

Where is the SMS heading

- a company wide approach to continuous improvement

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- SMS corner stone of safety regulatory framework as introduced by Directive 2004/49/EC
 - RU/IM responsable for risks of their activities
 - SMS identified as appropriate mean to fulfil responsibility
 - NSA issue safety certificate after assessment of SMS
 - MS approval = EU wide validity
- Implemented in 2006 still major concerns in 2010
 - Unwillingness to accept roles and responsibilities
 - Lack of harmonised NSA processes/approach
 - Poor understanding of basic concepts of SMS



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Inherent risk

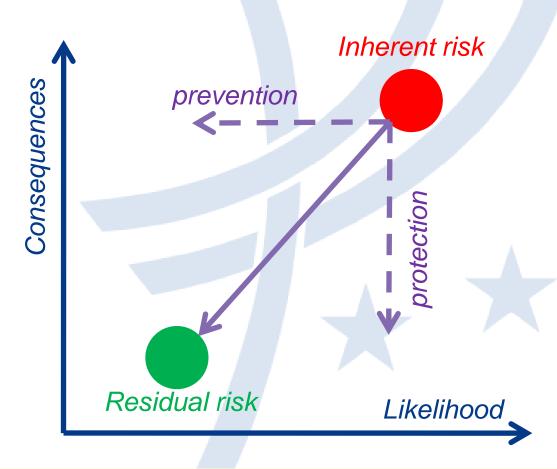
- "the risk found in the environment and in human activities that is part of existence"
- safety risks related to RU/IM operations

Residual risk

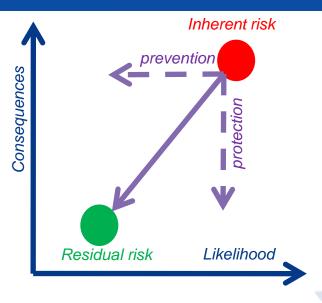
- "the remaining risk after risk management techniques have been applied"
- acceptable risk level
- risk control measures
 - prevention reducing the likelihood
 - protection reducing the consequences



• The risk space:







Goal of SMS

Optimise risk control measures based on true understanding, at all organisational levels, of both inherent an residual risk related to operations





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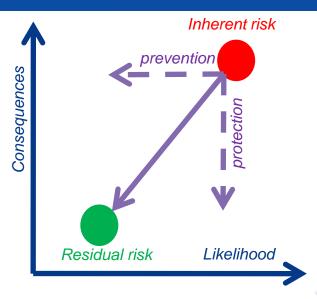




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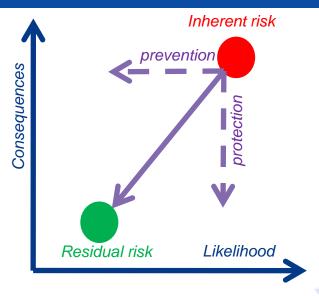




- Emergency plan
 - protection

- Operational processes
 - Processes that create, produce and deliver the products and services wanted, including the direct response to operational safety threats



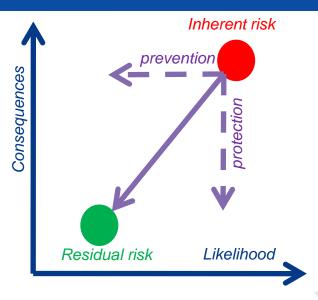


- Support processes
 - Implementing and establishing the operational processes and making them work as designed



- Structure & responsibility
 - People need to know role in system and what they're responsible for
- Competence management
 - People need to have knowledge and skills to perform
- Information
 - > Availability of all relevant information in adequate form
- Documentation
 - Develop and maintain recorded information



