



Progress report on the Assistance Programme

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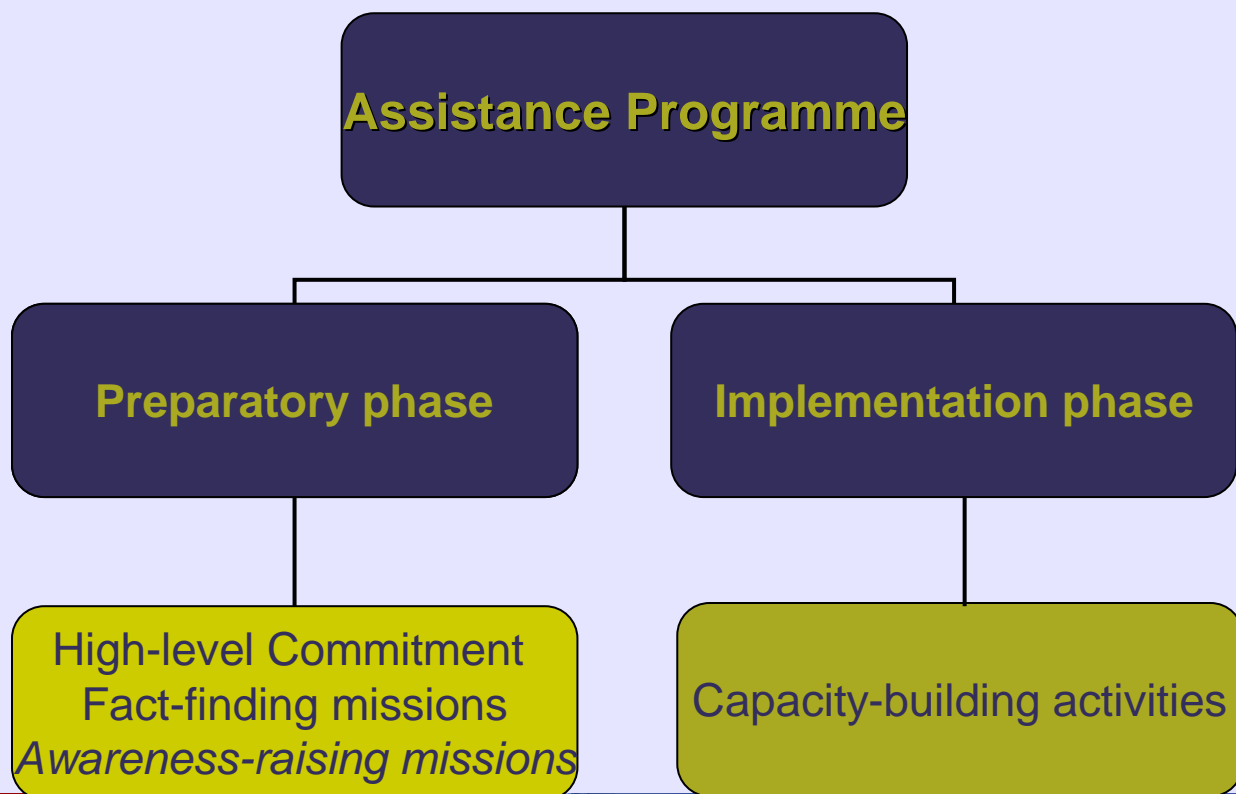
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Background

