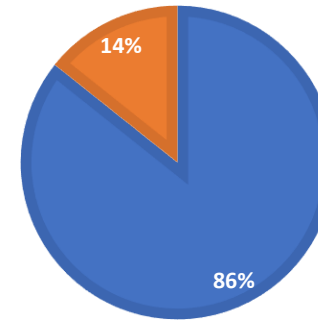
REGISTRATION (INFORMATION PROVIDED, CLARITY OF REGISTRATION PROCESS, DEADLINE, ETC.)

Very satisfactory Satisfactory Unsatisfactory
Very unsatisfactory No opinion



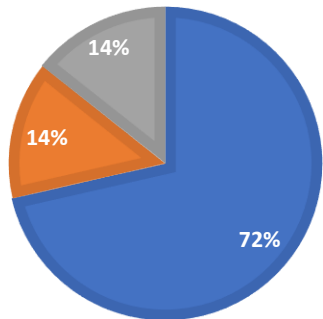
MEETING VENUE, LOCATION AND ARRANGEMENT OF THE MEETING ROOM

Very satisfactory Satisfactory Unsatisfactory
Very unsatisfactory No opinion



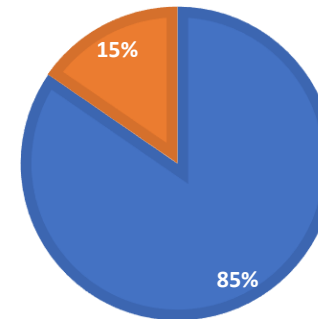
TIME SCHEDULE, DURATION OF THE MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

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Very unsatisfactory No opinion



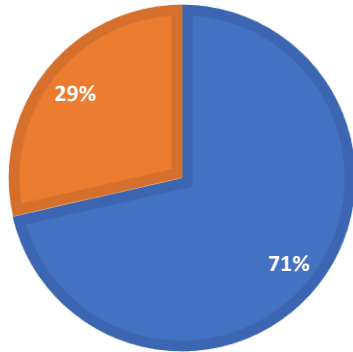
SUPPORT PROVIDED BY THE CO-ORGANIZERS BEFORE /DURING THE MEETING

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Very unsatisfactory No opinion



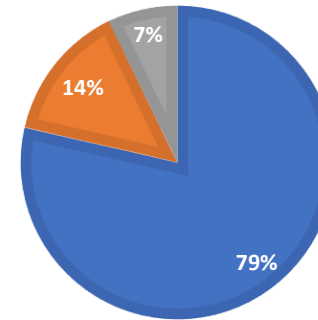
MEALS (LUNCHESES, COFFEES)

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■ Very unsatisfactory ■ No opinion



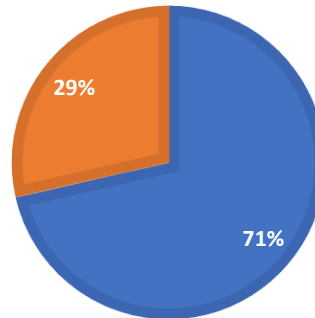
QUALITY OF HEADPHONES / MICROPHONES/INTERPRETATION

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USEFULNESS OF PROVIDED PUBLICATIONS AT THE MEETING

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■ Very unsatisfactory ■ No opinion



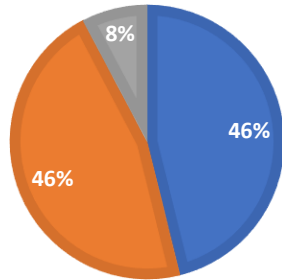
Overall, the participants of the Roundtable Meeting to support the accession of Georgia to the UNECE Convention on Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents were satisfied with the organization and practical arrangements for the meeting. In particular, they were content with the meeting venue, meal, and the support provided by the co-organizers before and during the meeting. In addition, the participants were pleased with the availability of the practical information and documents before the event. In general, the participants evaluated the time schedule, duration and agenda items of the meeting well, while some respondents indicated there could be some improvement in these departments.

2. The level of satisfaction with the workshop in terms of:



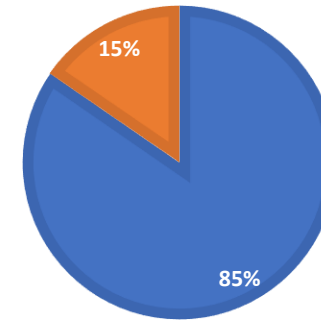
PROVIDING A FORUM FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WITH OTHER PARTICIPANTS AND TO ESTABLISH CONTACTS

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Very unsatisfactory No opinion



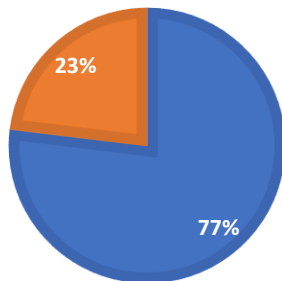
PRESENTATIONS: RELEVANCE, QUALITY, CLARITY, USEFULNESS

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Very unsatisfactory No opinion



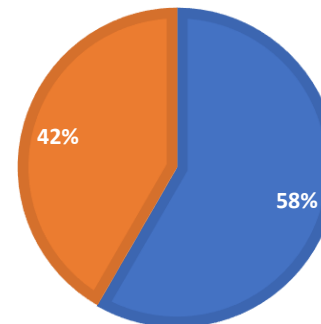
DISCUSSIONS: EFFICIENCY, QUALITY, CLARITY, USEFULNESS

