

International Conference on Risk Assessment and Management: *objectives and current status*

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The objectives

1. Promoting an exchange of experience on the use of risk management techniques in the areas of regulatory cooperation and market surveillance;
2. *To explore a possible mandate* for a recommendation for governments, standardization and regulatory bodies, market surveillance authorities, on the development and implementation of risk management techniques

Speakers

- **Business:**
 - to show practical applications, standards and methodologies that are being used, expectations
- **Governmental Authorities:**
 - RM in evaluating of the efficiency of technical regulations
 - use of RM in Market Surveillance
 - Other aspects
- **Certification and Standardization bodies:**
 - Standards and Certification schemes, harmonization
- **Academia:**
 - To show the scientific basis and to exchange views: what is needed
- **Professional Organizations:**
 - Promotion of RM tools

Official documents

- Conference Brochure
- Invitation letters

| Exchange of experiences in using risk management standards and technologies

- How can risk management be used for evaluating the efficiency of technical regulations;
- Risk Management as the basis of a Market Surveillance system: optimal size of samples;
- Risk Management at Customs: how to balance trade facilitation and safety?

For Academia:

- Areas of Risk Management that are being developed and their potential interest for business and for governmental authorities.

For certification and standardization bodies:

- Risk Management standards and their application;
- Certification schemes in risk management;
- Standardization of risk management: what standards are available and being developed?

For professional organizations:

- Development and promotion of risk management tools;

- Competence certification schemes (personal certification)

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I should like to invite you to participate in this International Conference either by submitting a report or by making a presentation. Your knowledge of advanced risk management methods would be a definite asset to this event.

The Conference will seek a mandate for a recommendation on issues related to the assessment and management of risk for the different bodies and authorities involved in technical regulation and standardization matters. For this, the views and ideas of the representatives of standardization and certification bodies are of key importance.

Reports and presentations should cover such issues as:


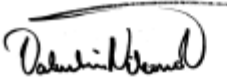
- Standardization of risk management: what standards are available and being developed?
- Certification schemes in risk management.

Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested in participating. The deadline for submissions will be 15 June.
http://www.unece.org/trade/wp6/documents/2009/2009_ConferenceRisk.htm

Yours sincerely,

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Current Status: business

- Nestle - risk management process



- Tochnologia and Bank Mizrahi – software tool for RM and practical implementation of operational risk management (similar in all sectors)



- TR – overview of risk management methodologies and standards, practical implementation examples



- Contacted 84 companies, and still waiting for an answer

Current Status



- Professional Organizations:
 - Federation of European Risk Management Associations (FERMA)
 - Non Profit Risk Management Center
 - Institute of Risk Management (thinking)
- 136 were contacted
- Non-risk management professional organizations:
 - Orgalime – report on risk management and market surveillance
 - Macrogaz – waiting for an answer

Current Status

- Academia
 - International Institute for Applied System Analysis
 - Others are out of budgets

Current Status

- Standardization and certification bodies

- AFNOR (sustainable development)



- ISO TC 176 (ISO 9001) representative (has confirmed)