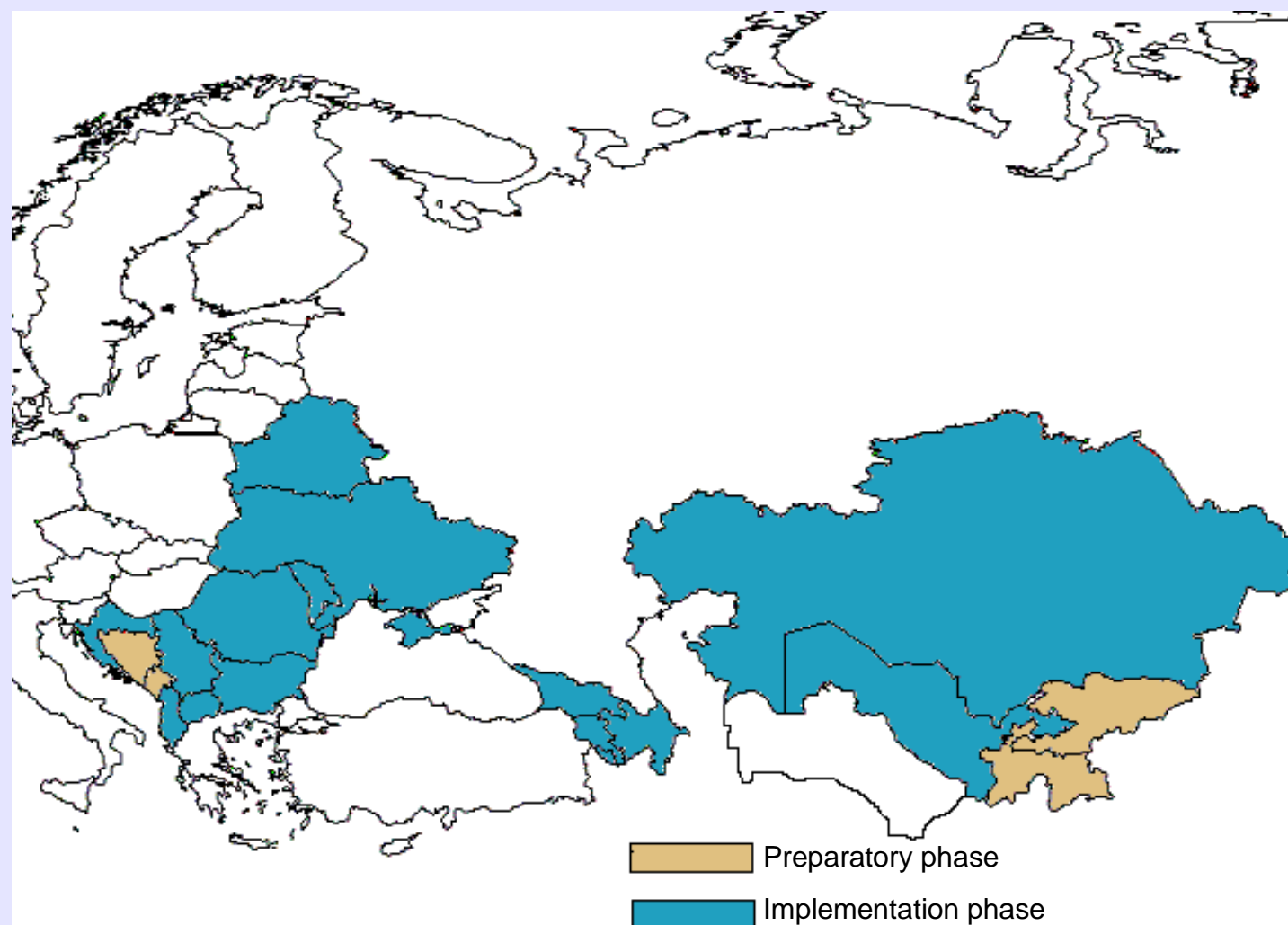
Assistance Programme adopted by the CoP (Budapest, 27–30 October 2004).

Aim: To assist countries from South-Eastern and Eastern Europe to address the challenges in implementing the Convention.





Countries in
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phase and
implementatio
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end of October
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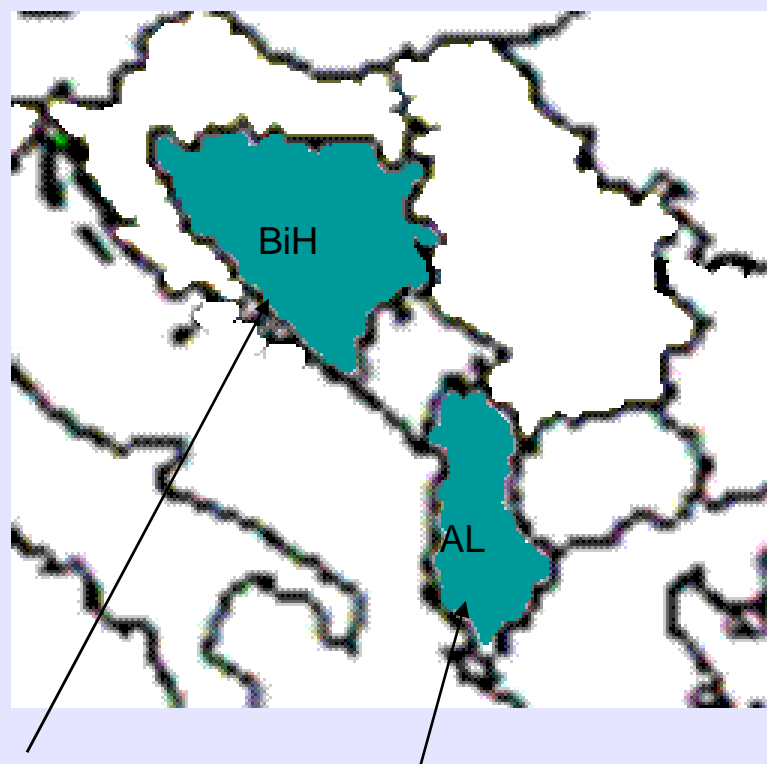




