



The Assistance Programme

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Background

Industrial accidents and other safety problems in industrial facilities result from:

- Insufficient human resource development;
- Obsolete or poorly maintained technology;
- Insufficient safety procedures, regulations and enforcement measures.





Capacity

Problems are often related to a country's capacity to adequately prevent, prepare and respond to industrial accidents.





Capacity

The Convention provides an integrated framework for increasing a country's industrial safety.

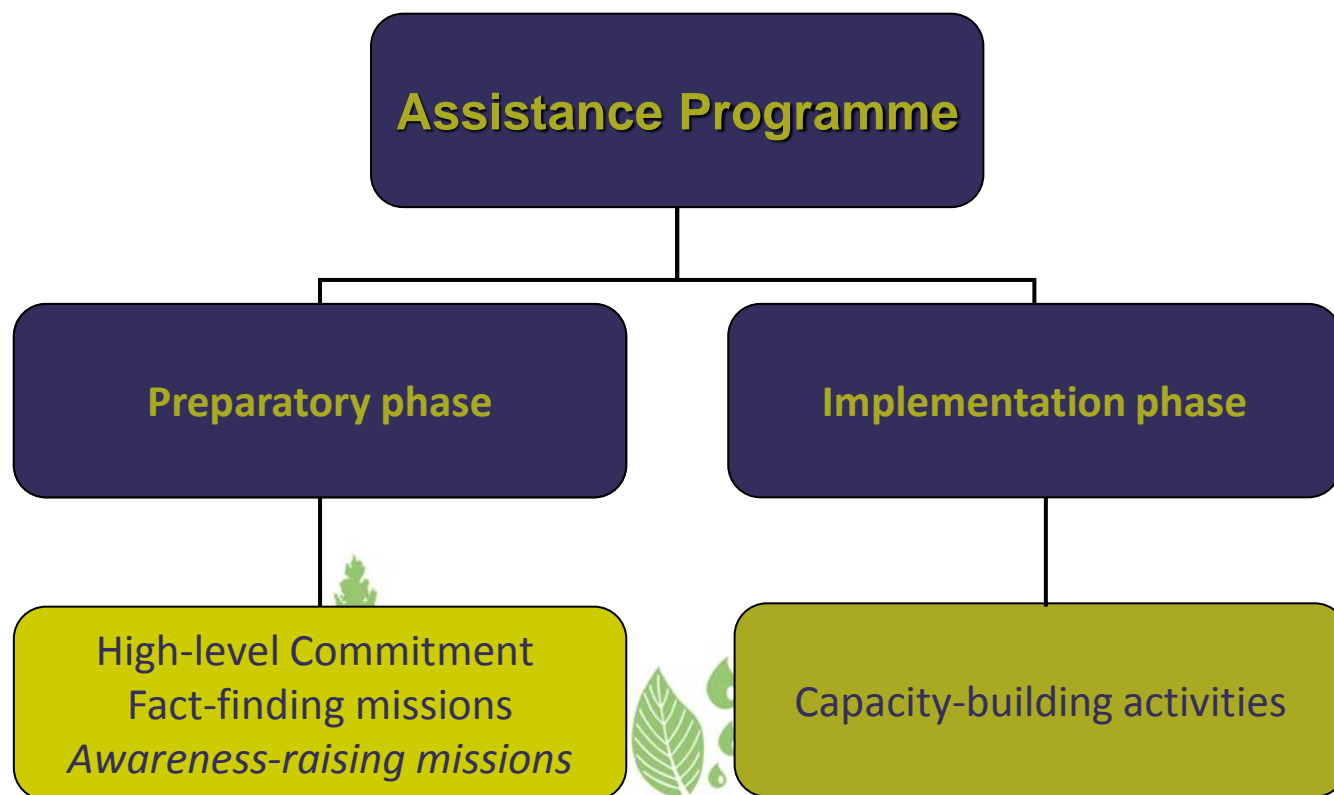
The Assistance Programme provides countries with targeted support to increase their capacity to implement the Convention.





The Assistance Programme

Aim: To assist countries of South-Eastern and Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia to address the challenges in implementing the Convention.





Preparatory phase

1. National expression of high level commitment

2. Implementation of basic tasks such as:

- Convention text and related documents available in national language;
- Nominate national competent authorities;
- Review relevant national legislation;
- Identify potentially hazardous activities;
- Set up a mechanism to notify potentially hazardous activities

3. Fact finding missions assess the country's existing capacity and possible needs for further assistance.

4. If necessary, awareness raising missions may be organized to help develop the country's capacity to implement the Convention.

When the preparatory phase is completed, a country is ready to move to the next phase:





Implementation phase

Self assessment

Compiled by the country to take stock of its needs and priorities.

Action plan:

Compiled by the country to address its needs and priorities.

Capacity building activities can be organized between the beneficiary country and the secretariat to support the country's priorities, needs. Activities may consist of training sessions in the form of:

- Workshops,
- Advisory services
- Field exercises
- Consultations

After the activity takes place, the country prepares a report which may identify further needs for support.

This mechanism ensures that the capacity of countries to prevent, respond and prepare for an industrial accident is continuously strengthened.





Implementation of the Strategic Approach

The Strategic Approach is designed to:

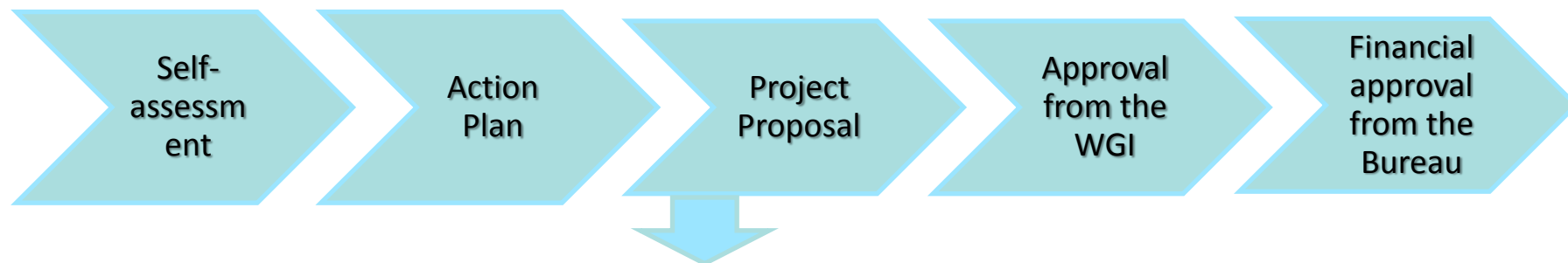
- **effectively allocate resources of the AP.**
- **offer targeted assistance to countries.**
- **Support the country track its progress.**





Steps to be taken to request assistance under the Assistance Programme

In the implementation of the Strategic Approach every country needs to follow the process for requesting assistance:



Assistance activity approved and organised
(provided funds are available)





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Thank you for your attention.

