

 Welcome to the 1st MITRA newsletter.

MITRA is funded by the European Commission under the 6th Framework Programme (IST priority). It started on 1 September 2004 and the project duration is 24 months.

The objective of MITRA is to prototype a new operational system based on regional responsibilities for the monitoring of dangerous goods transportation in Europe. This concept, derived from the Air Traffic Control domain, aims at providing the Civil Security centres with a real-time knowledge of the position and contents of dangerous vehicles circulating in their responsibility area, warning and alert displays in case of dangerous situations, and crisis management information, allowing intervention teams to react immediately in case of an accident, with a maximum of safety.

The active participation of the end-users throughout the whole project duration will be a key feature of MITRA.

 1st MITRA user workshop.

The 1st MITRA Workshop was held in Madrid on the 18 and 19 of January of 2005 at ISDEFE Headquarters. The end-users who participated have been selected based on the profiles of interest previously identified in the project. The profiles covered in the event were the following ones:

- Road Transporters
- Train Transporters
- Fire Brigades
- Medical Services
- Civil Protection Authorities
- Chemical Authorities
- Civil Security Authorities

The objective of the workshop was to validate the list of user requirements for the MITRA system by the end-users. To meet this objective the methodology applied consisted of the presentation of a scenario of the MITRA system as basis for the discussions. This scenario illustrates the behavior of the system in both nominal and crisis situations. The elaboration of the scenario was performed using the user requirements collected from previous personal interviews performed with a group of selected users.

Thanks to the lively participation of users a consolidated list of user requirements for the system was defined at the end of the workshop.