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VILNIUS REGULATORY DELIVERY INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

EPLO-IRIDE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

# MAJOR PUBLIC RISKS: ACHIEVING EFFECTIVE REGULATORY SUPERVISION

## PROGRAMME

Vilnius, 11 - 12 February 2025

Vilnius University (Aula parva, main building, 3 Universiteto St., Vilnius)

Organisers:



Institute for  
Regulatory  
Innovation,  
Delivery and  
Effectiveness



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## Background

The conference gathers complementary perspectives on major public risks and how to effectively prevent and manage them using regulation, in particular by making regulatory supervision more effective.

It covers several crucial areas both for public safety and health (food safety, environmental protection) and for strategic security (energy, water supply, networks), with presenters and participants from various countries and fields of expertise. Making regulations more effective (in particular at the “delivery” stage) through better understanding of the mechanisms of risk, improved risk data, overcoming of silos, and systematic information sharing, will be the fundamental cross-cutting themes of the conference.

Insights from the conference will help guide future regulatory transformation and strengthen the overall governance of major public risks, including those to public health, environment, and infrastructure. More systemic and effective regulatory supervision, better involving all stakeholders, will help improve risk governance, delivering improved public welfare and security.

## Objectives

- Consolidate knowledge and insights on major public risks and challenges in managing them
- Present perspectives on problems and innovative practices in regulatory supervision
- Provide a platform for knowledge-sharing, capacity building and cooperation
- Bring together international experts and representatives from various industries
- Ensure that regulatory agencies are prepared and able to adopt forward-thinking solutions.

## Expected outcomes

- Contribute to building stronger institutions and more coherent cross-institutions systems that can mitigate or prevent major risks while sustaining public confidence.
- Develop strategic guidance and actionable recommendations for public institutions.
- Promote cooperation between key institutions and stakeholders on public risk management.

Organisers & Co-organisers: European Public Law Organisation – IRIDE, Vilnius University – Faculty of Law, Environmental Protection Department of Lithuania (AAD), State Food and Veterinary Service of Lithuania (VMVT), Association of Supervisory Institutions of Lithuania (PIA)

## Registration link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/vilnius-regulatory-delivery-international-symposium-tickets-1105498699369?aff=oddtcreator>

# CONFERENCE PROGRAM

## DAY 1: PLENARY AND PARALLEL SESSIONS

**8:30-9:00** Registration & Welcome Coffe

**9:00-9:45** Welcome & Opening of the Conference

H.E. Povilas Poderskis, Minister of Environment, Republic of Lithuania; H.E. Eglė Radišauskienė, the Chancellor of the Ministry of Economy & Innovation; H.E. Marius Vaščėga, EU Ambassador, Lithuania; Assoc. Prof. Dr. Haroldas Šinkūnas, Dean, Law Faculty, Vilnius University, Lithuania.

### **9:45-11:15 SESSION 1** **PLENARY: REGULATING PUBLIC RISKS**

Format: short presentations – panel discussion with audience questions. Session chair: Remigijus Šimašius.

Exposing the major public risks that regulation exists to tackle, the ways regulation can work or fail, and how to improve regulation of public risks.

#### **Speakers:**

- Dr. Florentin Blanc, Director, IRIDE, “Regulating public risks more effectively”, Greece
- Giedrius Kadziauskas, Director, Environmental Protection Department, “Lithuanian experience in improving management of public risks”, Lithuania
- Kristine Vlagsma, Head of Unit, Joint Research Centre, European Commission, Belgium
- Dr. Giuseppa Ottimofiore, Head of Effective Regulatory Delivery Programme, Regulatory Policy Division, OECD, France

#### **Panel:**

Session speakers and Dr Abdul JALIL

**11:15-11:35** Coffee break

### **11:35-13:05 SESSION 2** **PLENARY: CHALLENGES IN EFFECTIVE REGULATION OF MAJOR PUBLIC RISKS**

Format: short presentations – panel discussion with audience questions. Session chair: Giuseppa Ottimofiore

Discussing some of the areas where public risks are particularly difficult to tackle and regulation has been facing major challenges, as well as directions that can be taken to address these challenges.

#### **Speakers:**

- Graham Russell, CEO, UK OPSS, “Product safety and construction risks – improving regulation and regulatory delivery”, UK
- Régis de Montardy, Head of Risk Management, Sanofi, “Dealing with known and unknown risks – an international business perspective”, France
- Er. Ho Siong Hin, Vice Dean, MOM Academy & Senior Director (International WSH), Ministry of Manpower of Singapore, Singapore
- Jarkko Saarimäki, Director General of the Finnish Transport and Communication Agency (Traficom), Finland
- Saulius Rimutis, Planning and oversight project manager, EPSO-G, Lithuania

#### **Panel:**

Session speakers - Ludovic Rigaux, Energy Security Officer, Federal Economic Service, Belgium.

