

Vienna meeting of the leading stakeholders and international partners on the development of an Integrated Chemical Safety and Security Program in Ukraine (ICSSP), including Promotion of the Implementation of UNSCR 1540 (2004)

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Outcomes of the Vienna meeting

The Vienna meeting was conducted together with the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre, the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA), the Ukrainian Chemists Union (UCU), and the International Centre for Chemical Safety and Security in Poland (ICSSS) and gathered the relevant Ukrainian authorities, academia, and the invited governments, including US and Poland. The meeting was moderated by Amb. Krzysztof Paturej, President of the Board of the ICSSS, international coordinator of the ICSSP.

The program of the Vienna meeting included presentations on the available experience among the relevant entities and organizations part of the leading stakeholders of the ICSSP. The aim of the presentations was to exchange information on what input each stakeholder could make and plans to do to develop the program, as well as the level of interaction and planned cooperation and coordination among them. Project activities were addressed to enhance chemical safety and security in Ukraine.

The Vienna meeting enhanced discussions on the practical issues related to the contributions that relevant stakeholders and partners could make towards the enhancement of chemical safety and security and protection of relevant critical infrastructure in Ukraine and the development and implementation of the ICSSP.

The participants of the Vienna meeting endorsed the background Information on the ICSSP (Attachment 1), including: goals and objectives; the detailed objectives, possible composition of the ICSSP; possible actions to be conducted by the Ukrainian authorities within the ICSSP; anticipated outcomes of the ICSSP; concrete results of the ICSSP to be achieved; and the international coordination.

The Vienna meeting set up a leading stakeholders group to assist in the ICSSP development and implementation, consisting of the implementation of separate activities and projects, including thematic workshops and meetings of officials and experts of the relevant Ukrainian entities and international organizations.

The ICSSS will maintain contacts and exchanges with relevant national and international partners and organizations on the development of the ICSSP.

On the composition of the ICSSP, the Vienna meeting confirmed support for development of several clusters each focusing on a specific set of measures to be initiated, coordinated by all stakeholders, adopted and implemented. Each cluster should contain implementation timelines (short, medium and long-term). As a starting point for discussion, the following generic clusters will be considered:

- Legislative initiatives defining strategy, concept, and key laws related to chemical security;
- Regulatory framework (secondary legislation) defining concrete technical standards, instruments and mechanisms of implementation of primary legislation;
- Co-ordination mechanism specifying roles and responsibilities of all stakeholders;
- Enforcement measures covering security aspects of the chemical lifecycles;
- Government – private sector – civil society partnerships;
- Funding requirements and resources;

- International co-operation and technical assistance.

The participants suggested carrying out a comprehensive review of chemical safety and security in Ukraine:

- a. Review and improve national chemical security legislation and corresponding regulatory framework, aligning it with international regulations and effective practices.
- b. Explore mechanisms to enhance the effective implementation of UNSCR 1540, and/or relevant international treaties, regimes and arrangements.
- c. Undertake a national assessment of the physical protections measures of the chemical industry.
- d. Review existing chemical trade regulations and best practices to ensure consistency with UNSCR 1540, and/or relevant international treaties, regimes and arrangements.

The ICSSP will be accompanied by introducing specific projects to enhance chemical safety and security in the movement of chemicals, and to improve chemical safety and security at the local level, including at Small and Medium Enterprises (SME's). Two projects will initially be considered and prepared, based on the recommendations of the national roundtable. A first project on local awareness and responsibility in the chemical safety and security will cover relevant regions. Another project should focus on training and practical exercises for border, customs, first responders, environmental inspectors and law enforcement officers, to enhance border and customs controls over the transportation of chemicals, based on template: basic course on chemical safety and security (attachment 2). The draft project proposals will be developed by the ICCSS, in cooperation with the Ukrainian Chemists Union (UCU). These project proposals will be promoted internationally. The ICCSS will seek financial and expertise support among the international partners and donors to implement these projects.

NEXT STEPS

The next stages of the implementation of the ICSSP will include:

1. Conduct a project on comprehensive review and an inventory, through analysis, exchanges, site visits and interviews, on the specific needs related to national legislation and regulatory frameworks, including chemicals in transit and border control issues.
2. A concrete project on local awareness and responsibility in the chemical safety and security covering all relevant regions, and a project on training and practical exercises for border, customs, first responders, environmental inspectors and law enforcement officers, to enhance border and customs controls over the transportation of chemicals to be developed by the ICCSS, in co-operation with the Ukrainian Chemists Union (UCU). These project proposals will be further promoted internationally.
3. Conduct of active co-operation and engagement with the national and international partners (governments, international organizations, chemical associations) ready to provide assistance in the ICSSP. The emphasis will be made on the cooperation with the OPCW (on CWC implementation and prompting the OPCW as venue for chemical safety and security), WHO (on international health regulations), INTERPOL (on law enforcement), WCO (on developing joint training schemes for customs officers), 1540 COMMITTEE, and UNODA (on the practical implementation of UNSCR 1540), and active engagement within the G7 Global Partnership (to exchange best practices, to promote the program among the interested partners and to seek additional funding), UNEP, SAICAM, UNIDO (on the development of the safety component of the training), and the relevant governments (to provide financial support and relevant expertise).

Next meetings:

13 March, 2015 Meeting/Workshop in Warsaw of the ICSSP stakeholders to get acquainted with the proposed projects on local awareness and responsibility in the chemical safety and security to cover relevant regions in Ukraine and a project on training and practical exercises for border, customs, first responders, environmental inspectors and law enforcement officers, and training capabilities of Polish partners

16 March, 2015 Meeting of the Chemical Security Sub-Working Group within G7 GP, The Hague

April 2015 Meeting/Workshop in Kyiv – initiation of the comprehensive review

21-23 April, 2015 Meeting of the G7 GP, Munich, Germany

October 2015 Meeting of the G7 GP, Berlin, Germany

16-18 November, 2015 Global Chemical Safety and Security Summit, Kielce, Poland – introducing ICSSP to the international audience and conduct of model training activities for the international partners