

CALL for PARTICIPATION to the

EU-VRI ENISFER

(“European Network of Industrial Systems and Facilities
for Exploration of Emerging Risks”)



Dear Partner,

EU-VRI ENISFER is the European Network of Industrial Systems and Facilities for Exploration of Emerging Risks within the EU-VRI (www.EU-VRI.eu) organization and tools.

This Network will have a structuring effect for all the stakeholders concerned by technology related emerging risks at a regional, national, European or international scale. The aim is to have a network of relevant and representative organizations/companies, departments/facilities or persons to continuously innovate and improve management of emerging risks. Register to ENISFER to

- provide your contact and information to others looking for solutions to specific issues related to (emerging) risks,
- find experts in various areas of (emerging) risk management and engineering,
- find companies/organizations and their research facilities relevant for your work and
- contact other ENISFER partners for partnership opportunities.

For this purpose we would like to collect information about all future ENISFER partner by means of a web-based registration. Therefore, you are kindly invited to register

- a) your Organization / Company and/or
- b) your Department(s) / Facility and/or
- c) yourself as a Person (as Risk Expert) and/or
- d) other entities

Registration to ENISFER is not a membership and there is no financial contribution by registered partners foreseen. Detailed information about ENISFER are given on the following pages of this document.

We kindly ask you to follow the link below for informing us about your intention to participate to the ENISFER and for describing the capabilities of your organization, its main facilities and key personnel.

ENISFER registration: <http://www.EU-VRI.eu/fwlink/?LinkID=381>

Looking forward to fruitful collaboration!

Kind regards

EU-VRI management

iNTeg-Risk Executive Board

Objectives of the EU-VRI ENISFER

ENISFER will offer a wide range of services to industry and the European Community for the study and expertise on conventional and emerging technology related risks. It will include interested reference research and consulting organizations with facilities, expertise and capacities for the study of emerging risks, such as laboratories dedicated to the study of safety of nanomaterials, renewable energies, NaTech risks etc. Organizing these reference institutes in a network with an easy flow of information and making this expertise visible and available to the industry and the European Commission and/or other public bodies is a key objective of ENISFER.

ENISFER will be practically implemented through a set of tools allowing for an easy access to and management of human and technical resources, knowledge and information relevant for the operation of ENISFER. The ENISFER stakeholders will benefit from the alliance of its partners and its broad geographical and technological extension.

ENISFER will provide means for industry and relevant stakeholders to better identify and monitor emerging risks by sharing information regarding occurrences, concerns and scientific evidences. The network will then be in a position to launch alerts and stimulate the scientific community to address these emerging risks.

The organizations involved in ENISFER will contribute to creating a consensus on the scientific conventions for assessing emerging risks. They will exchange best practices and develop up-to-date methodologies and techniques available to their clients. The collaboration within ENISFER should also help defining risk acceptance levels on which future regulations will be based. It will provide elements for making explicit and assessing the risk trade-offs and constitute a collaborative platform for establishing the risk management measures to be implemented to manage emerging risks. ENISFER will define and follow indicators on the emergence of technology related risks. It will also contribute to improve communication on emerging risks and will offer tailored communication services to set up consultation and communication strategies in risk related contexts.

Setting up the EU-VRI ENISFER

The ENISFER will be set up within the iNTeg-Risk project starting with this initial call for participation and will be continued with the following project workpackages:

- WP1.7 (T1.7.6) Preliminary catalog of ERA facilities candidate for ENISFER (SP3)
- WP3.5 Convert the ERAs in a network of virtual reference facilities (ENISFER)
- WP3.7 (T.3.7.1) Integrate ENISFER into One-Stop Shop of iNTeg-Risk

The organization, governance and tools of ENISFER will rely on those provided by EU-VRI.

Activities of the EU-VRI ENISFER

Various types of activities are foreseen for the ENISFER, which will have the capacity to form, within EU-VRI, consortia with very complementary capabilities to address in a global perspective complex risk issues. ENISFER will offer to the European Commission and to industry a web platform for the identification of available resources and an instrument to leverage calls for projects. ENISFER will also provide a database of expert profiles accessible to the European Commission for project evaluation. Apart from projects, ENISFER may organize regular meetings on specific risk categories, conferences and contribute to the iNTeg-Risk IT tools, such as SafetyPedia, RiskEars, RiskAtlas and others.

Participation in the EU-VRI ENISFER

ENISFER will be initiated with industry and research partners of iNTeg-Risk project and members of EU-VRI willing to contribute to this service oriented platform. It may then be progressively opened to additional partners to complete the initial expertise with key capabilities. Governance rules and conditions for participating to the ENISFER network will have to be defined in accordance with EU-VRI rules. Interaction with stakeholders will be necessary and ensured by the relations between EU-VRI and the European Technology Platform on Industrial Safety (ETPIS). These stakeholders include, industry representatives, regulators, both at national and European level, international organizations such as OECD, UN... environment and customers defense associations. Partners will be asked to sign a Letter of Intend at later stages.



Annex 1 Template for Letter of Intent

To :

European Virtual Institute for Integrated Risk Management EU-VRI
Willi-Bleicher-Strasse 19
70174 Stuttgart

Dear ENISFER operator,

Herewith, our company/organisation, [NAME OF THE ORGANISATION], represented by [NAME OF THE OFFICIAL PERSON], confirms the interest in participating in ENISFER, the European Network of Industrial Systems and Facilities for Exploration of Emerging Risks.

We understand that fruitful collaboration can only occur if each partner reveals confidential technical and business information to the other, and if each partner assures the others that information revealed during the collaboration will be treated as confidential and will be protected from disclosure.

Yours sincerely

[NAME OF THE OFFICIAL PERSON], [NAME OF THE ORGANISATION]

Signature