**13:05-14:15** Lunch break



## **14:15-15:45 SESSION 3**

### **PARALLEL SESSIONS: ENERGY; ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY RISKS; FOOD AND PUBLIC HEALTH**

Format: short presentations – panel discussion with audience questions

#### **Current & emerging risks, challenges for regulation, how to address them**

(Panels gathers speakers and a facilitator)

##### **Critical Infrastructure (Aula Parva Hall):**

Session chair: Emmanuel Eckard

- Ludovic Rigaux, Energy Security Officer, Federal Economic Service, Belgium
- Kristina Rimkūnaitė, Subject Matter Expert, NATO Energy Security Center of Excellence, Lithuania
- Jelena Dilienė, Deputy Chair, LT VERT (Energy Regulatory Council), Lithuania

##### **Environment and Safety Risks (room 238):**

Session chair: Giedrius Kadziauskas

- Minna Päivinen, Director of Research and Development, Finnish Safety and Chemicals Agency (Tukes), Finland
- Simon Bingham, Consultant, Scotland
- Ming-Cheng Chen, Deputy Director of River and Coast Division, Water Resources Agency of the Ministry of Economic Affairs, Taiwan
- Baiba Vitolina, Director, BVKB – Construction Control Bureau, Latvia

##### **Food Safety/Security (room 239):**

Session chair: Audrone Mikalauskiene, Director, State Food and Veterinary Service of Lithuania (VMVT)

- Donald Macrae, Consultant, “Transformation of Food Regulatory Systems”, UK
- Dr. Abdul Jalil, Assistant CEO (Operations), Singapore Food Agency, “Safeguarding Singapore’s Food Security”, Singapore
- Giorgio Smaldone, Prevention and Public Health Unit, Animal Health and Bacterial Diseases for the Campania Region, Italy
- Dr. Gordana Ristic, Consultant, “Managing Risks in Food Safety Inspections”, Germany

##### **Good Governance Public Health (Senate Hall):**

Session chair: Florentin BLANC

- Irena Taraškevičienė, Head of the Public Health Department, National Public Health Centre under the Ministry of Health, Lithuania
- Chan Weng Chee, Deputy Director (Aged & Ancillary Service Regulations & Transformation) Health Regulation Group, Ministry of Health, Singapore
- Joeske Vos, Chair of the Board, EPSO European Partnership for Supervisory Organizations in Health and Care, Netherlands

**15:45-16:05** Coffee break

## **16:05-17:40 PLENARY – HOW DO WE MANAGE PUBLIC RISKS?**

Format: short presentations – panel discussion with audience questions

#### **Misconceptions about public risk, things to not forget to tackle it, and lessons for regulators and stakeholders**

##### **Speakers:**

- Darius Kuliešius, Deputy Chair of the Council, Lithuania Communications Regulatory Authority
- Ira Helsloot, Radboud University, “Not missing the risk forest for the tree!”, Netherlands



- Kevin Myers, past President, International Association of Labour Inspectors & Former Deputy and Acting CEO, Great Britain Health and Safety Executive, “Understanding how risk materializes”, UK
- Donald Macrae, Consultant, “How can authorities deal with public risk?”, UK

**Panel:**

Session speakers - Genius Lukošius, Director, Lithuanian Transport Safety Administration

**17:55-18:15 PLENARY – WRAP UP**

**Speakers:**

- Giedrius Kadziauskas, Director, AAD
- Dr. Florentin Blanc, Director, IRIDE

**END OF CONFERENCE DAY 1**

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**12TH OF FEBRUARY 2025**

**DAY 2: WORKSHOPS - SHARING EXPERIENCE(S)**

Vilnius University (Main building: Aula Parva Hall, 3 Universiteto St., Vilnius

Chairing proceedings for the day: Assoc. Prof. Dr. Indrė Isokaitė-Valužė

**8:30-9:00** Registration

**09:00-09:30 OPENING SESSION**

- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Indrė Isokaitė-Valužė, Law Faculty, Vilnius University, Lithuania Introduction to the workshops
- Prof. Dr. Jurgita Paužaitė-Kulvinskienė, Law Faculty, Vilnius University, “Risk-Based Approach to Investigating Economic Entities and the New Role of State Regulatory Agencies”, Lithuania
- Dr. Lauras Butkevičius, Law Faculty, Vilnius University, “Application of principles of good administration in different areas of supervision of economic entities - do we have (need) a unified standard?”, Lithuania

**09:30-11:00 PARALLEL WORKSHOPS**

Energy – Environment and Safety – Food and Water – Public Health

Participants are free to mingle with presenters in a larger room (1 room per workshop) for lively interactions. Workshop topics will cover:

- Understanding and assessing risk;
- Working with data;
- Cooperating across government institutions;
- Cooperating between stakeholders.

