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**Short Description:**

Deliverable 3.5 presents the MIDIR final event in Rome.

It is composed of three parts:

- the description of the objectives, participants, agenda and main presentations of the event,
- the description of the working session, and
- the topics and results discussed during the round table.

In addition, the deliverable contains the video of the whole event (in the original version only).

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## 1 Objectives of the MIDIR Final Event

The MIDIR Final Event took place in Rome the 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2008. It presented the main results of the MIDIR project and showed that the innovative MIDIR methodology can be applied to any risk scenario, cultural environment, community and country. The main objective was to inspire participants to apply and use the MIDIR Approach. The conference brought together an audience from Public Administrations across Europe together with experts and academics in the field of governance.

## 2 Agenda and Presentations

The conference was divided in three main parts:

- Welcome by the host;
- Presentation of the results of the MIDIR project;
- Active involvement of the audience by a working group and a roundtable discussion in order to transfer as much as possible the benefits of the MIDIR methodology.

The agenda is shown below. Presentations can be found in the Annexes.

### Welcome by regional authorities

Speakers:

- Mario Michelangeli: *Regional Ministre for Consumer Protection and Administrative Simplification of Regione Lazio (Italy)*
- Regino Brachetti: *President of LAit S.p.A., Lazio Innovazione Tecnologica (Italy)*

### Presentation of the MIDIR project ([Annex 1](#))

Speakers:

- Stefan Greiving: *UNIDO, University of Dortmund, Faculty of Spatial Planning (Germany)*
- Fernando Ferri: *IRPPS - CNR, Institute of Research on Population and Social Policies (Italy)*

Main contents:

- Overview on project vision, mission and objectives
- Description of MIDIR methodology step by step
- Illustration of results

### Presentation of the results of the case study in Germany ([Annex 2](#))

Speaker:

- Kirsten Sucker: *IKU GmbH (Germany)* with input from participants of German case study

Main contents:

- Objectives of Case study
- Risk governance and treatment of mentally ill offenders
- Case Study Implementation

- Achievements of the project group “Therapy”
- Achievements of the project group “Information”
- Results

### **Presentation of the results of the case study in Italy** ([Annex 3](#))

Speakers:

- Fabrizio Rusca: *Regional Ministry for Consumer Protection and Administrative Simplification of Regione Lazio (Italy)*
- Emanuela Di Pietro: *LAit S.p.A., Lazio Innovazione Tecnologica (Italy)*
- Fernando Ferri: *IRPPS - CNR, Institute of Research on Population and Social Policies (Italy)*

Main contents:

- Case Study roadmap
- Case study results

### **Transferability of the MIDIR concept to other risk settings** ([Annex 4](#))

Speaker:

- Marjory Angignard: *UNIDO, University of Dortmund, Faculty of Spatial Planning (Germany)*

Main contents:

- Testing the MIDIR concept
- Applying the MIDIR concept to a case study on management of natural risks in mountain areas

### **Conclusions on MIDIR** ([Annex 5](#))

Speaker:

- Philippe Galiay: *Directorate Science and Society, Unit Governance, DG Research, European Commission, MIDIR Project Officer*

Main contents:

- Dealing with Risk at EU level
- Risk GoverScience Seminar
- “Nano” Code of Conduct

### **Working groups:**

**How to apply the MIDIR concept to ANY risk setting?** (see Chapter 4)

(Moderator: Morel Fourman)

**Round Table: The effective impact of Risk Governance in decision making** (see Chapter 5)

(Chairman: Petra Voßebürger)

### **Conclusions**

Speaker:

- Marco Noccioli: *Director General for Consumer Protection and Administrative Simplification, Regione Lazio (Italy)*



### 3 Participants

58 people from five countries participated in the MIDIR Final Event:

<b>Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>ORGANIZATION</b>	<b>COUNTRY</b>
Arzano	Alessandro	Critical Path	Italy
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Angignard	Marjory	IRPUD, UNIDO	Germany
Avola	Danilo	IRPPS, CNR	Italy
Bomke	Paul	Pfalzkllinikum fuer Psychiatrie und Neurologie - AdoeR	Germany
Brachetti	Regino	LAit S.p.A.	Italy
Caruso	Carmine Cavour	LAit S.p.A.	Italy
Caschera	Maria Chiara	IRPPS, CNR	Italy
D'Ambrogio	Viviana	Regione Lazio	Italy
D'Andrea	Alessia	IRPPS, CNR	Italy
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Di Pietro	Emanuela	LAit S.p.A.	Italy
Di Stefano	Alfio	Regione Lazio	Italy
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Michelangeli	Mario	Regione Lazio	Italy
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Natali	Tatiana	LAit S.p.A.	Italy
Nedoma	Christina	MASGFF	Germany
Noccioli	Marco	Regione Lazio	Italy
Pelaia	Rita	Farindustria	Italy

