



Program

International conference

“The future of risk management in Europe”

Thursday May 15th 2014
Aveiro, Portugal

9.00 Walk-in with coffee

9.30 **Official opening**
Welcome by
Jorge Ratola,
Councillor of the Municipality of Aveiro

Portfolios : Planning & Land management | Safety & Civil Protection
Urban Services & Mobility

9.45 **“MiSRaR and PRISMA”**
European cooperation on risk mitigation

Many local governments throughout the EU are confronted with increasing safety risks. EU and national guidelines help to develop risk management strategies. However, structural risk mitigation, in direct connection with spatial development policy, is not that easy.

Five local governments within the EU have joined forces to test practical strategies for local risk assessment and risk management. To share and discuss our practical experiences and lessons learnt with other local, regional and also national governments we organize 3 international conferences. Together we can work on a better future for risk management!



Jorge Manuel Ratola
Municipality of Aveiro,
Portugal



Nico van Os
Safety Region
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10.15 **“Risk management in the real world”**
Practical lessons of local governments

The MiSRaR and PRISMA projects were focused on local experiences and good practices. Rather than general and theoretical notions, the knowledge exchange resulted in very concrete lessons from practical experience, as described in the MiSRaR handbook. Several topics will be presented:

- Principles of mitigation processes
- Risk assessment
- Capability assessment: defining mitigation policies
- Financing mitigation
- Implementation strategies
- Lobby and advocacy for mitigation

The lessons will be illustrated with practical examples from cases of forest fire, urban fire, SEVESO industries and transport of dangerous substances, floods, landslides and extreme weather in Bulgaria, Estonia, Greece, Italy, The Netherlands and Portugal.



Aleksandar Miykov
SZREDA, Bulgaria



Ruud Houdijk
The Netherlands

11.00 Coffee break

11.15 **“National risk assessments within the European Union”**
National strategies and EU policies

Local, regional and national governments within the EU bear responsibility for optimal protection of European citizens against physical safety and security risks. To support this the EU has implemented several guidelines, such as the recent SEVESO-III directive on external safety risks of industries and the guideline on flood risks. The European Commission considers risk prevention one of the main policy priorities. In the near future new directives can be expected, for example on risk mapping and risk assessment.



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12.00 Lunch





13.30 **“Risk assessment of marine pollution”**
Lessons of the European NEREIDs project

The “Deepwater Horizon” oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico highlights the value of cross-border civil protection and marine pollution preparedness. The NEREIDs project aims to strengthen the cooperation for this risk between Greece and Cyprus. The project will present their lessons on risk assessment techniques, which were supported by cooperation of marine research centres in Greece, Cyprus and the UK, along with a multinational incident report database.



Vasilis Kontogiannis
FORTH, Greece

14.00 **“A dynamic link between risk management and spatial planning”**
The cases of Portugal and The Netherlands

The Portuguese municipality of Aveiro and the Dutch municipalities of Dordrecht and Zwijndrecht share a common risk: the transport of dangerous substances by rail. In the PRISMA project both countries have assessed the risks and designed potential mitigation strategies in close cooperation. The main effort in both cases is to integrate prevention issues in the spatial planning process.



Rita Seabra
Aveiro, Portugal



Ruud Houdijk
The Netherlands

15.00 Coffee break

15.15 **“Urban fires in a historic city centre ”**
The case of Mirandela, Portugal

The city of Mirandela has a historic city centre that dates back to Medieval times. Due to demographic changes the city centre contains many abandoned and even collapsed historical buildings. The risk of urban fires is high and at the same time the fire brigade has difficulty to operate, because of the narrow streets. Many of the inhabitants are elderly and less able to flee their homes quickly in case of a fire. The municipality of Mirandela has traditionally put a lot of effort in forest fire risk reduction, because the city is surrounded by forests. However, in the PRISMA project the municipality has broadened her approach to urban fires. In close cooperation with a university the municipality has



Sónia Gonçalves
Mirandela, Portugal





involved the inhabitants in the risk assessment. The goal is to increase risk awareness so that the people play their own part in making the city safer.

16.00 **“ Beyond the EU horizon ”**
Risk management in developing countries

Risk management is a ‘hot topic’ for countries across the globe. Leen Revallier will share lessons from Congo, Bosnia and Moldavia, where local governments encounter the same challenges as in the EU. He used lessons and approaches on risk assessment from the MiSRaR handbook, for example in the city and district of Tuzla in Bosnia. Because Tuzla has to cope with a variety of natural disasters and also industrial risks, the “all hazard” approach of MiSRaR, which combines EU and UN aspects, was well received. The idea to use “scenario analysis” was also appreciated. The way of dealing with issues of risk prevention and spatial planning in these other countries helps to reflect on the approach in the EU.



Leen Revallier
The Netherlands

16.30 **“ Lessons for the future ”**
Forum discussion

The conference will be concluded with an interactive forum discussion. The audience will be invited to discuss with a forum panel about the main lessons and issues that were shared during the day.

Moderators

Forum members

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Sara Vieira,
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17.00 Closing

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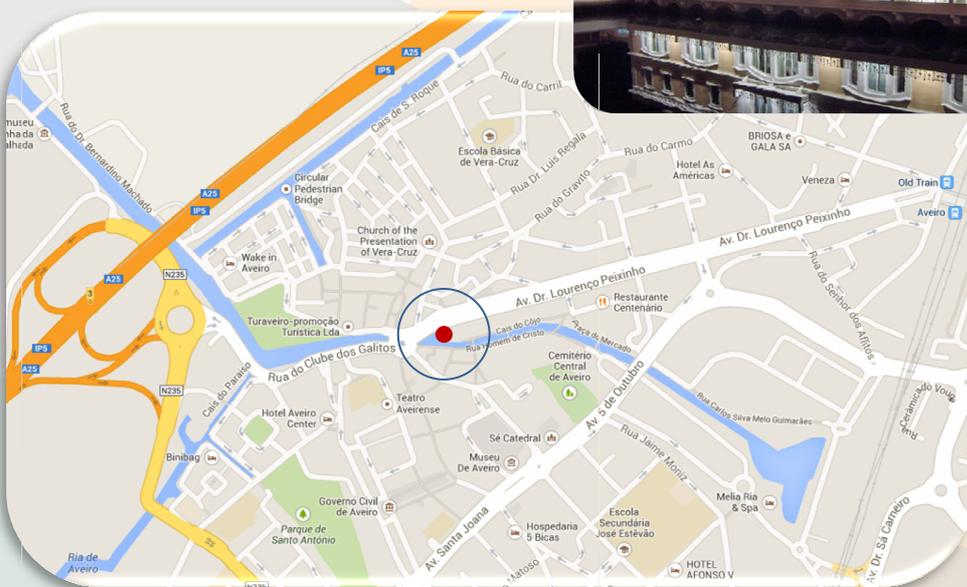
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