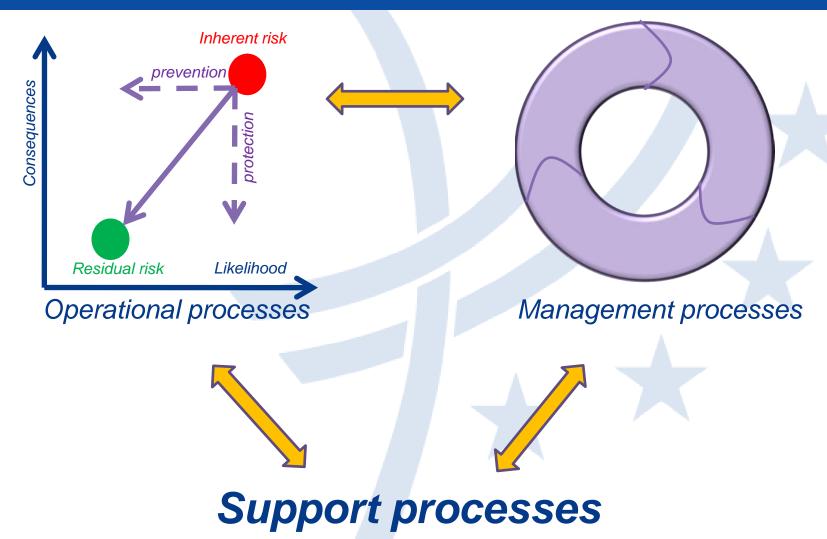


- Management processes
 - Define how to accomplish tasks, (incl. risk control measures), how to evaluate and how to adapt them to changing environment



- Leadership
 - Principles and core values, management commitment and decision taking
- Risk assessment
 - Anticipating potential threats and develop risk control measures
- Monitoring
 - Measure safety performance
- Organisational learning
 - Implementing change and learning from experience





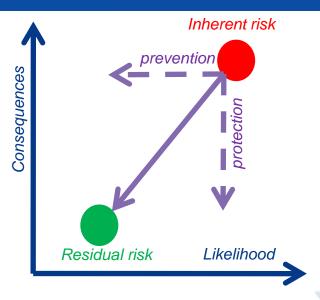


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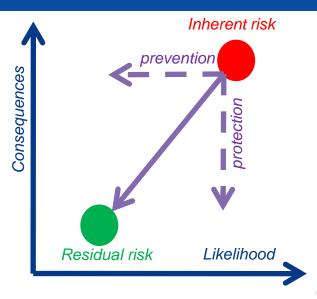






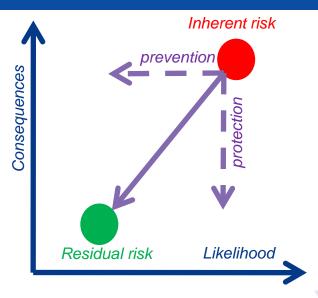
- Outcome indicators
 - Trying to build image of residual risk, based on accident/ incident/ precursors
 - Only reactive improvement





- Performance indicators
 - Measuring the effectiveness of existing risk control measures
 - Detect performance problems early and improve more pro-actively



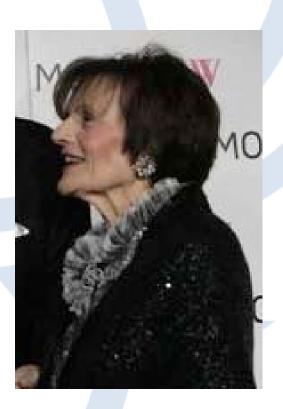


- Change indicators
 - Checking assumptions made and identifying change in environment (internal/ external) – the inherent risk



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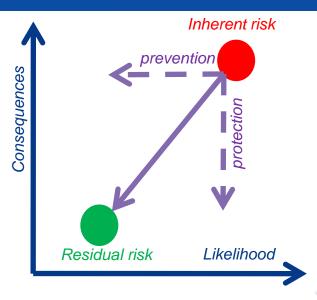
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- ISO 31000
 - Risk = effect of uncertainty on objectives
 - Safety = 1 of many business objectives
 - SMS integrated in company wide risk management



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Thank you for your attention!

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