Progress report on the Assistance Programme during 2013-2014

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Assistance activities in 2013 - 2014

• Project on hazard and crisis management in the Danube Delta involving the Republic of Moldova, Ukraine and Romania
• National follow-up projects on safety reports in Croatia, Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
• Workshop on the accession to and implementation of the Convention in Kyrgyzstan
• High-level awareness-raising meeting and expert workshop for Georgia
Assistance activities in 2013 - 2014

- Workshop on the implementation of the Industrial Accidents Convention in Montenegro
- High-level meeting to promote the implementation of the Industrial Accidents Convention in Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Workshop on the Industrial Accidents Convention in Turkmenistan
- Capacity-building activities on the indicators and criteria for Azerbaijan and Albania
Other activities

• Project on risk assessment of industrial accidents and enforcement of cross-border obligations (RIECO)
• Training workshop under the Seveso Directive and the Industrial Accidents Convention on risk assessment and accident lessons learned
High-level awareness-raising meeting and expert workshop for Georgia

• 5 - 8 November 2013, Tbilisi

• On request by the Georgian Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection

• Objective
  – Raise political awareness and support of the ratification and implementation of the Industrial Accidents Convention

• Target group
  – High-level representatives of the parliament and the national competent and enforcement authorities
  – Experts of the national competent and enforcement authorities
High-level awareness-raising meeting and expert workshop for Georgia

• Outcomes - participants agreed on future actions and next steps:
  • Establish a working group
  • Appoint a leading authority
  • Review and update the national self-assessment and action plan

• Georgia submitted National implementation report
• Work in progress on the update of the national self-assessment
High-level meeting on the Industrial Accidents Convention in Bosnia and Herzegovina

• 19 May 2014, Sarajevo

• Objectives
  – Information about obligations and benefits
  – Support national implementation

• Target group - national and federal entities of Bosnia and Herzegovina
High-level meeting on the Industrial Accidents Convention in Bosnia and Herzegovina

• Outcomes
  – Nomination of competent authorities
  – Nomination of national focal point(s)
  – Implementing of other basic tasks under the Convention
  – Preparation of a national implementation report
  – Competent authorities need support following the implementation of some basic tasks
Workshop on the Industrial Accidents Convention in Turkmenistan

• 9 - 10 October 2014, Ashgabat

• Objectives
  – to enhance national capacity in the area of prevention, preparedness and response to industrial accidents
  – to present benefits and obligations related to accession to the Convention

• Target group
  – Representatives of the national competent and enforcement authorities
• Outcomes

  – Competent authorities to start work on evaluating the obligations and benefits of the Industrial Accidents Convention

  – An intergovernmental working group to be established
Project on risk assessment and enforcement of cross-border obligations

- 18 - 19 September 2013, Chisinau
- 34 Participants from Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, the Republic of Moldova, Tajikistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan
- Objective - To identify and discuss key topics and good practices in the area of risk assessment and accident preparedness and response
Outcomes

- guidance materials (signpost) and recommendations for exposure and risk assessment of (cross-border) industrial accidents and cross-border cooperation
- strengthening of bilateral and multilateral cooperation in the area of industrial accidents preparedness and response
Participation in Assistance programme activities

Albania
Armenia
Azerbaijan
Belarus
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Croatia
Georgia
Kazakhstan
Kyrgyzstan
Montenegro
The FYROM
Republic of Moldova
Romania
Serbia
Tajikistan
Ukraine
Uzbekistan
Thank you for your attention!