



EUROPEAN AND MEDITERRANEAN MAJOR HAZARDS AGREEMENT
(EUR-OPA)

Task Force Group Meeting

*to foster better radiological protection and information for
populations living in areas that might be affected in the case of a nuclear
or radiation accident*

2-4 September, 2009
Kiev, Ukraine

CONCLUSIONS

Task Force Group Meeting “To foster better radiological protection and information for populations living in areas that might be affected in the case of an nuclear or radiation accident” was held in Kiev, Ukraine **2-4 September, 2009.**

The main aim was establishing a Euro-Mediterranean Network to foster better radiological protection and information for populations living in areas that might be affected in the case of an accident at a Nuclear Power Plant or any other nuclear facilities through dissemination of best European experience on emergency planning, early warning procedures, iodine prophylaxis and other elements of radiological protection. The purpose of Task Force Group (TFG) meeting was **developing basis for co-operation with Group of Local Authorities with Nuclear Facilities in Europe (GMF), Spanish Group of Mayors in Municipalities with Nuclear Facilities (AMAC) and Association of Swedish Local Authorities with Nuclear Facilities (KSO).**

President of GMF **Mr. Roland Palmqvist**, presented main goals of GMF, the area of activity, experience on implementation of better transparency in emergency planning and risk perception. He underlined that GMF are interesting in exchanging of information and experience regarding the role of local community in dissemination of information about radiological risk and appreciate participation of Ukrainian local authorities in that activity. GMF has unique experience and ready to transfer it to other countries, specifically to Ukraine. **Mr. Andrey Selsky**, Ukrainian representative, thank for that proposal and expressed the interest of Ukraine to study and use best international experience for better protection population, which live under radiological risk.

Chairwomen of KSO **Mrs. Pia Almstrom** and Head Secretary of KSO **Mr. Mats Rosen** presented KSO activity, positive role of Local safety Committee, emergency planning.

General Secretary of AMAC **Mr. Mariano** presented AMAC experience on strengthening collaboration of Local, National Authority and Industry for better awareness and information of population on radiological risk.

Executive director of TESEC, EUR-OPA Major Hazard Agreement **Mr. Viktor Poyarkov** presented conclusions of international workshop “Public authorities and civil society together for a safe European nuclear future” was held in Kiev, Ukraine 22-23 September, 2008. The representatives of 14 countries and international organization recommended joining efforts for better awareness and information population on radiological risk. The defining list of priorities, like development of information booklets, web-site,

organizing training course, which will be tool for transferring the best international experience for safety of people.

The participant of TFG meeting recommended:

1. There is a problem – necessity of better awareness and information population on radiological risk.
2. The national, international organization, local community have to joining effort for using best international experience on that aim in EU and neighbouring countries. EUR- OPA, UNDP, GMF, KSO and AMAC are good partners for such collaboration; they could be basis for network for better awareness and information population on radiological risk.
3. The realization of priorities defined in 2008 Workshop in Kiev could be first step of such collaboration. It is necessary to study different opportunity for funding of that activity.
4. We foresee the need to spread the positive experiences of Local Information Committees and Local Stake Holders Groups in the work of communication of radiological risks to citizens living near NPP's in Europe.
5. The organisations participating in the conference underline the need of a transnational European programme for information and experience exchange to learn the lessons of the disaster of Chernobyl.