Preparatory phase → guidance on implementing the basic tasks

Awareness-raising missions

- 20 and 21 May 2009 in Albania
- 22 and 23 September 2009 in Bosnia and Herzegovina



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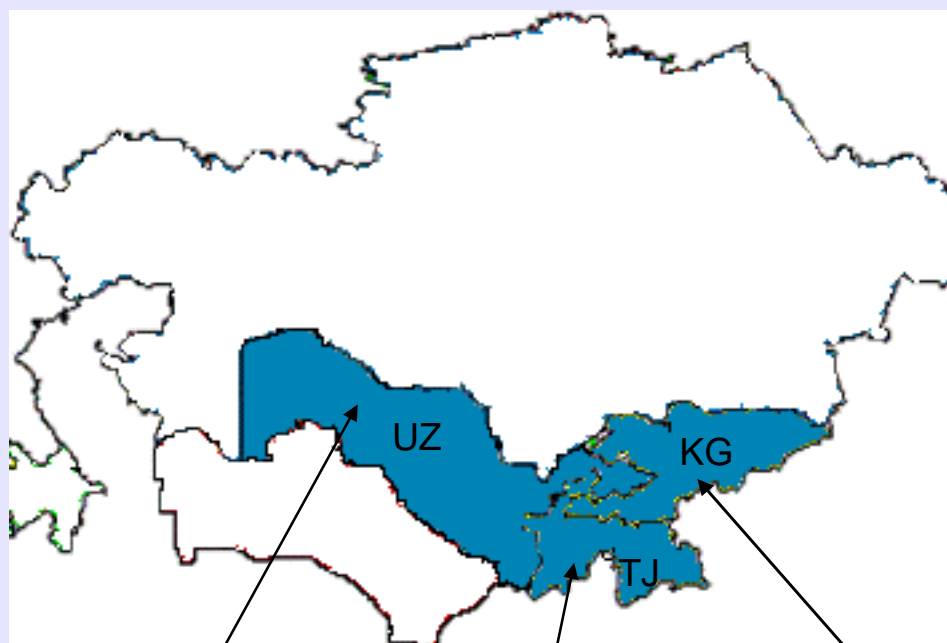
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Preparatory phase → guidance on implementing the basic tasks

High-level visits to Central Asia

- Kyrgyzstan 18 February 2010
- Tajikistan 16 February 2010
- Uzbekistan 18–19 January 2010



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Preparatory phase → outcomes

Awareness-raising missions	High-level visits to Central Asia
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Albania → invited in the implementation phase• Bosnia and Herzegovina → needs to demonstrate implementation of basic tasks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kyrgyzstan → needs to demonstrate implementation of basic tasks• Tajikistan → needs to officially inform of the implementation of basic tasks• Uzbekistan → invited in the implementation phase



**ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME
IMPLEMENTATION PHASE**

Full implementation
of the Convention

capacity
building
activities

Application of
strategic approach
Use of indicators
and criteria

Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria,
Croatia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Romania,
Serbia, fyR of Macedonia, Ukraine, Uzbekistan

BASIC TASKS

Turkmenistan

Montenegro

missions

Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan,

Bosnia and
Herzegovina

**ASSISTANCE PROGRAMME
PREPARATORY PHASE**



Implementation phase

Focus on:

(a) organising needs-driven capacity-building activities

(b) elaborating indicators and criteria (benchmarks) for the implementation of The Strategic Approach





(a) **Needs-driven** capacity-building activities/1

- Needs for assistance identified directly by the countries (from 2010 possible new tool)
- Activities need to:
 - be hands-on
 - initiate a process requiring follow-up (continuous efforts from countries)
 - External experts take the role as facilitators for the activities





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(a) **Needs-driven** capacity-building activities/2

1. Training session on **integrated approaches** to major hazard prevention
2. Pilot project on **joint management of transboundary emergencies** (Bulgaria, Romania and Serbia)
4 phases including a field exercise
3. Training session on the **evaluation of safety reports**
4. National training session on the **identification of hazardous activities** in the Republic of Moldova,
5. National training session on the **identification of hazardous activities** in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and
6. National training session on the **identification of hazardous activities** in Azerbaijan



(a) **Needs-driven** capacity-building activities/3

1. Training session on **integrated approaches** to major hazard prevention (11-13 February 2009), Czech Republic

Outcomes: better understanding of the role of legislation and of safety culture, identified further needs for assistance.

