

■ Welcome to the latest 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.

■ MITRA objectives.

Under the active participation of the end-users MITRA will 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.

■ Current status.

The User Requirements Review (URR) was held in Madrid on 17 February 2005 at ISDEFE headquarters. The objective was to review in detail the consolidated list of user requirements collected during the first User Workshop in January. At the end of the review, the contractual deliverable (D1.1b MITRA User Requirements) of ISDEFE has been finally approved, and will be used as a basis for the future project activities.

A workshop on the architecture of the MITRA system was organised on 18 February 2005 also at ISDEFE headquarters in Madrid. During this workshop, the main characteristics of the architecture of the MITRA system have been defined.

■ Next steps.

The System Definition Review will take place from 18 to 20 May 2005 in Toulouse and will be organised by the project coordinator (M3 Systems). The objectives of this review will be to:

- review & finally approve the MITRA Functional Specifications
- review & finally approve the MITRA Architectural Design

In addition, a Steering Committee will be organised at the occasion of this review.

■ Dissemination activities.

The MITRA project will be represented by the coordinator (M3 Systems) and Telematica e.K. at the INTERSCHUTZ 2005 fair (International Trade Fair for Rescue Services, Fire Prevention, Disaster Relief, Safety and Security, <http://www.interschutz.de/>), which will take place in Hanover (Germany) from 6 to 11 June 2005. This event, which brings together key actors in emergency management and civil protection, is organised every 5 years by VFDB, the German Fire Protection Association, embracing broader civil protection and emergency management activities. The themes of INTERSCHUTZ 2005 involve disaster relief/civil defence, transport and

traffic safety, security for buildings and industrial safety. In order to broaden the exchange of international know-how in emergency management, MITRA will in particular be presented during a two-day scientific conference ("Risk and Emergency Management: Research and Policy Perspectives", www.vfdb.de/riskcon) organised jointly by the European Commission and VFDB on 8-9 June 2005 at the occasion of INTERSCHUTZ.

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