



Joint Workshop on land-use planning, the siting of hazardous activities and related safety aspects

**Geneva, Palais des Nations, room XIX
13 April 2016 (10.00–13.00 and 15.00–18.00)**

Organized jointly under the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention and the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment (Protocol on SEA) to the UNECE Convention on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (Espoo Convention), in cooperation with the UNECE Committee on Housing and Land Management and the EU/European Investment Bank

Objectives

The workshop focuses on relevant experiences, good practices and challenges encountered by Parties and stakeholders in the field of safety and land-use planning, in particular with respect to the siting and modification of industrial hazardous activities. It will be held as part of the seventh meeting of the Working Group on Development of the Industrial Accidents Convention (12-14 April 2016) and the fifth meeting of the Working Group on EIA and SEA (11-15 April 2016).

The joint workshop is organized with the objectives to:

- Share relevant experiences, good practices, challenges and lessons learned in the field of land-use planning and siting throughout the ECE region
- Discuss and further develop the draft joint guidance on land-use planning, the siting of hazardous activities and related safety aspects that draws on, among others, the information gathered from national focal points and stakeholders through a questionnaire survey
- Identify means to improve the application of the relevant provisions of the Industrial Accidents Convention and the Protocol on SEA to the siting of hazardous activities in a mutually consistent and complementary manner, as well as in taking due account of the other existing instruments and policies.

During the joint workshop the participants will be invited to:

- Share available expertise, experience and good practices, as well as lessons learned, concerning safety and land-use planning with respect to the siting of hazardous activities
- Provide general and specific comments on the draft guidance in view of the further development of the document.

Time	Agenda item
Morning session: Introduction and draft guidance	
10:00 – 10:20	<p>Opening remarks</p> <p><i>Mr. Chris Dijkens, Chair of Working Group on Development of the Industrial Accidents Convention</i></p> <p><i>Ms. Migle Masaityte, Chair of Working Group on EIA and SEA</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Marco Keiner, Acting Director, UNECE Forests, Land and Housing Division</i></p> <p><i>Mr. Bartholomew Judd, European Investment Bank</i></p>
10:20 – 10:35	<p>Overview of the land-use planning and siting obligations under the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention and recommendations from the 2010 The Hague seminar¹</p> <p><i>Ms. Jasmina Karba, Chair of the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention</i></p>
10:35 – 10:50	<p>Overview of the obligations under the Protocol on Strategic Environmental Assessment to the UNECE Espoo Convention relevant to land-use planning</p> <p><i>Ms. Migle Masaityte, Chair of Working Group on EIA and SEA</i></p>
10:50 – 13:00	<p>Presentation and discussion on the draft Guidance on land-use planning, siting of hazardous activities and related safety aspects</p>
10:50 – 11:05	<p>Overview of interlinkages, synergies and complementarities between the Industrial Accidents Convention, the Protocol on SEA and other relevant UNECE instruments</p> <p><i>Mr. Jerzy Jendroska, Legal expert</i></p>
11:05 – 11:25	<p>Coffee/tea break</p>
11:25 – 11:35	<p>Objectives, methodology and structure of the draft Guidance</p> <p><i>Mr. Lorenzo van Wijk, Lead consultant for the guidance development</i></p>
11:35 – 11:50	<p>Application of SEA to land-use plans/programmes and relevant good practice</p> <p><i>Mr. Jiri Dusik, Expert on the application of SEA</i></p>
11:50 – 12:05	<p>Legal, policy and procedural aspects of land-use planning, siting and hazardous activities</p> <p><i>Mr. Jerzy Jendroska, Legal expert</i></p>
12:05 – 12:40	<p>Discussion</p>
12:40 – 13:00	<p>Technical approaches in risk consideration on land-use planning</p> <p><i>Mr. Lorenzo van Wijk, Risktech, Lead consultant for the development of the draft guidance</i></p>
13:00 – 15:00	<p>Lunch break</p>

¹ Joint seminar on land-use planning around hazardous industrial sites, organized under the Industrial Accidents Convention and Committee on Housing and Land Management (The Hague, 11-12 November 2010)

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Afternoon session: Sharing of experiences and lessons learned incl. Q&A	
15:00 – 15:20	Overview of experiences and lessons learned on land-use planning and siting in EU member States implementing the Seveso III, SEA and EIA Directives, followed by Q&A <i>Mr. Michael Struckl, Federal Ministry of Economy, Austria, Chair of the small group of experts on land-use planning</i>
15:20 – 15:35	Estonia: Inter-agency cooperation - the role of the Rescue Board in land-use planning decisions <i>Ms. Daisi Käger, Estonian Rescue Board</i>
15:35 – 15:50	Portugal: Policies and Guidelines on the integration of major accidents prevention in the SEA of municipal land use plans <i>Ms. Maria do Carmo Figueria, Portugese Environment Agency</i>
15:50 – 16:05	Netherlands: The Dutch approach to safety and land-use planning incl. risk assessment <i>Ms. Anneke Raap and Mr. Germt de Vries, Ministry of Infrastructure and the Environment, Netherlands</i>
16:05 – 16:20	France: Legislation and regulations on safety and land-use planning and approach to risks <i>Mr. Lionel Prevors, Ministry of Environment, Sustainable Development and Energy, France</i>
16:20 – 16:35	Coffee/tea break
16:35 – 16:50	Belgium/Flanders: Integration of industrial accidents safety considerations into the land-use planning through SEA <i>Mr. Marc Bogaert, Environment, Nature and Energy Department, Flemish Government, Belgium</i>
16:50 – 17:05	Republic of Moldova: Procedures to address safety in land-use planning, including through safety zones and distances <i>Ms. Inga Podoroghin and Ms. Svetlana Stirbu, Ministry of Environment, Republic of Moldova</i>
17:05 – 17:20	Serbia: national approach to land-use-planning, siting and safety, integrated in SEA and EIA legislative and policy framework <i>Ms. Suzana Milutinovic, Ministry of Agriculture and Environmental Protection, Serbia</i>
17:20 – 17:50	<u>Discussion</u>: Opportunities for enhanced coordination in the implementation of UNECE legal instruments and guidance on land-use planning, the siting and modification of hazardous activities <i>Moderated by Mr. Bartholomew Judd, European Investment Bank</i>
17:50 – 18:00	Conclusions and workshop summary by the co-Chairs <i>Mr. Chris Dijkens, Chair of Working Group on Development and Ms. Migle Masaityte, Chair of Working Group on EIA and SEA</i>