2. Pilot project on **joint management of transboundary emergencies** (Bulgaria, Romania and Serbia)

Support received by: ICARO, ICPDR, the Dutch VROM; the Polish State Fire Service; and the Croatian National Protection and Rescue Directorate

Outcomes : better understanding of the future needed actions and improvements, key operational decisions taken.



(a) **Needs-driven** capacity-building activities/4

3. Training session on the **evaluation of safety reports** (8-10 February 2010), Serbia

Outcomes: checklist for safety reports elaborated. Wish expressed to use the checklist for on-site inspection.

4-6. National training sessions on the **identification of hazardous activities** in the Republic of Moldova, FYR of Macedonia and Azerbaijan

Outcomes: knowledge on how to apply the Convention's annex I and the guidelines on location criteria, good practices from other countries.

Countries to prepare national guidelines



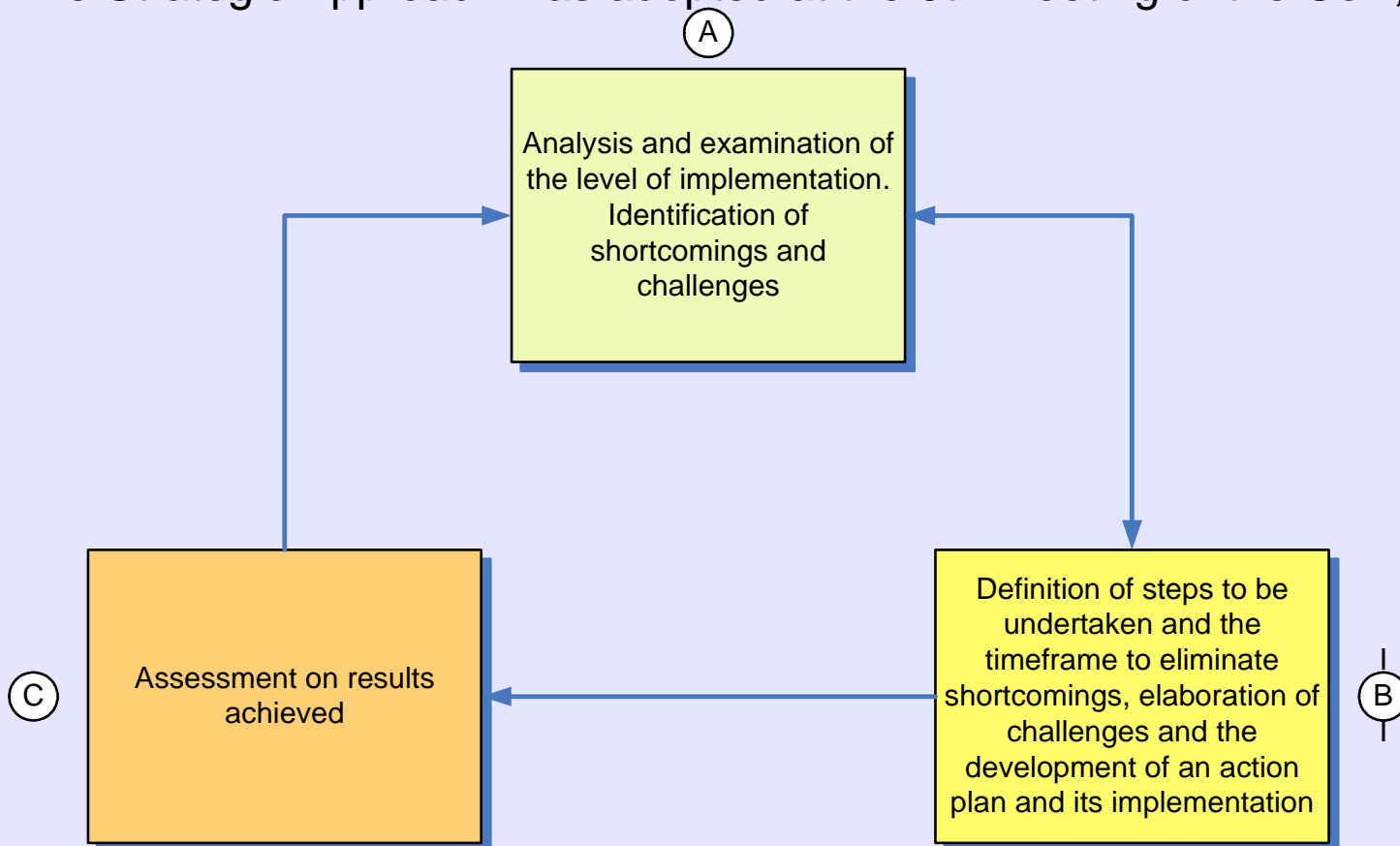
(a) **Needs-driven** capacity-building activities
Activities under preparation/5