- ISO, WTO, EC - interested but no confirmation yet

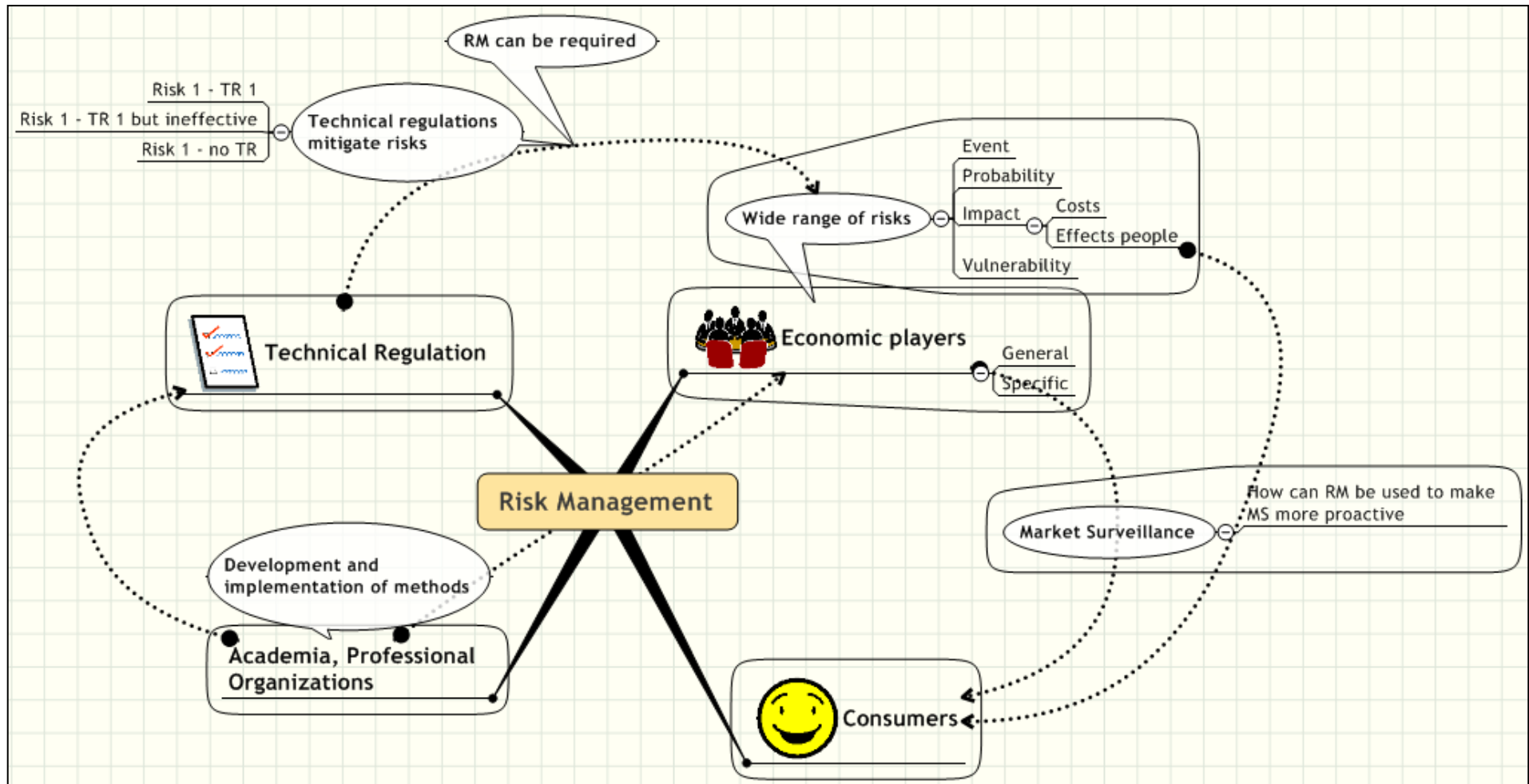
Current Status

- **Governmental Authorities**
 - Official invitations were sent to missions
 - No answers yet

Next steps

- 10 reports at the moment
- To develop background documents: recommendation
- Sections, timing, program
- Facilitate preparation of reports by speakers
- To continue inviting:
 - international organizations (ISO, WTO, EC, etc.)
 - professional organizations (Basel Committee, for example)
 - Academia
- Market Surveillance - weak point at the moment and needs to be discussed
- Seeking for Sponsorship (for academia)

General Concept



Business – economic players

- How standards can be applied to mitigate a wide range of non-financial risks that companies face?
 - Evaluating the efficiency of technical regulations: business perspective
- Regulation of Risk Management: what is required in the international standards with regard to RM? General and Specific Risks Standards
- Practical issues:
 - What are the weak points in Risk Assessment and Management within organizations?
 - What methodologies need to be developed to improve risk management in organizations?
 - Implementation of integrated risk management standards and methodologies: practical examples

Technical Regulation

- Risk assessment for choosing technical regulation, objectives and tools
- How Risk Management is already and can be used to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of technical regulation (especially addressing safety issues)?
 - Evaluating existing technical regulations
 - Developing new technical regulations
- ‘Risk - Technical Regulation’ concept: business and technical regulation views: can it be a basis for making either parties happy?
- What are the existing certification schemes in risk management?

Market Surveillance

- Risk assessment in the choice of conformity assessment options and market surveillance procedures
 - How risk management can be applied in market surveillance systems to ensure they are:
 - Efficient and proactive (versus reactive) MS?
 - Facilitating more cooperation with economic operators?
- Which risk management methods can be used in market surveillance?

Academic & Professional Perspective

- What methodologies are used by economic players?
- What methodologies are used by governments?
- What methodologies can be used by technical regulation and standardization bodies?

Other issues

- Risk assessment and management for drafting and implementing technical regulations and listing requirements for associated regulations
- Risk assessment in the choice of conformity assessment options and market surveillance procedures
- Interpretation of essential safety requirements defined in technical regulations on the basis of harmonized standards
- Development of harmonized standards based on common appreciation of risks
- Risk Management at Customs: how to balance trade facilitation and safety

Risk Management & WP.6

- The issues debated at WP.6 - indeed risk mitigation
- Safety measures (costs) must be adequate - 'not more than needed' and 'not less than needed'
- Hence we need to know the risks and to manage them
- Risk management is already used in market surveillance, technical regulation, standardization:
 - Standards mitigate the risks;
 - Evaluation of the effectiveness of market surveillance
 - Etc.