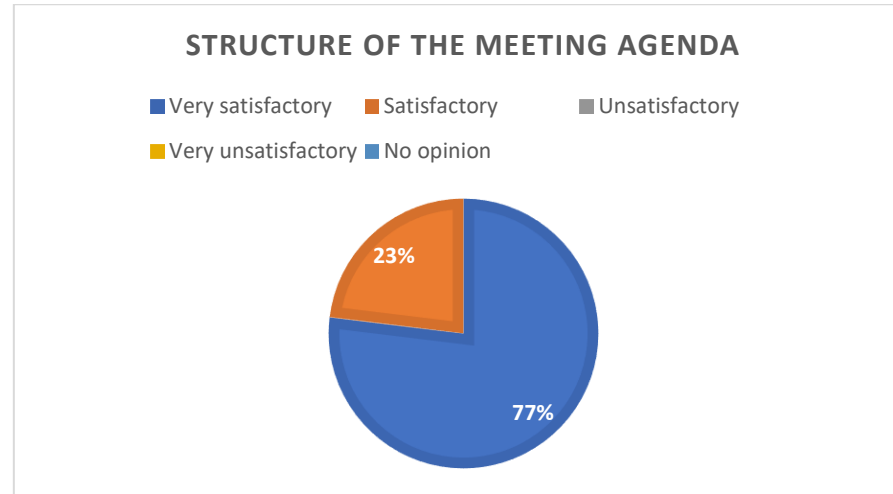
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OUTCOME OF THE MEETING

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Very unsatisfactory No opinion



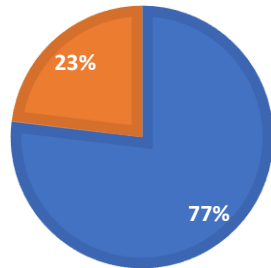


In addition, the participants were asked to evaluate substantive aspects of the event. They estimated both presentations and discussions useful, clear and relevant, and the structure of the meeting agenda and overall outcomes of the event - good. Overall, the respondents found the obtained knowledge relevant for their future work, however, some indicated there could be a room for improvement in this regard. According to the received responses, the meeting provided a forum for exchange of information with other participants and networking.

3. The extent of achievement of the objectives of the workshop:

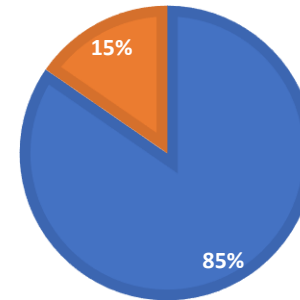
INFORM THE RELEVANT AUTHORITIES OF GEORGIA ABOUT UNECE'S WORK IN THE FIELD OF ENVIRONMENTAL GOVERNANCE, INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND THE PREVENTION OF ACCIDENTAL WATER POLLUTION

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 Very unsatisfactory No opinion



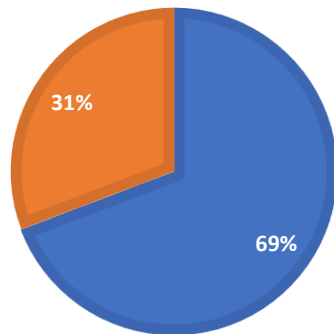
RAISE AWARENESS OF THE UNECE CONVENTION ON THE TRANSBOUNDARY EFFECTS OF INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS AND BENEFITS OF ACCESSION

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 Very unsatisfactory No opinion



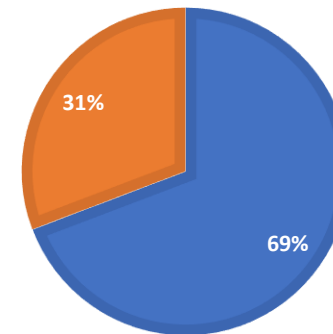
EXPLAIN THE LINKAGES AND COMPLEMENTARITIES OF THE CONVENTION AND THE RELEVANT EU LEGISLATION

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 Very unsatisfactory No opinion



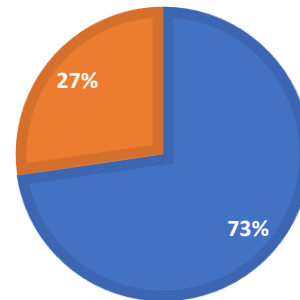
SHOWCASE SOME OF THE GOOD PRACTICES OF THE CONVENTION'S IMPLEMENTATION

Very satisfactory Satisfactory Unsatisfactory
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DETERMINE NEXT STEPS FOR GEORGIA FOR THE ACCESSION TO THE CONVENTION AND ENHANCED INDUSTRIAL SAFETY AND TRANSBOUNDARY COOPERATION IN THIS REGARD

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Furthermore, the respondents were requested to assess how well the workshop’s objectives were achieved. The participants indicated that the Roundtable Meeting to support the accession of Georgia to the UNECE Convention on Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents was informative for the relevant authorities of Georgia about UNECE’s work in the field of environmental governance, industrial safety and the prevention of accidental water pollution. The event raised their awareness of the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention and benefits of accession and explained the linkages and complementarities of the Convention and the relevant EU legislation. Overall, the respondents were very pleased with the showcase some of the good practices of the Convention’s implementation and determining next steps for Georgia for the accession to the Convention and strengthening industrial safety and transboundary cooperation.