Since the 9th meeting of the Conference of the Parties
Ljubljana, 28–30 November 2016

• Implementation of workplan 2017–2018, and decisions taken

• Continued fostering of linkages with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030
Land-use planning/siting of hazardous activities

Seminar on land-use planning and industrial safety (Mechelen, Belgium, 16-17 May 2018)

- Lead Parties: EU/EIB, Belgium
- Implemented with the financial support of France, in cooperation with UNECE Committee on Housing and Land Management
- Showcase good practice examples of past cooperation between land-use planners and industrial safety experts
- Support implementation of the General (policy/legal) and technical guidance on land-use planning, the siting of hazardous activities and related safety aspects, and previous recommendations
Joint Expert Group on Water and Industrial Accidents

- Checklist for contingency planning for accidents affecting transboundary waters – now printed
- Ongoing development of safety guidelines and good practices for fire-water retention and management
- Two transboundary response exercises: between Poland and Germany on the Oder River; between Hungary and neighbours
- Leadership: Germany, Hungary
Working Group on Implementation

- Improvement of reporting format considered for 2019-20 reporting round (now aligned with EU)
- Review of 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
Main Objectives:

- Inform the relevant authorities of Ukraine of UNECE’s work in the field of environmental governance, industrial safety and the prevention of accidental water pollution

- Raise awareness of the UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents and its Assistance Programme, including benefits for Ukraine

- Explain the linkages and complementarities of the Convention with EU legislation

- Showcase some of the good practices of the Convention’s implementation

- Raise 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

- Determine next steps for Ukraine towards enhancing its industrial safety, in view of the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention and the relevant EU legislation
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:
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
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 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)
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, in cooperation with OECD

- Inter-agency coordination group on chemicals management
Workplan items **not** implemented in 2017-18

No financial contributions received for the following workplan items, among others:

- **Exchange of information:**
  - Implementation guide for the Convention (USD 45,000)
  - Online system for implementation reporting (USD 20,000)

- **Assistance Programme:**
  - Follow-up to Danube Delta Project to complete joint contingency plan and support the drafting of a protocol among the Republic of Moldova, Romania, Ukraine (USD 200,000)

- **IAN system / Consultation of the PoC** (USD 40,000)
Towards the 10th meeting of the Conference of the Parties
Geneva, 4-6 December 2018

• Long-term strategy for the Convention until 2030

• Communication, engagement and outreach strategy

• Review of assistance activities

• Development of the Convention

• Adoption of the 2019-2020 workplan

• Side events
CoP-10 Seminar on risk assessment methodologies (Geneva, 4 December 2018)

• Substantive leadership: small group (Austria, Slovenia, Switzerland)

• Financial contributions from France and Switzerland

• Content:

  – Session I: Setting the scene: Linking effect and risk assessment methodologies with the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention, Sendai Framework and SDGs

  – Session II: Overview of different effect and risk assessment methodologies among UNECE Member States.

  – Session III: Evaluation Criteria for risks related to major accident hazards for the protection of humans and the environment and risk acceptance values

  – Session IV: Specific application of effect and risk assessment methodologies / criteria among UNECE member states in a transboundary context

  – Session V: Panel discussion
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Geneva: Your engagement is essential!

- **Workplan items 2019-20** of interest to you
- **Your leadership** of activities and engagement
- **Pledges** at CoP-10 to enable predictable financial contributions for core activities
- **Financial contributions** to provide assistance to countries in EU’s Eastern Neighbourhood, Western Balkans and Central Asia
Thank you for your attention

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