Science-Policy Interactions and Ways to bring Stakeholders Together for improved Information Transfer and Sharing

Side Event in the framework of the 9th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents

Organized by the Directorate-General Migration and Home Affairs (DG HOME) on:

Tuesday, 29 November 2016
1:15 – 2:45 p.m., Marmorna Hall
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Objectives of the Side Event

- Raise the need for United Nations policies (UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention, UNISDR) and EU policies (Seveso III Directive, Civil Protection Mechanism) to get scientific support for a better implementation by the Member States
- Present the framework of a "Community of Users" to highlight opportunities offered by an improved bridging of policy and science actors and practitioners
- Present examples of on-going initiatives in research and exchange platforms of potential interest to the Parties to the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention
- Discuss with speakers from the policy and science sectors and the audience some possible ideas of improved networking that could help facilitating transfer of research outputs to end users

Side Event Programme

Opening
Nicholas Bonvoisin, Environment Division, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)

Member State’s perspective
Rachel McCann, Health & Safety Executive (United Kingdom)

UN-ISDR perspective
Paola Albrito, United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UN-ISDR), tbc

Bridging policy, science and practitioners
Philippe Quevauviller, European Commission, Directorate-General Migration and Home Affairs (DG HOME)

Examples of EU-funded projects (EDEN and DRIVER)
Michael Loescher, European Virtual Institute for Integrated Risk Management (EU-VRI (DE))

Needs for Exchange Platform – ETPIS
Olivier Salvi, European Technology Platform on Industrial Safety

Panel discussion with the speakers

Conclusions