

**International workshop on:  
'Risk assessment of Industrial accidents and Enforcement of  
Cross-border Obligations' (RIECO)**

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**Agenda**

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	<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	09:00-09:15	<b>Welcome</b>	
2	09:15-09:30	<b>Introduction to RIECO project</b>	<i>The project leader will introduce the RIECO project. The participants will be provided with background information and a short overview of the project. The objectives of the project will be presented as well as the expected outcomes and deliverables.</i>
3	09:30-10:20	<b>Keynote</b>	<i>This plenary session will contribute to creating awareness. An expert will present the importance of preparedness and response to chemical accidents and will describe the impact such accidents can have on human health and the environment. A real case will be presented which will include all relevant elements of preparedness and response and in particular the importance of (state of the art) risk assessment.</i>
4	10:20-11:00	<b>Plenary session: 'International policy and legislation regarding industrial accidents and cross-border cooperation'</b>	<i>Experts from the UNECE and WHO will present the international policy and legislation on industrial accidents and cross-border cooperation. The participants will be provided with the necessary background information and good practices will be highlighted. The presentations will be followed by a discussion.</i>
5	11:00-11:20	<b>Coffee break</b>	
6	11:20-11:45	<b>Results of RIECO Survey</b>	<i>In the first phase of the RIECO project a web-based questionnaire was developed to survey capabilities and</i>

			<p>organization for the assessment of effects on human health and the environment from (cross-border) industrial accidents. In this session, the results of the survey will be presented and compared with the results of the similar CERACI project (carried out in the EU from 2011 - 2012).</p> <p>The presentation will conclude with a list of basic requirements and good practices for preparedness/response and risk assessment that will be the basis for discussions in the following breakout and plenary sessions.</p>
7	11:45-12:30	<b>Break-out session I Discuss and elaborate on the (short) list</b>	<p>During this session the participants will be invited to join small groups and to discuss and add subjects of importance and good practices to the list presented in the previous session.</p>
8	12:30-13:30	<b>Lunch</b>	
9	13:30-13:50	<b>Groups report back on break-out session</b>	<p>Short report per breakout group on the results of the previous session.</p>
10	13:50-14:30	<b>Plenary session: 'Organization and structure of preparedness and response'</b>	<p>A well structured and well prepared response organization is essential! The focus in this plenary session will therefore be on the structure of a response organization and how the participating organizations can prepare themselves to deliver an adequate response in cases where it is needed, including the (risk) assessment of the impact on human health and the environment.</p> <p>Good practices will be shared with the participants.</p>
11	14:30-16:30	<b>Break-out session II 'Organization and structure of preparedness and response'</b>	<p>After the plenary session on this topic, small groups will discuss the same topic in a breakout session, guided by some questions.</p>
12	16:30-16:50	<b>Coffee break</b>	
13	16:50-17:30	<b>Reporting and feedback on break-out session</b>	<p>Plenary reporting of the results of breakout session II, followed by a group discussion</p>
14	19:00	<b>Dinner</b>	

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15	09:00-09:15	<b>'Wrap-up' first day and introduction second day</b>	<i>This day will start with a summary of the main outcomes of the first day. The program of the second day will be introduced, including the expected outcomes.</i>
16	09:15-11:00	<b>Break-out session III</b>  <b>Subject:</b> <b>Capabilities and risk assessment</b>	<i>This session will start with a short introduction of the topic by an expert. The relevance of this topic will be highlighted by a presentation of a case. In addition, one of the participating countries will present a good practice.</i>  <i>After the plenary introduction of this session, breakout groups will discuss the same topic, guided by some questions.</i>
17	11:00-11:30	<b>Reporting and feedback on break-out session</b>	<i>Plenary reporting of the results of breakout session III, followed by a group discussion.</i>
18	11:30-12:30	<b>Plenary session:</b>  <b>'Training, exercises and evaluation'</b>	<i>Experts will introduce and present the importance of training and exercises and will share the theory and good practices on this topic with the participants. In addition, the aspects of 'evaluation' will be introduced to highlight the importance of learning from lessons identified. The presentations will be followed by a plenary discussion.</i>
19	12:45-13:30	<b>Lunch</b>	
20	13:30-16:00	<b>Break-out session IV</b>  <b>'Cross-border cooperation'</b>	<i>This breakout session will focus on all aspects of cross-border cooperation in the case of an industrial chemical accident which impacts on neighboring countries. This session is a follow-up on item 4 of the workshop. The relevance of this topic will be highlighted by a presentation of a case by an expert and by a participating country sharing a good practice.</i>  <i>After the plenary introduction breakout groups will discuss the same topic, guided by some questions.</i>
21	16:00-16:30	<b>Coffee break</b>	

22	16:30-17:00	<b>Reporting and feedback on break-out session</b>	<i>Plenary reporting of the results of breakout session IV, followed by a group discussion.</i>
23	17:00-17:20	<b>Conclusions, recommendations and way forward</b>	<i>Conclusions and recommendations as a result of the workshop will be presented and shared and if necessary adjusted during a discussion. The participants will be informed about the next steps of this project and the deliverables that can be expected.</i>
24	17:20-17:50	<b>Closing remarks</b>	
25.	19-00	<b>Dinner</b>	