

# Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents

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# 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Conference of the Parties Ljubljana, 28–30 November 2016



- Joint UNECE/OECD seminar on fostering the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030
- Adoption of workplan 2017–2018

# Land-use planning/siting of hazardous activities



- **General (policy/legal) and technical guidance on land-use planning, the siting of hazardous activities and related safety aspects**
  - CoP-9 of Industrial Accidents Convention and MoP-7 of UNECE Espoo Convention / MoP-3 Protocol on SEA took note

# Land-use planning/siting of hazardous activities



- **Seminar (Mechelen, Belgium, 16-17 May 2018):**
  - Co-organized by UNECE, the government of Flanders (Belgium) and the European Investment Bank (the EU Bank)
  - Cooperation with UNISDR, UN-HABITAT
  - brought together industrial safety and land-use planning communities from 32 countries.
  - Showcased good practice examples of cooperation between land-use planners and industrial safety experts and innovative measures
  - Role play/scenario
  - Follow-up envisaged

# Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents



- Checklist for contingency planning for accidents affecting transboundary waters – now printed
- Safety guidelines and good practices for fire-water retention – to be presented to CoP-9 of the Industrial Accidents Convention and MoP-8 of the Water Convention
- Two transboundary response exercises: between Poland and Germany on the Oder River (September 2017); between Hungary and neighbours (October 2018)

# Working Group on Implementation



- Improvement of reporting format considered for new reporting round
- Template for notification of hazardous activities
- Identification of good practices and facilitate exchange of information
- Engaging with countries on implementation issues: Modus operandi, in line with amended ToR, adopted at CoP-9
- Monitoring Assistance Programme and its Strategic Approach

# Assistance activities: 2017 subregional workshops on industrial accident prevention: in South-Eastern Europe, Eastern Europe & Caucasus

Implemented thanks to the financial support of Norway, EU (TAIEX programme, for workshop in South-Eastern Europe) and Germany (for workshop in Eastern Europe and the Caucasus)



Zagreb, 21-23 February 2017



Minsk, 11-13 April 2017

# Assistance Activities:

## Subregional workshops: Key conclusions

- Need to **benefit from experiences of other countries** and importance of **subregional workshops** as the opportunity to consult experts from other countries were highlighted
- Need to have **contingency plans for industrial accidents** in place and **increase collaboration with neighbouring countries and with industry** that has installations close to borders
- Countries should **benefit from the Convention's Assistance Programme** and **finalize their work on self-assessments and national action plans**
- Countries face a need to **improve coordination between various competent authorities at the national level**
- Countries do not have mechanisms for **consultation with neighbouring countries**
- Countries requested having a simple **guide, a template for and a training on the notification of hazardous activities**
- **Linkages between the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention and the EU Seveso Directive** are important for countries wishing to integrate with the European Union
- **Importance of consultation**, in particular when working on determining potential transboundary effects of hazardous activities
- Countries should **exchange information** on potential transboundary effects arising from their hazardous activities

# Assistance Programme:

## Project on strengthening the implementation of and accession to the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention in Central Asia



- Donor: Russian Federation
- National expert group meetings in all Central Asian countries 2017–2018
- National self-assessments and action plans submitted and drafted
- Subregional workshop, in cooperation with Central Asian Centre for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction (Almaty, 25-27 September 2018 )
- Development of Implementation Guidance for Central Asia, incl. template for notification of hazardous activities

# Assistance Programme: Project to strengthen the safety of mining operations, in particular TMFs, in Kazakhstan and beyond in Central Asia

