



Start PRISMA project

The PRISMA project started January 1st 2013. The project is a follow up on the MiSRaR project. This project was implemented from January 1st 2010 till December 31th 2012.

In the InterregIVC project MiSRaR (Mitigation Spatial Relevant Risks in European Regions and Towns) seven partners exchanged ideas and experiences in the field of risk assessment and risk mitigation. One of the results of this project is the MiSRaR handbook, available in seven languages: English, Dutch, Estonian, Bulgarian, Greek, Italian and Portuguese.

PRISMA (*Promoting and Implementing Strategies for risk Management and Assessment*) will test the handbook and disseminate the results; it also will promote the use of risk assessment and risk management strategies by local and regional entities.

The project duration it is 18 months, from January 1st 2013 till June 30th 2014.

The project budget is €652.298,- with €489.224,- max. co-financing from the EC (DG ECHO) (Civil Protection Financial Instrument, http://ec.europa.eu/echo/funding/financial_instrument_en.htm)

Project partners



Partners in the project are:

- Safety Region-South Holland South, Netherlands
- Stara Zagora Regional Economic Development Agency, Bulgaria
- Municipality of Mirandela, Portugal
- Municipality of Aveiro, Portugal
- City Government of Tallinn, Estonia

SHS, Mirandela, Aveiro and Tallinn also participated in the MiSRaR project, the new partner is SZREDA. The other MiSRaR partners, EPF, Epirus and Forli-Cesena did not had the possibility to join PRISMA.





Goal of the project

The first objective of the 5 project partners is to test the cross-sectoral implementation of the risk assessment and risk management (prevention) strategies as described in the MiSRaR brochures and handbook. The partners will test these strategies on the following priority risks:

- Rail transport of dangerous substances (SR-SHS)
- Risks of dangerous substances in SEVESO industries and road and rail transport (Aveiro)
- Urban fires in the historic city centre (Mirandela)
- Fires in the urban area with protected wooden houses (Tallinn)
- Forest fires (SZREDA)

The second objective is to promote risk management and organize knowledge exchange between other local, regional and provincial governments and cross-sectoral risk management partners within the European Union (and associated states) on:

- The concepts, strategies, best practices and lessons learnt on risk assessment, risk management and the relation with disaster preparedness as described in the aforementioned handbook;
- The practical experiences with the implementation of the handbook as described under objective 1;
- The consequences of the 'EU staff working paper on Risk Assessment and Mapping Guidelines for Disaster Management' for local, regional and provincial governments and the possibilities for connecting national and decentralized risk assessment and risk management policies.

Actions and deliverables

During the project partners each will:

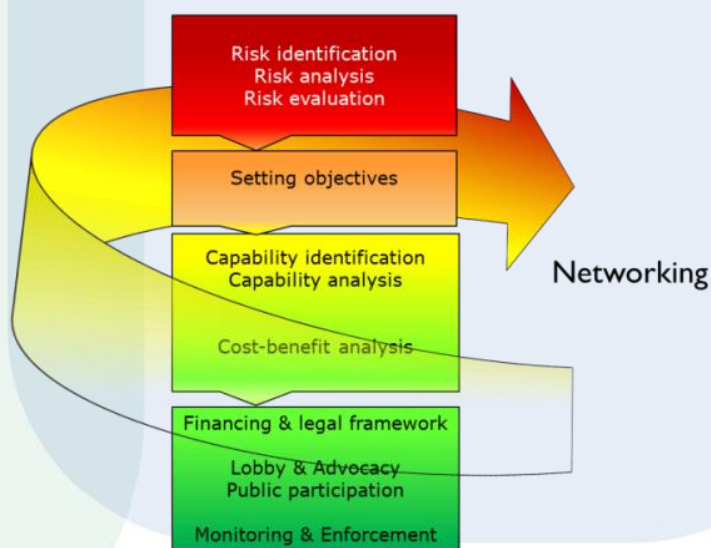
- Build a risk management network
- Perform a risk assessment
- Perform a capability assessment
- Develop an implementation strategy

And together:

- Organize 3 international congresses
- Develop and maintain a website
- Publish newsletters and press releases

During the project each partner will make a:

- Stakeholder assessment (1-3-2013)
- Declaration of principles (1-4-2013)
- Risk assessment report (1-9-2013)
- Policy memorandum on risk management strategy (1-1-2014)
- Risk management plan (1-3-2014)





Kick-off meeting South-Holland South

The first PRISMA meeting was a combination from the project kick-off, the first steering committee meeting and the first partner advice and counselling meeting. The meeting was held January 29th & 30th in the area of Dordrecht, in the region South Holland South.

During the kick-off partners discussed subjects related to the project management. During the partner advice and counselling meeting the focus was more on the project itself. Partners presented their risk and their ideas about the network to involve.

The afternoon of the second day SHS presented in a more extended way the problems in the railway area and the measures taken till now. A field study was part of this presentation.



The steering committee at the end of the two days meeting was used to sign the partnership agreements.

PRISMA "on-line"

The PRISMA website is still "under construction". There is already a web address and a lay-out and the web designer is working hard to develop this idea in a real website. The website will have the possibility to make extra pages in the languages of the partners with additional "local" information.

Project partners are already able to work in a 'virtual office' and all project managers have the possibility to use SKYPE for communication. For general use, a Gmail address is also available.

Agenda

2 nd partner advice and counselling meeting	May 14 th & 15 th 2013	Mirandela
3 rd partner advice and counselling meeting	September 3 rd & 4 th 2013	Stara Zagora
4 th partner advice and counselling meeting	January 7 th & 8 th 2014	Tallinn
2 nd steering committee meeting	September 3 rd 2013	Stara Zagora
Local kick-off meetings	February – March 2013	

More information

Website PRISMA: www.prismaproject.eu
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Do you like to know more? Suggestions or questions?

You always are welcome to contact one of the project managers.

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