



CEN Conference on standards and best practices in Risk Assessment

Context of the conference

Recent years have shown the manifestation of various kinds of risks that concern activities of an organization, such as natural disasters, manmade disasters, criminal risks, terrorism risks, long term risks (pollution, climate change, ...) and economic incidents.

In many cases, the various kinds of damages or possibility of damages resulting from these events can give rise to difficulties in activities of an organization or a population, sometimes even affecting the organization's or population's existence.

In addition, cases exist in which certain events can affect its interested parties and the community. This is the reason why there is a need of improving dialogue and trust between the stakeholders (e.g. the regulatory authorities, the industry, the consumers, other social partners, non-governmental organisations, ...).

In these circumstances, an organization is required to stabilize its operation by implementing appropriate measures to deal with risks, to minimize the effects from the outcome of risks, and to act so as to prevent any harm to society.

Accordingly, an organization should introduce and carrying out risk assessment in order to find risks in daily activities in the perspective for treating these risks.

Aim of the conference

The purpose of the Conference is to bring together multi-disciplinary and multi-sectorial actors involved in the risk management field to present this issue through the prism of codes, standards and best practices to the different stakeholder interested by this subject, especially small and medium size enterprises.

This Conference will provide an overview of risk assessment standards and best practices used in different industries at national, European or international level.

The objective of the conference is to promote risk assessment best practices based on shared procedures for risk assessment within the EU and based on information sharing through different sectors.

The conference will increase the stakeholders awareness concerning the importance of codes and standards to the implementation of risk assessment and risk management.

Date

The conference is scheduled for June 16th 2006.

Venue

CEN/CENELEC Meeting Centre
35 rue de Stassartstraat
B - 1050 Brussels

Program

9.15 : Registration of the participants	
9.30 : Welcome address	Gerald Vollmer, European Commission /Joint Research Centre
9.40 : Introductory remarks	Jacques Repussard, CEN WG 160 “Risk Assessment” Chairman
10.00 – 12.30 : Morning session Risk assessment issues and standardisation: Towards a common methodology?	European Commission /Joint Research Centre : Risk assessment of Seveso Installations and the results of the COMPASS project on Risk assessment Agi Oldfield - Richmond The American International University in London : Presentation of BS-6079-3:2000 “Project management. Guide to the management of business related project risk” Chris Luck - FERMA, Federation of European Risk Management Associations : Generic Approach : Presentation of a risk management standard, a generic approach Josef Winkler - Austrian Standards Institute : Presentation of the Austrian guidelines on Risk Management ONR 49000 ff, an integrated approach Kevin Knight - ISO WG “Risk management” chairman : Perspectives at international level
Debate: To allow the necessary cross-fertilization and to ensure proper sharing of information, a debate will be initiated with the floor.	
12.30 – 14.30 : Lunch	
14.30 – 16.30 : Afternoon session Sharing good practices among diverse industries : Case studies of mature sectors	Gilles DELEUZE - EDF - for the Energy sector Alfred SUTTER - Schweizerische Unfallversicherungsanstalt - for the safety of machinery Sector Olivier SALVI - European Technology Platform on Industrial Safety - for the industrial sector
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16.30 – 17.00 : Synthesis and conclusion	European Commission

Registration and information

The Conference language will be English (no translation will be provided)

All participants are requested to complete and return this form no later than **2 June 2006** to Charlene Blanc – AFNOR – email charlene.blanc@afnor.org.

Registration Form – CEN conference on standards and best practices in Risk assessment

Name: Organisation:

Address:
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Email (*):

Area of interest for this conference:

Questions for the speakers:
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* Mandatory: the registration will be confirmed by mail.

