



PROJECT INFORMATION

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Subregional training session on evaluation of safety reports



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Background

In the context of the implementation of the UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents and of efforts to comply with the requirements of the EU Seveso II Directive the Western Balkan countries Croatia, Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia intended to strengthen the protection of people and the environment by introducing or improving the safety culture of authorities responsible for industrial safety. By joining the Convention's Assistance Programme, these countries are expanding their national capacities to address the different challenges they face in this issue.

Croatia, Serbia and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia had recognised that the next step in strengthening the safety culture was to improve the quality and completeness of safety reports that are prepared by operators of major industrial facilities to indicate safety levels to the authorities.

They identified problems in evaluating these reports due to limited experiences of their authorities' experts with the methodologies used in safety reports, in particular with the selection of possible major accident scenarios and their probability, as well as with the assessment of the extent and severity of the consequences (modelling of consequences). These countries have, therefore, requested the organisation of a training session for the evaluation of safety reports.

Project

In the context of this project such a training session was prepared for appr. 30 inspectors, conducted in February 2010 and evaluated afterwards. One subject of this session was the work with case-studies which was supported by safety specialists, in order to better understand safety reporting. Furthermore the session provided support in finalising a checklist for the three countries' authorities, and other interested parties, to evaluate the safety reports.

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