**TOPIC 1. ENERGY, TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SAFETY (Aula Parva Hall)**

- Ira Helsloot, Radboud University: “What does it mean to be really risk-based – insights from fire and energy safety”
- Dr. Emmanuel Eckard, Senior policy advisor, IRIDE: “Risk-based regulation of hydrogen for maritime applications”
- Carel Kijne, Advisor Risk Policy, Cluster Hydrogen, Ministry of Climate and Green Growth, Netherlands
- Vytautas Ambrazas, Policy Analyst, Regulatory Policy Division, OECD: “Building outcomes-based regulatory delivery in construction: developing a data-driven, risk based approach”

## **TOPIC 2. ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH (room 238)**

- Simon Bingham, Consultant: “The IRAM model and effective implementation of IMPEL recommendations on risk-based environmental inspections”
- Chan Weng Chee, Deputy Director: “Innovating regulatory tools (such as regulatory sandboxes) to manage new healthcare services and business models”
- Dr. Florentin Blanc, Director, “Integrating data sources and perspectives to improve public health risk management”
- Remigijus Šimašius, Principal Advisor, IRIDE, “How to deal with difficult cases?”

## **TOPIC 3. FOOD AND WATER (room 239)**

- Indrė Stoškuvienė, Head of the Division, Lithuanian State Food and Veterinary Service: “Developing risk criteria and risk-based planning”
- Donald Macrae, Consultant: “International experience in supporting institutions to move from process-focus to outcomes-focus”
- Dr. Giorgio Smaldone, Prevention and Veterinary Public Health Unit, Campania Region: “Predictive models of pollutant concentration's in mussel farms areas and artificial intelligence”
- Ming-Cheng Chen, Deputy Director of River and Coast Division, Water Resources Agency of the Ministry of Economic Affairs Taiwan: “Experience Sharing on Water Resource Management and Resilience Adaptation for Alternating Droughts and Floods”

## **TOPIC 4. AUTOMATED RISK ASSESSMENT (Senate Hall)**

- Lukas Lukoševičius (Chief Advisor to the Department of Governance): “setting up of risk assessment tool for few volunteer organizations”.

**11:00-11:20** Coffee break

## **11:20-12:50 PARALLEL WORKSHOPS**

Energy – Environment and Safety – Food and Water – Public Health

## **TOPIC 1. ENERGY, TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SAFETY (Aula Parva Hall)**

- Gediminas Almantas, Chairman of the Board: “Climate change mitigation v. climate resilience of the infrastructure and the role of the regulators”
- Kevin Myers, Immediate, past President, IALI & Acting CEO, HSE: “Implementing a “supply chain” approach to construction safety”
- Ira Helsloot, Radboud University: “Why “traditional” fire safety measures fail”
- Dr. Klaus Skytte, CEO of Nordic Energy Research

## **TOPIC 2. ENVIRONMENT AND SAFETY (room 238)**

- Gita Šematovičiūtė, Chancellor, AAD: “Developing risk criteria and risk-based planning”
- Remigijus Šimašius, Principal Advisor, IRIDE: “The Risks of not Tolerating Risks”
- Er. Ho Siong Hin, Vice Dean, MOM Academy & Senior Director (International WSH), Ministry of Manpower of Singapore: “Implementing Safety Case for Major Hazard Installation in Singapore”
- Simon Bingham, Consultant: “Looking at effective systems to control risks when conducting environmental inspections”



### **TOPIC 3. FOOD SAFETY AND PUBLIC HEALTH (room 239)**

- Carol Fernandez and Shirley Chua, • Operations Policy & Development Department, Singapore Food Agency: “The transformation of Singapore’s food safety regulatory system”
- Dr. Gordana Ristic, Consultant: “International experience in creating risk-based check-lists in food safety”
- Dr. Eystein Oveland, Executive Director, Nordic-Baltic Committee on Food Analysis, and Dr. Egidijus Pumputis, Director of NMVRI: “Aspects of regulatory supervision of food/water from NMKL's and NMVRI's perspectives”
- Rasmus Pruus and Pilleriin Kalmus, Service Managers, Environmental Health, Estonian Health Board
- Irena Taraškevičienė, Head of the Public Health Department, National Public Health Centre

### **TOPIC 4. AUTOMATION AND DATA-DRIVEN APPROACHES IN RISK MANAGEMENT (Senate Hall)**

- Dr. Florentin Blanc, Vytautas Ambrazas, Dr. Emmanuel Eckard

**12:50-14:00** Lunch break

### **14:00-16:00 plenary with summary of workshops (Aula Parva Hall)**

Session chair: Florentin Blanc

Summary of each workshop by the speaker/presenter (16 in total, 3 min each – 50 min total)

Summary of group contributions by organization team members (one per workshop, 5 min each – 20 min total)

Questions, Answers, Discussions in plenary (Q&A facilitated and combining “live” and online questions) (50 min)

**16:15-16:45 Closing remarks by conference organizers and hosts**

