

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.

With the active participation of the end-users, MITRA will specify and prototype an innovative operational platform, based on regional responsibilities, for the monitoring of dangerous goods transportation in Europe. This platform, derived from the Air Traffic Control domain, will enable the electronic identification of dangerous goods transportation in Europe (road and rail). The MITRA platform will provide the European Civil Security Centres with a real-time knowledge of the position and contents of dangerous goods circulating in their responsibility area (nominal situation). In alert and emergency situations, the MITRA platform will provide Civil Security Centres with real-time comprehensive information on the situation, in order to help intervention and rescue teams in their decision-making process to react immediately and with a maximum of safety. This information will be extracted from the MITRA Risk-Knowledge Platform and will enable intervention teams to:

- evaluate the situation, before and immediately after the situation
- assess the risks and effects of the accident
- adopt the adequate intervention measures

Current status.



The first phase of the project, related with the collection of user requirements and definition of system architecture, was successfully completed by the System Definition Review (SDR), which

was held in Toulouse from 18 to 20 May 2005. This first phase had been punctuated by the first MITRA User Workshop (18-19 January 2005, Madrid), in which a first set of user requirements had been elaborated and validated, thanks to the active participation to the workshop of a selected set of end-users. This validated set of user requirements has been used as a basis for the definition of the system functional specifications and architectural design (including interfaces), which have been reviewed and validated during the System Definition Review.

At the occasion of the System Definition Review, an Advisory Committee was also organised in Toulouse, in which the main achievements realised so far in the project were presented to the end-users and scientific institutes. This enabled to obtain initial feedback and recommendations as regards scientific-related and user needs issues. The International Road Transport Union (IRU) attended the Advisory Committee.

The next steps of the project are the following:

- from July to December 2005: system development
- January 2006: start of field-trials in Germany
- February 2006: start of field-trials in France and Spain

■ Conferences and presentations.

Between 7 and 9 June 2005 in Hanover (Germany), the MITRA project was represented by the coordinator (M3 Systems) and Telematica on the stand of the European Commission at the INTERSCHUTZ Fair 2005 (International Trade Fair for Rescue Services, Fire Prevention, Disaster Relief, Safety and Security, www.interschutz.de/). This fair, which gathered key-actors in the domain of emergency management and civil protection, was organised by VFDB (German Fire Protection Association), and was intended to promote the exchange of know-how in emergency management.

In addition, the MITRA project was presented on 8-9 June 2005 at the scientific conference organised by the European Commission at the occasion of the Interschutz fair. During this conference ("Risk and Emergency Management Research and Policy Perspectives", www.vfdb.de/riskcon). During this conference, the main achievements and the project status were presented, which enabled to get positive feedback from the European Commission.





Eventually, the MITRA project was presented on 20 June 2005 at a meeting of the regulatory Committee on the Transport of Dangerous Goods, which was organised by the European Commission DG Energy and Transport (DG TREN). This committee meets twice a year, and all Member States have representative(s), who come from the competent authorities in the domain. In addition, Candidate States and several industrial organisations are observers.

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