Poggiani	Alessandra	LAit S.p.A.	Italy
Rafanelli	Maurizio	IASI CNR	Italy
Reynolds	Chris	Gaiasoft International Ltd	UK
Rotundo	Angela	LAit S.p.A.	Italy
Rusca	Fabrizio	Regione Lazio	Italy
Rutkauskaite	Dovile	KTU Electronics Research Center	Lithuania
Sucker	Kirsten	IKU GmbH	Germany
Tedeschi	Giovanni	Regione Lazio	Italy
Valvo	Luisa	ISS	Italy
Vari	Claudio	LAit S.p.A.	Italy
Versari	Marco	Regione Lazio	Italy
Vignetti	Monica	Farindustria	Italy
Voßebürger	Petra	IKU GmbH	Germany
Wanczura	Sylvia	IRPUD, UNIDO	Germany
Weissbeck	Wolfgang	Pfalzkrlinikum	Germany
Mileto	Valerio	Regione Lazio	Italy
Paolozzi	Stefano	IRPPS, CNR	Italy
Noetzel	Michael	Pfalzkrlinikum	Germany
Wolfram	Schumacher	Klinik Nette Gut	Germany
Nicolai	Andrea	T6 Ecosystems srl	Italy
Viccaro	Antonio	Upter	Italy

#### 4 Working groups session

During the event a session with working groups was organised. The MIDIR team showed, practically, the application of methodology to any risk scenario, cultural environment, community and country.

The goal of the session was that participants experience the power of collaboration in developing systemic resilience using the MIDIR Methodology.

Participants were asked to write risks they would like to discuss on a card. On the basis of these, the following "risk clusters" were selected:

##### **Individual Health Risks/Threats, with the sub-topics of:**

- Pandemic
- Additives in food, e.g. vitamins
- Risk of surgery
- Nano-Materials - reactions within the human body

##### **Waste Pollution, with the sub-topics of:**

- Missing recycling policies
- Health effects

##### **Natural Hazards, with the sub-topics of:**

- Floods
- Mountain Risk

**Climate Change & Energy, with the sub-topics of:**

- CO<sub>2</sub> control
- Atomic Energy

**Electromagnetic waste, with the sub-topics of:**

- Wi-fi

**Quality of information in Internet**

Each participant received a questionnaire and a table with the MIDIR Key-Performance Indicators. The groups discussed and replied to the following questions:

- 1) What is the situation today that demands a resilience approach?
- 2) What is the goal?
- 3) What dependencies on other organisations or systems make the situation more complex?
- 4) Review the relevance and meaning of the 12 MIDIR indicators in your risk context.
- 5) Discuss how the MIDIR approach could be used in different and interdependent risk contexts.
- 6) What would be the benefits of the MIDIR approach in your chosen risk context?
- 7) Please be ready for one person from each group to report back answers 5 and 6 to all attendees.

The different working group discussions are shown in the next photos.

