

PRESS RELEASE

A 4 days workshop to improve prevention and preparedness for industrial risks (Antwerp – Belgium)

The PPRD SOUTH II programme will initiate an important workshop aiming at improving prevention and preparedness for industrial risks towards our southern Mediterranean partner countries. The main objective during this 4 days workshop (31 August-3 September 2015) is to encourage the initiative of the European Commission "Building SEVESO capacity in neighbouring countries" to enhance prevention and response capacities of the partner's countries in the field of hazardous materials stored, handled, or transported and response capabilities in the event of technological accidents associated with dangerous products.

Each presentation will include the methodology, which has to be implemented to reach the presented objective. The participants will work permanently on the preparation of their action plan and after each presentation, a guided practical exercise will aim to make participants think about and present the main actions that have to be done to improve their existing situation.

The workshop will include:

- Presentation of SEVESO 3 directive: presentation of the European legal framework for the control of major accident associated with hazardous materials;
- Application of ECRISES SOLVAY: presentation of a 3D GIS tool for data management, site supervision, crisis management, problem analysis and training;
- Presentation of a case study BASF: hazard identification, risk assessment, prevention, response, preparedness;
- Visit of BASF site;
- Presentation of Antwerp port security and its connectivity platform
- Transport of hazardous material:
 - ADR: European agreement on international transport by road of hazardous material
 - AGS: Consultants on transport of dangerous goods
- Presentation of the European Commission new initiative:
 - "SEVESO capacity building in EU Neighbour Countries" of the EC
 - EU knowledge sharing on good risk management practice and lessons learned from accidents
 - JRC tools and information sources for analysing chemical accident risks

16 participants from the Southern Neighbourhood Countries will take part to this workshop, representing their respective Civil Defence/Civil Protection organisation.

The European Commission's publication website for SEVESO and other chemical accident prevention is available on: <https://minerva.jrc.ec.europa.eu/en/content/f30d9006-41d0-46d1-bf43-e033d2f5a9cd/publications>

PPRD SOUTH 2 PROGRAMME BACKGROUND:

Since its inception, the project has undertaken the following activities:

- 7 conferences on the European civil protection mechanism and the concept of Host Nation Support (Morocco, Egypt, Tunisia, Algeria, Jordan, Palestine, Lebanon)
- 4 expert exchanges
- 2 regional HNS workshop
- 2 regional OSOCC workshop
- 2 regional workshop on media training
- 1 regional workshop on risk mapping
- 1 regional workshop on risk awareness
- 1 regional workshop on Emergency planning
- 1 national workshop on Disaster Risk Management (Jordan)

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