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Project on Strengthening Industrial Safety in Central Asia



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Introduction and Background

Target Groups and Beneficiaries

This project aims to strengthen the implementation of and accession to the UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents in Central Asia.

At present, Kazakhstan is the only Central Asian country that is a Party to the UNECE Industrial Accidents Convention, while the other four countries of the subregion (Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan) face certain challenges in joining.

This situation increases the risk of occurrence of industrial accidents with transboundary effects and reduces the ability of countries to respond effectively in the event of such accidents. It also hampers efforts to achieve greater coherence in industrial safety standards, economic integration and cooperation among the countries of Central Asia.

The project aims to support the Central Asian countries in enhancing industrial safety and, thus, protecting human health and the environment.

The main target groups are Government officials and experts from the national competent authorities in the area of industrial accidents prevention, preparedness and response. The private sector, civil society and academia may also be involved at different stages of project implementation.

The beneficiary countries are Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.



Key Dates and Activities

The key dates and activities for the project are:

28 – 30 November 2016 Kick-off at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

March 2017 – January 2018 Preparation of a guide on the key requirements of the Convention, with the engagement of international experts.

March 2017 – May 2018 Preparation of five national self-assessments, one in each of the beneficiary countries, with the engagement of national experts.

July – September 2018 Preparation of five national action plans, one in each of the beneficiary countries, with the engagement of national experts.

September 2018 Final subregional workshop.

January – March 2019 Project evaluation.

Outcomes of the Project

The expected outcomes of the project are:

- Raised awareness and improved understanding of the key requirements of the Industrial Accidents Convention and industrial safety by key target groups in the five beneficiary countries.
- Enhanced capacities for assessment of industrial safety and development of national action plans for the implementation of and accession to the Industrial Accidents Convention.
- One self-assessment undertaken by each of the five countries of Central Asia.
- One action plan on industrial safety developed by each of the five countries of Central Asia.
- Enhanced transboundary cooperation in Central Asia.

The project is being implemented with the generous support of the Russian Federation, which provides funding and shares experience in law- and policy-making as well as institutional cooperation in the implementation of the UNECE Convention on the Transboundary Effects of Industrial Accidents.



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