

Joint seminar on land-use planning around hazardous industrial sites

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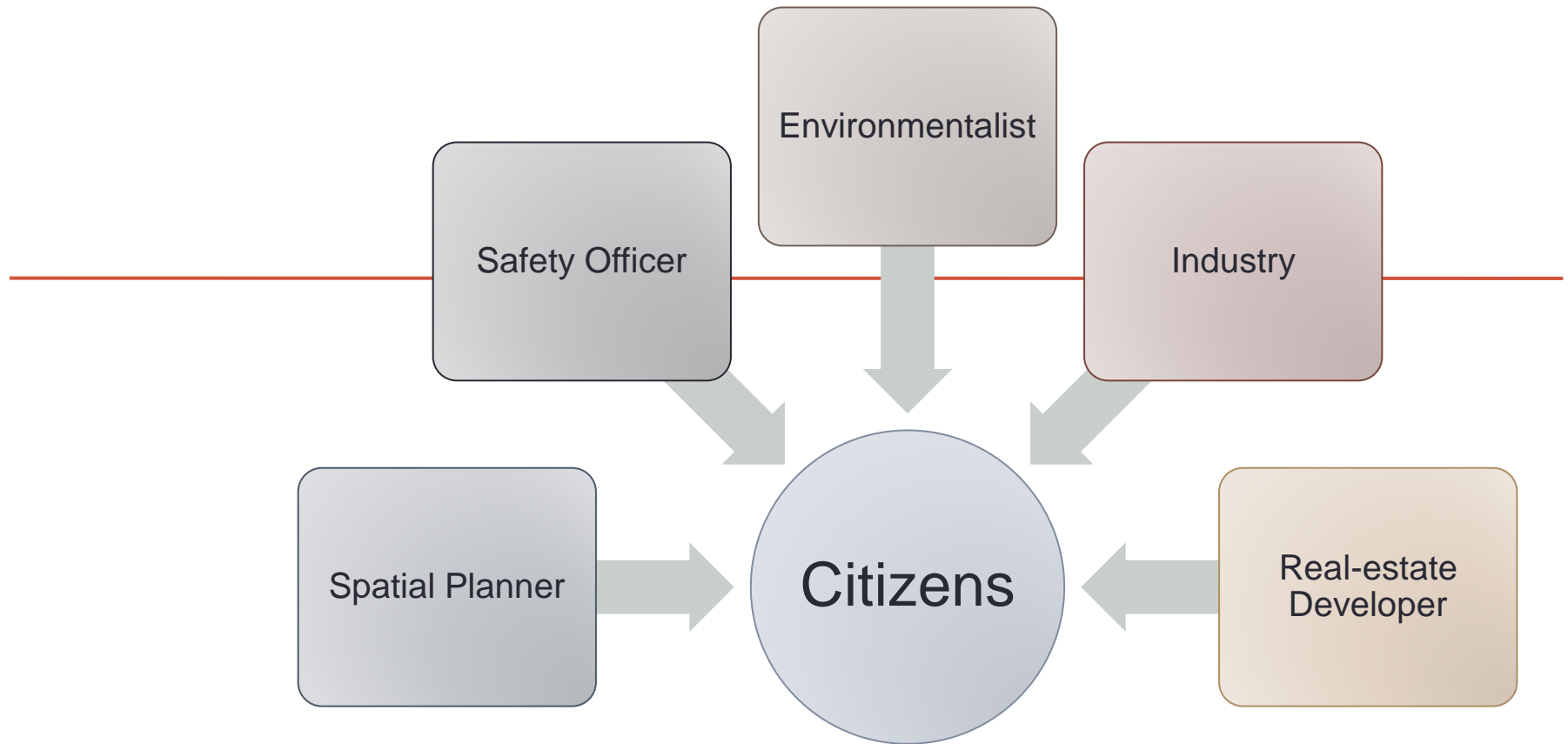
JOINT SEMINAR ON LAND- USE PLANNING AROUND HAZARDOUS INDUSTRIAL SITES

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- International dialogue, November 2010 in The Hague
 - Better understanding between stakeholders working on industrial safety and land-use planning
 - Increased safety in and around hazardous industrial facilities
 - Objectives:
 - To signal safety concerns about new developments near facilities
 - To discuss role of land-use planning in hazard prevention
 - To identify priorities and interests of stakeholders
 - To share experience, good practices and challenges on cooperation between stakeholders from ECE countries
 - To discuss availability of different instruments and policies
 - To make recommendations on how to improve cooperation

SIMULATION



SIMULATION: DIFFERENT & COMPETING POINTS OF VIEW



SIMULATION: REFLECTIONS

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- Authorities should
 - identify groups of stakeholders whose interests may be affected through land-use development projects
 - involve such groups at an early stage in those projects
 - be transparent with the development projects
 - promote awareness and through it ensure active participation of relevant stakeholder groups in development projects
 - Industry and public should take active part in development projects (if concerned), and be open to finding constructive solutions
 - National authorities should take steps to ensure effective local management of development processes

NATIONAL LEVEL RECOMMENDATIONS

- To ensure cooperation, countries should consider introducing transparent procedures that would impose cooperation or mandatory communication between parties involved in safety and land-use planning at an early stage of development. Alternatively a protocol setting obligations on 'who does what' should be introduced
- Effective cooperation should be strengthened through meetings of land-use and safety agencies at national & local levels, aimed at building mutual understanding and trust
- Geographical information systems should include risk assessments associated with hazardous industrial sites; this requires databases with information on these sites to be developed
- Land-use plans for areas around hazardous industrial sites should be open for review by safety authorities before their approval

INTERNATIONAL LEVEL RECOMMENDATIONS

- Periodical meetings at international level
 - to discuss challenging cases in safety and land-use planning
 - to brainstorm on alternative developments scenarios
 - to identify possible solutions and learn from each other
- Criteria or standards for safety and land-use planning
 - jointly developed by a group of safety and land-use planning experts
 - (taking into account differing levels of development in countries)
- Publication containing best available practices
- Possibly web-based advisory community discussing challenging cases