



Invitation to the MIDIR final event Rome, May 15th, 2008

The MIDIR Consortium



The MIDIR project partners:

- IRPPS (CNR) and the Regional Ministry for Consumer Protection and Administrative Simplification of Regione Lazio, from **Italy**;
- University of Dortmund, the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health, Family and Women of Rhineland-Palatinate and IKU from **Germany**;
- Gaiasoft International Ltd. from **United Kingdom**.

and



present the MIDIR Final Event



We are pleased to invite you to the MIDIR final event that will be held on **May 15th 2008** in **Rome** at Villa Piccolomini, Via Aurelia Antica 164, the central office of the Mediterranean House of the Regions (9:00-18:00).

MIDIR - Multidimensional Integrated Risk Governance - is a European project funded by the European Commission in the Sixth Framework Programme, Area "Science & Society", Priority "Integrative approaches to risk governance".

Experiences from different risk settings – from natural disasters to technological risks – have shown: scientists, decision makers and potentially affected people perceive risks differently. In the public debate risks and how to deal with them are often not discussed on the basis of facts, statistical probability of occurrence or possible damage, but on emotional perception which is embedded in culturally accepted norms and values.

State action is often rejected because of distrust among stakeholders.

Against this background the **MIDIR** approach **provides appropriate strategies and tools for managing risks and improving risk governance:**

- For greater participation within risk assessment and decision making, to make the process more democratic and to improve the quality of analysis;
- For greater legitimacy of and tolerance for political decisions and state action.

The new concept has been tested in the real decision-making settings by the example of two emerging risks which have a high degree of uncertainty and ambiguity: risks related to criminals under hospital treatment order and risks to health related to ecommerce.

The **event** will present the **main results** of this European project and **it will show, practically**, to policy makers that the innovative MIDIR methodology can be applied to any risk scenario, any cultural environment, any community and any country.

The MIDIR final event will bring together a **high-qualified EU, national and regional institutional audience** from Public Administrations across Europe together with experts and academics in the field of risk governance.

During the event, the **active involvement** of the audience in the discussion will be of particular value in order to transfer as much as possible the benefits of the MIDIR methodology.

The **dynamic structure of the event** will keep everyone's interest alive during the whole day: we will present our project to you, the results of the two case studies, together with the public we will implement the methodology to other risk settings during the working group sessions. There will be a Round Table discussion of experts and decision makers on the effective impact of the MIDIR concept in the decision making process.

For further details on the MIDIR project and the final event, please visit www.midir.eu

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AGENDA

09:00-09:45	Registration & Welcome Coffee
09:45-10:15	Welcome by regional authorities <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <u>Mario Michelangeli</u>, Regional Minister for Consumer Protection and Administrative Simplification of Regione Lazio (Italy)- <u>Regino Brachetti</u>, President of LAit S.p.A., LAzio Innovazione Tecnologica (Italy)
10:15-10:45	Presentation of the MIDIR project <p>Presentation of the project, partners and concept</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <u>Stefan Greiving</u>, UNIDO, University of Dortmund, Faculty of Spatial Planning (Germany)- <u>Fernando Ferri</u>, IRPPS - CNR, Institute of Research on Population and Social Policies, National Research Council (Italy)
10:45-11:15	Presentation of the results of the case study in Germany <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <u>Christina Nedoma</u>, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health, Family and Women of Rhineland-Palatinate (Germany)- <u>Kirsten Sucker</u>, IKU GmbH (Germany)
11:15-11:45	Coffee Break
11:45-12:45	Presentation of the results of the case study in Italy <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <u>Fabrizio Rusca</u>, Regional Ministry for Consumer Protection and Administrative Simplification of Regione Lazio (Italy)- <u>Emanuela Di Pietro</u>, LAit S.p.A., LAzio Innovazione Tecnologica (Italy)- <u>Fernando Ferri</u>, IRPPS - CNR, Institute of Research on Population and Social Policies, National Research Council (Italy)
12:45-13:15	Transferability of the MIDIR concept to other risk settings <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <u>Marjory Angignard</u>, UNIDO, University of Dortmund, Faculty of Spatial Planning (Germany)
13:15-13:30	Conclusions on MIDIR <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <u>Philippe Galiay</u>, Directorate Science and Society, Unit Governance, DG Research, European Commission, MIDIR Project Officer
13:30-14:30	Lunch and Networking
14:30-16:00	Working groups <p>How to apply the MIDIR concept to ANY risk setting?</p> <p>The MIDIR Team will show, practically, to policy makers that the innovative MIDIR methodology can be applied to any risk scenario, any cultural environment, any community and any country.</p> <p><i>MODERATOR: Morel Fourman, Gaiasoft International Ltd. (United Kingdom)</i></p>
16:00-16:30	Coffee Break



16:30-17:30	<p>Round Table: The effective impact of Risk Governance in decision making</p> <p>Open 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. The debate will be focused on practical experiences and expectations in dealing with risks, on the exchange of points of view due to the different fields the speakers belong to. The participants in the Round Table will show what are the actual needs and hindrances that can be found in the implementation of a risk governance methodology in a real scenario.</p> <p>Leading topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Risk Governance: State of the art in different fields, 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 <p><i>CHAIRMAN: <u>Petra Voßebürger</u>, IKU GmbH (Germany)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i><u>Fabrizio Rusca</u>, Regional Ministry for Consumer Protection and Administrative Simplification of Regione Lazio (Italy);</i>- <i><u>Christina Nedoma</u>, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs, Health, Family and Women of Rhineland-Palatinate (Germany);</i>- <i><u>Marie-Valentine Florin</u>, Deputy Secretary General, International Risk Governance Council, IRGC (Switzerland);</i>- <i><u>Stefan Greiving</u>, UNIDO, University of Dortmund, Faculty of Spatial Planning (Germany);</i>- <i><u>Paul Bomke</u>, Senior Manager of Administration (Vice CEO) of the Pfalzkrlinikum clinic (Germany);</i>- <i><u>Domenico Di Giorgio</u>, Anti-counterfeiting Activities Manager, AIFA (Italian Medicine Agency). Member of the IMPACT task force, WHO (Italy).</i>
17:30-18:00	<p>Conclusions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- <i><u>Marco Noccioli</u>, Director General for Consumer Protection and Administrative Simplification, Regione Lazio (Italy)</i>
18:00-20:00	<p>Cocktails</p>