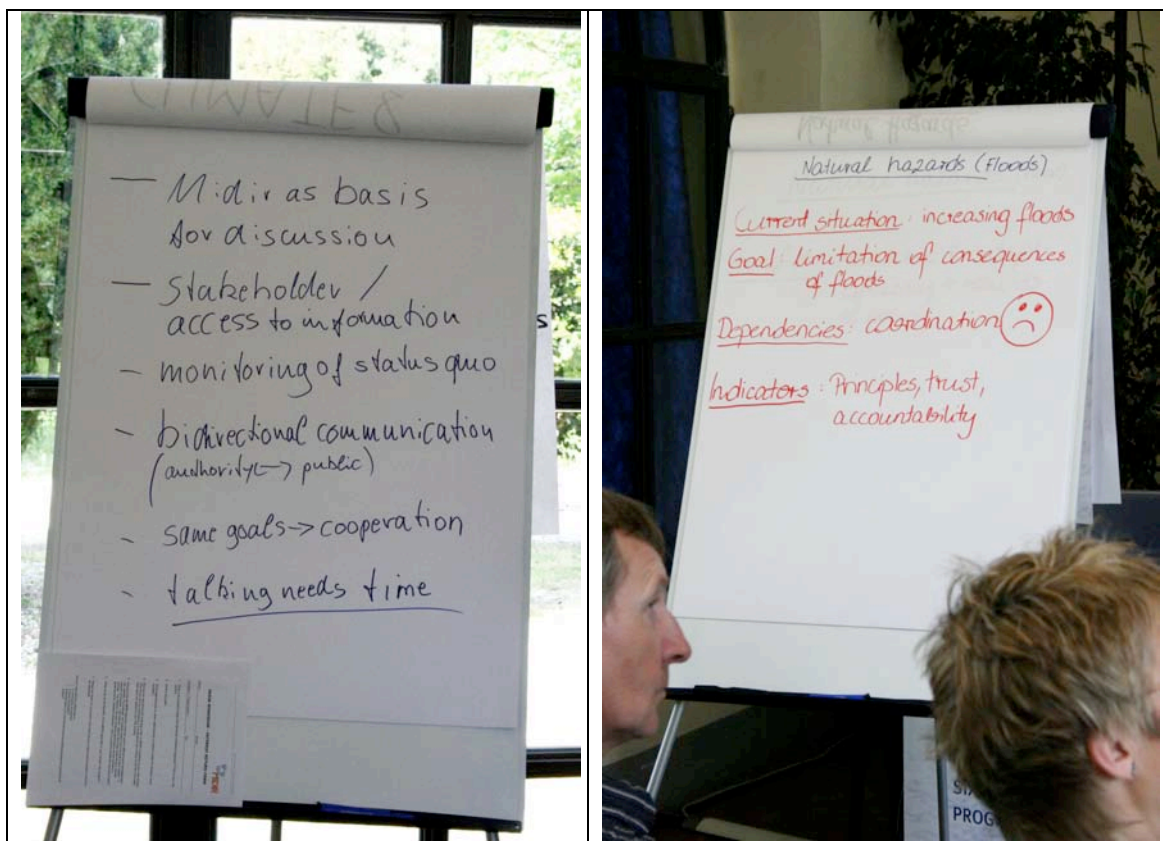


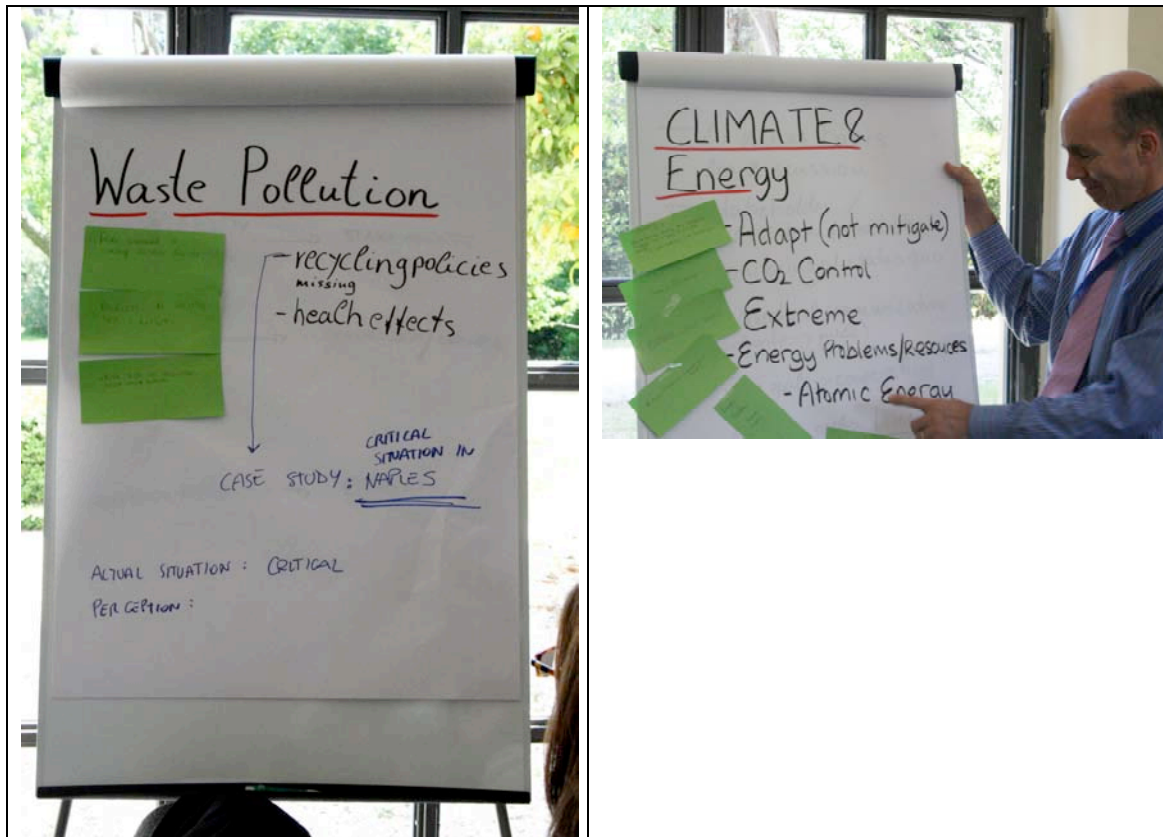






The results of each group were reported to all participants. Examples are:





The main conclusion by the various groups was that the application of the MIDIR Approach would be useful for the governance of the specific risk. On the other hand the MIDIR partners learnt that "team is more important than the idea".

## 5 Round Table: The effective impact of Risk Governance in decision making

A Round Table discussion between decision-makers (Public Administration), experts in the Risk Governance field and representatives of the stakeholders involved in the two case studies of MIDIR, has been performed. Participants of the discussion were:

- Paul Bomke: Pfalzkllinikum für Psychiatrie Und Neurologie AdöR, Klingenmünster (Germany)
- Marie Marie-Valentine Florin: International Risk Governance Council, IRGC (Switzerland)
- Stefan Greiving: University of Dortmund, Institute of Spatial Planning (Germany)
- Fabrizio Rusca: Regional Ministry for Consumer Protection and Administrative Simplification of Regione Lazio (Italy)
- Domenico Di Giorgio: Italian Medicines Agency AIFA, IMPACT Task Force (Italy)
- Christina Nedoma: Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health, Family and Women of Rhineland-Palatinate (Germany)

The debate focused on expectations in dealing with risks and on the exchange of points of view among the involved speakers. They reported on actual needs and hindrance that can be found in the implementation of risk governance methodologies.

In particular, the following topics are discussed:

- Risk Governance: State of the art in different field, current developments and research needs;
- Quality- and Safety-Management and planning procedures (instruments, evaluation of performance);
- Lessons learnt in the MIDIR case-studies (with regard to the transferability of MIDIR elements);
- Public control of state action (role of politicians, non-governmental stakeholders and media);
- Recommendations for facilitating stakeholder involvement and risk dialogues.

Main statements were:

- Fundamental elements for a successful risk governance process are stakeholders involvement, proper regulation and policies;