- Project on **developing legislation** for Georgia
- **Second phase** of the project on evaluation of safety reports
- Project to help countries in applying **indicators and criteria (benchmarks)**
- **Danube Delta Project**



(b) **Indicators and criteria (benchmarks)** for the implementation of the Strategic Approach

The Strategic Approach was adopted at the 5th meeting of the CoP,





Conclusion/1

Number of activities requested by countries in 2009-2010

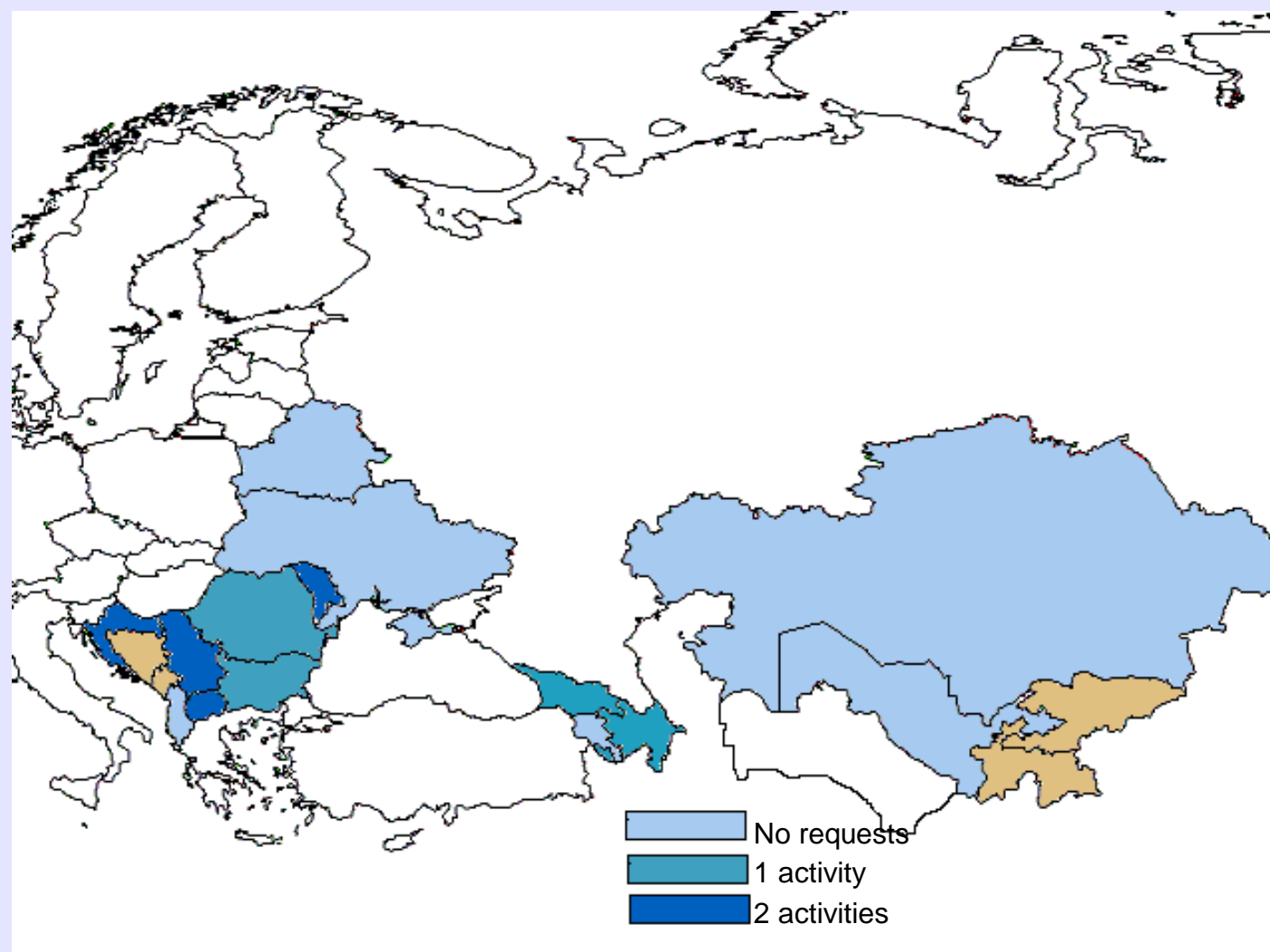
Costs of the activities carried out in the implementation phase of the Programme
(in United States dollars)

