



Program

International conference

“The future of risk management in Europe”

Tuesday April 15th 2014
Tallink City Hotel, Tallinn, Estonia

9.00 Walk-in with coffee

9.30 **Official opening**
Welcome by Kalle Klandorf, deputy Mayor of Tallinn and Karin Tammemägi, head of the Northern Tallinn Administration



Kalle Klandorf



Karin Tammemägi

9.40 **“National risk assessments in Estonia”**
Where, how and when risks are calculated
Assessing risks arising from technical and logistic facilities, ports, highways, railways, inland and coastal waters, is obligatory under the Seveso Directive and specified in the Chemical Act. The Estonian Ministry of the Interior compiles a national overview of emergency risk assessments, considering risks such as large-scale forest fires, chemical accidents, urban fires, explosions and collapses, all of which may have severe consequences to people and the environment. This procedure is ordained in the Emergency Act and with this the State foresees scenarios which must be prevented and ensures readiness in case such incidents should actually take place. Local governments can take into account the national emergency risk assessments and if necessary, evaluate those risks regionally.



*Mari Tikan
Ministry of the
Interior, Estonia*





10.10 **“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!



*Nico van Os
Safety Region
South-Holland South
The Netherlands*

10.40 **“Risk management in Bulgaria”**
Future developments

On behalf of the Bulgarian Ministry of the Interior Ms. Raeva will present the expected developments in risk management, national legislation and mitigation measures in the upcoming period.



*Lyubomira Raeva
Ministry of the Interior,
Bulgaria*

11.00 Coffee break

11.15 **“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.



*Sónia Gonçalves
Mirandela, Portugal*



*Ruud Houdijk
The Netherlands*

12.00 Lunch





13.00 **“Fire prevention in abandoned houses”** *Lessons learnt from previous projects for present and the future*

Abandoned houses in Tallinn have been a problem for many years. If a building is officially unoccupied, then in most cases it does not remain empty. Pretty soon somebody finds their way into the building. They can be homeless people, drug addicts but also kids who find abandoned houses as attractive playground. All activities in the empty buildings, however, present a potential disaster threat. Whether an abandoned building will collapse or catch fire, but soon it turns into ruins, which are truly dangerous places for people staying there. They impose risk to neighbouring buildings and negatively impact the environment. For the rescue service abandoned houses mean not only a lot of rescue works and spent resources, but also fire deaths and injured people.

If we want to live in a city where our eyes will not be hurt by half-burnt abandoned houses which pose a big risk for local community and continuously draw off rescue service resources, we need to act jointly. Rescue service, Local Government, the citizens’ initiative, and buildings owners as the carriers of biggest responsibility must unite their efforts in making our city cleaner, safer and more attractive. Today we declare: abandoned houses must disappear – closing them is only a temporary solution.

13.30 **“Urban fires in an upcoming neighbourhood”** *The case of Northern Tallinn, Estonia*

Northern Tallinn, close to the UNESCO world heritage of the historic city centre, has a high risk of urban fires. The district contains many historical wooden buildings, which are not all that well maintained and in many cases even abandoned. Lack of maintenance and negligence result in many fires. Fatalities caused by fire in many cases are homeless people, who live in the abandoned buildings and make fire inside during the several Estonian winters. The risk assessment made in the PRISMA project has resulted in the assigning of the district as a “Priority Fire Risk Area”. The municipality is designing and building a network with local partners that involves not only fire prevention, but also social welfare, public health and economic development. The prospect is a decrease of the risk due to targeted prevention measures.

14.15 Coffee break



*Priit Laos
Estonian Rescue Board*



*Helmut Hallemaa
Tallinn, Estonia*



*Risto Aasmaa
Tallinn, Estonia*



*Magnus Kiis
Tallinn, Estonia*





14.30 **“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*

15.15 **“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*

15.45 **“Lessons for the future”**

Concluding 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.



Katrin Savomägi

16.30 **Closing**



Irma Remma



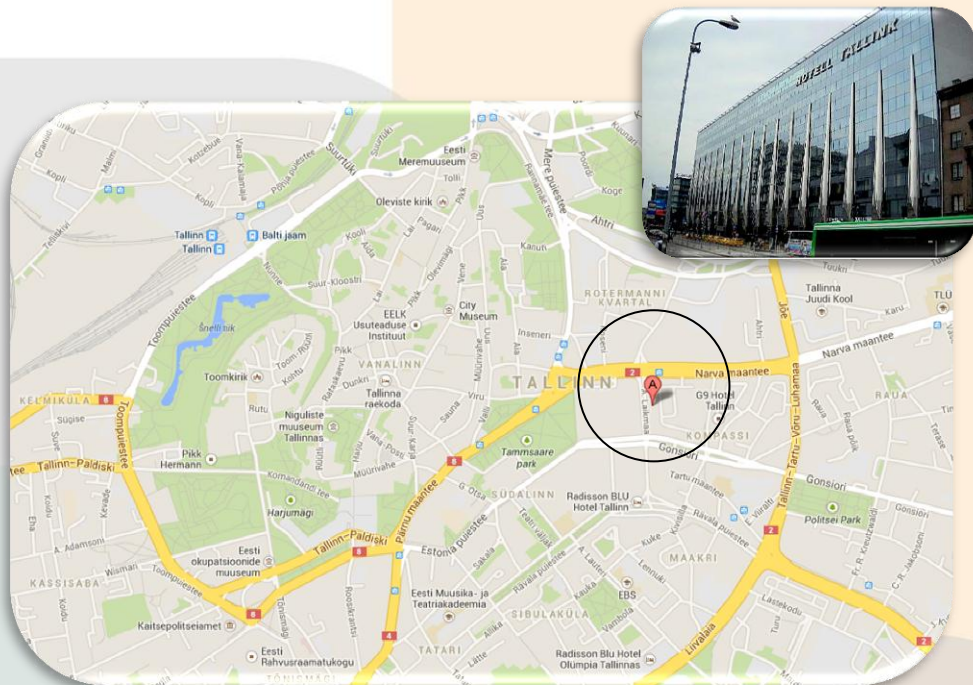


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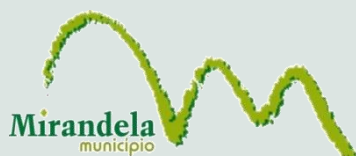




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