- The more the risk is complex, the more in-depth stakeholder involvement has to be done;
- If the MIDIR risk governance methodology has been applied in the extreme risk settings of the case studies, then it should be applicable for every other risk settings too;
- Lessons learnt from the MIDIR project experience is the importance to have a methodology for the governance of any risk;
- Networking is a key activity to reach the cooperation and the active involvement of stakeholders in the risk governance process;
- An anticipatory risk management is necessary, allowing to define and to identify risks before the risky event occurs.

A final question was made to participants of round table, that is "Imagine a magic fairy influences the next budget negotiations of your organization and allocates 1 million euro for risk governance. Which measures (from the MIDIR-context and/or beyond MIDIR) would you give priority?"

The answers to this question can be summarized as follows:

- right legislation and policies;
- engagement of human resources;
- external expert support;
- facilitation of communicative campaign;
- do not wait for a crises but to adopt precautionary principles in order to prevent incidents.

## 6 Conclusions

The MIDIR Final Event was a success both in terms of interest of participants in the MIDIR Approach as well as input on the concept to the Consortium. The results of the working groups and the roundtable discussions confirmed the implemented work in the project and the assumption that the MIDIR Approach is an innovative and interesting concept which should be promoted and developed further in the near future.

The whole event has been recorded by Lazio Region (see attached DVDs in Annex 6 in the original version).

## 7 Annexes

Annex 1: MIDIR: Multidimensional Integrated Risk Governance

Annex 2: The forensic case study in Germany

Annex 3: Case study in Italy: Health risks due to e-commerce

Annex 4: Transferability of the MIDIR concept to other risk settings

Annex 5: Risk Governance in Europe and MIDIR project

Annex 6: DVD-Video: DVD1 (*only in original for European Commission*)  
DVD-Video: DVD2 (*only in original for European Commission*)  
DVD-Video: DVD3 (*only in original for European Commission*)  
DVD-Video: DVD4 (*only in original for European Commission*)