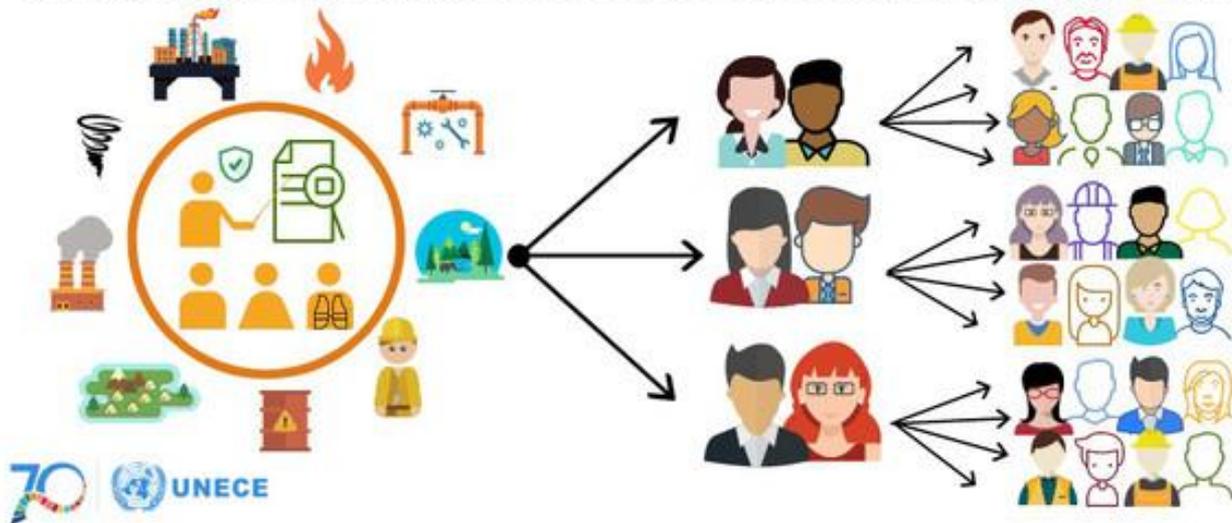
- Donor: Switzerland; further co-financing and partnership for activities sought
- Synergies with Project on TMFs in Armenia and Georgia (led by Germany/UBA)
- **Planned activities:**
  - Inception workshop; Establishment of an inter-ministerial working group on water management and TMF safety (end 2018)
  - Preparation of a hazard rating list and map (beginning 2019)
  - TMF site visit, combined with a practical training session (spring/summer 2019)
  - Sub-regional workshop to share information and lessons learned, as with other countries of Central Asia (fall 2019)



# Assistance Programme: Training of trainers on environmental emergencies and hazardous industrial activities (Almaty, 23-24 October 2017)

- In cooperation with UNEP/OCHA Joint Environment Unit and Central Asian Centre for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction
- Representatives of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan and of the Almaty Centre for Emergency Situations and Disaster Risk Reduction (CESDRR) were trained on the preparedness and response to environmental emergencies, including industrial/chemical accidents and the application of the Convention
- Newly trained trainers consequently delivered a training applying the methodology ~~and using the materials handed over to them~~

Training of trainers on environmental emergencies and hazardous industrial activities



# Assistance Programme:

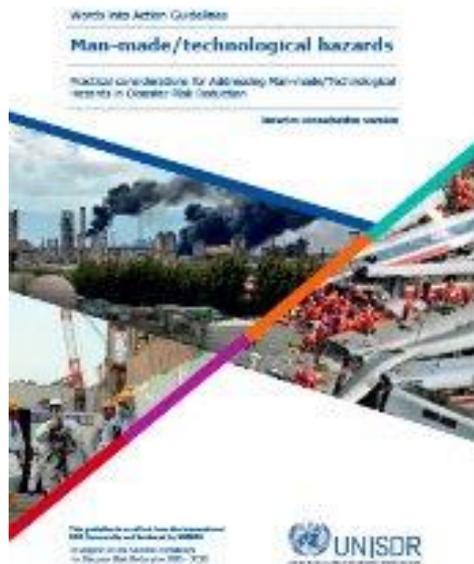
## High-level mission to Ukraine, 5 April 2018



Donor: Germany

- **Information sharing with** the relevant authorities of Ukraine of UNECE's work in the field of environmental governance, industrial safety and the prevention of accidental water pollution
- **Awareness-raising** of the UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents and its Assistance Programme, including benefits for Ukraine, and the **linkages and complementarities** of the Convention **with EU legislation**
- Enhanced understanding of **good practices** of the Convention's implementation
- Raising awareness of the results of **previous activities** conducted in Ukraine, notably on hazard and crisis management **in the Danube Delta and the safety of tailings management facilities**
- **Determination of next steps for Ukraine** towards enhancing its industrial safety, in view of accession to the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention and transposition of the relevant EU legislation

# Publications & Inter-agency cooperation



- Brochure and postcards about the Industrial Accidents Convention, its tools and linkages with SDGs and Sendai priorities
- Inter-agency coordination group on industrial accidents:
  - Joint brochure
  - “Words into action” guide on man-made/technological hazards
  - NATECH-II project
- Inter-agency coordination group on chemicals management

# Towards the 10th meeting of the Conference of the Parties Geneva, 4-6 December 2018



- Seminar on risk assessment methodologies:
  - side event by EU JRC
  - Cooperation with UNISDR
- Adoption of the Convention's long-term strategy until 2030
- Review of assistance activities in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia
- Adoption of the 2019-2020 workplan

# More information



[www.unece.org/env/teia](http://www.unece.org/env/teia)

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