

Current activity and future plans of Latvia National Node within EUEXNET

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The main activities of the Latvia National Node at the beginning of 2011 were focused on the organization of two international events related to the EUEXNET project.

First, the 3rd international EUEXNET seminar was held in April, 14-15, 2011, in Riga (Fig.1). The seminar was hosted and partially financed by Latvia State Police. Andris Melkers, the Deputy Head of Licencing and permission System Unit of the Latvia State Police, who also represents the Latvia National Node, - was responsible for the organization of the seminar. Among Latvian guests, Vitalijs Rakstins, MOD Legal Department Director, - participated in the seminar. One of the most important topics discussed during two days of this meeting, was the dissemination of project outcomes.

To strengthen the information dissemination among organizations and specialists in the Explosive sector, additional activities must be undertaken. For that purpose, another event was organized by the Latvia National Node in cooperation with project coordinators, i.e., the international conference “Explosives Education and Certification of Skills” (EECS, Riga, April 12-13, 2011) (Fig.2). Representatives of the Latvia National Node, i.e., Janis Jakuss-Kreituss (Firearms & Explosives Examiner of the Forensic Service Department, Latvia State Police) and Olga Muter (University of Latvia) were responsible for conference organization. As a result, many new commercial partners are involved in the discussion on education, training, certification of skills, as well as legislation in the Explosive sector. It is important, that the representatives of the National Armed Forces of different countries take part in this discussion.

Organization of these two international events held in Riga in April 2011, attracted many new Latvian and foreign experts from Explosive sector, who are interested in further cooperation with EUEXCERT.

For the period till the 4th EUEXNET seminar (Portugal, September 22-23, 2011), Latvia National Node is considering the following activities as the most important:

- To invite Latvian stakeholders to register at www.euexcert.org for receiving all the information related to the project progress and outcomes;
- To discuss the importance of standards for industries and authorities;
- To compare the accreditation system in different partner countries and propose a model for Latvia.



Fig.1. Delegates of the 3rd EUExNET seminar. April 14-15, 2011.



Fig.2. Delegates of the EECS 2011. April 12-13, 2011.