Activities under the Industrial Accidents Convention to support implementation of the 2030 Agenda

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Goal 6

Target 6.3: to improve water quality by 2030, by minimizing the release of hazardous chemicals and materials

- Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents (with Water Convention) >> Safety Guidelines and Good Industry Practices, e.g. on tailings management facilities (TMF) and fire water retention (under development)

- Activities to improving the Safety of TMF in Ukraine and the Caucasus, persisting needs also in Central Asia
Goal 11

Target 11.5:

By 2030, to reduce the number of deaths and the direct economic losses ... caused by disasters, including water-related disasters

Target 11.b:

By 2020, substantially increase the number of cities adopting and implementing integrated policies and plans towards ... resilience to disasters, and develop and implement, in line with the Sendai Framework, holistic disaster risk management

• Guidance on land-use planning, the siting of hazardous activities and related safety aspects, developed jointly with the Espoo Convention and its Protocol on SEA

• Seminar on land-use planning (Belgium, 16-17 May 2018)
Goal 12

Target 12.4: to achieve by 2020 the environmentally sound management of chemicals, in accordance with agreed international frameworks

- Sub-regional workshops held in all sub-regions of Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, South-Eastern Europe and Central Asia on chemicals management and industrial accident prevention, to support countries in the implementation of the amended annex I, aligned with GHS
Goal 17

Target 17.6: to enhance regional and international cooperation and access to science, technology and innovation and enhance knowledge sharing on mutually agreed terms

- Continuous partnership with other regional and global actors
- Joint UNECE/OECD seminar on fostering the implementation of agenda 2030 and the Sendai Framework during CoP-9 (Ljubljana, 28-30 Nov. 2016)
- Follow-up seminar on risk assessment methodologies during CoP-10 (Geneva, 4-6 Dec. 2018)
- Convention as a legal instrument, with its tools & guidance supports countries in implementing the 4 priority areas of action of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, and the SDGs