<i>Country</i>	<i>No. of requested activities</i>
Croatia	2
Republic of Moldova	2
Serbia	2
TfYR of Macedonia	2
Azerbaijan	1
Bulgaria	1
Georgia	1
Romania	1



Conclusion/2

Number of activities requested by countries in the implementation phase of the Assistance Programme from January 2009





Conclusion/3

Working areas tackled by the activities in the biennium:

Identification of hazardous activities,

Prevention and

Preparedness





Concluding/3

Outcome of the assistance activities could be of different nature:

- a) Concrete **information and tools usable immediately**
e.g. checklist for the evaluation of safety reports
- a) Basis for **follow-up actions**
allowing to identify obstacles to implement the Convention e.g. identification of the need for more transboundary cooperation between the neighbouring countries in the Danube River Project

□	Reviewed Items□	Evaluation¶ (see SSS)□			Remarks, Additional claims, Reference to detailed check-lists□
		Complete?¶ ¶ Yes = y¶ No = n¶ Partly yes = p¶ Not applic. = 0□	Importance?¶ ¶ Factor F¶ (0,1 < F < 1)¶ default = 1¶	Portion of "partly yes"?¶ ¶ Factor D¶ (0,3 < D < 0,7)¶ default = 0,5□	
..0□	Safety Policy□				
0.1□	Does document "Safety Policy" exist?□	□	□	□	□
0.2□	Are aims in preventing accidents specific and controllable?□	□	□	□	□
0.3□	Are procedures to prevent accident hazards specified and controllable?□	□	□	□	□
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0.5□	Are employees acquainted with Safety policy?□	□	□	□	□
0.6□	Is the document easily accessible?□	□	□	□	□
0.7□	Is the document signed by the top manager?□	□	□	□	□



Concluding/4

The **Benchmarks**: to self-monitoring the progress of implementation of the Convention and to identify further needs for assistance → it is expected that more countries will request activities.

Result of self-evaluation with regard to the status of implementation of the Convention ¶

<i>Areas of work with indicators^a</i>	<i>Progress stage with explanation^a</i>	<i>Identification of shortcomings and challenges with a list of priority actions to be undertaken^a</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Identification of hazardous activities ^a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mechanism for the collection of data ^a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mechanism for the analysis and validation of data ^a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mechanism for the review/revision of data ^a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Mechanism for transboundary consultation on hazardous activities ^a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mechanism for notification of hazardous activities ^a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Mechanism giving responsibility for safe operation to HA operators ^a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mechanism introducing control regime of the competent authorities ^a	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Donors and resources/1

The following countries/organisations provided financial and/or in-kind contributions:

Main financial contributors: [Italy](#), [Switzerland](#), [Netherlands](#), [Germany](#)

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Donors and resources/2

Costs of activities carried out in the **preparatory phase** of the Assistance Programme in 2009–2010
(in United States dollars)

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Costs</i>
Awareness-raising mission to Albania	11 415
Awareness-raising mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina	11 077
Visits to Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan	30 000
Total	52 492



Donors and resources/3

Costs of the activities carried out in the **implementation phase** of the Programme (in United States dollars)

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Costs</i>
Training session on integrated approach to major hazard prevention	93 245
Project for Bulgaria, Romania and Serbia	172 434
Training session on evaluation of safety reports	66 129
National training session on identification of hazardous activities for Rep. of Moldova	12 087
National training session on identification of hazardous activities for tfYR of Macedonia	11 674
National training session on identification of hazardous activities for Azerbaijan	24 600
Preparatory meetings for the Danube-Delta Project	6 000
Total	386 169



Donors and resources/4

Costs of the activities carried out in the **preparatory and implementation phase** of the Programme (in United States dollars)

<i>Phase</i>	<i>Costs</i>
Preparatory phase	52 492
Implementation phase	386 169
Total	438 661