



Mission statement and activities of the Paris Risk Group

Benoit Vergriette (Anses)

**4th Annual Workshop of the Paris Risk Group
BfR, 2-3 June 2016, Berlin**

Origin of the Paris Risk Group

- *A survey (CSO-Anses) conducted in 2011 regarding the use of human and social sciences in fifteen public organisations in Europe and North America in charge of risk assessment and/or risk management related to environmental and health issues*
- *A workshop hosted by Anses in January 2013 gathering an interdisciplinary group of researchers and practitioners from seven countries to discuss the results of this survey and to compare experiences in the use of social sciences in country case studies.*
- *Agreement to pursue this initiative by launching a network, known as the “Paris Risk Group”*
- *Special issue in the European journal of risk regulation (EJRR) devoted to the workshop proceedings in early 2014*
- *Formal support from different organisations (HSE, FSA, RIVM, INBO, BfR) to participate in and support PRG networking*

EJRR 1|2014

The Use of Social Sciences in Risk Assessment and Risk Management Organisations | 3

Opening Editorial

This Special Issue of the European Journal of Risk Regulation is the result of an international workshop held in January 2013 in Paris, at the initiative of the French Agency for Food, Environmental and Occupational Health & Safety (ANSES) and the Center for the Sociology of Organisations (CSO). Following a survey conducted in 2011 regarding the use of human and social sciences in fifteen public organisations in Europe and North America in charge of risk assessment and/or risk management related to environmental and health issues, an interdisciplinary group of researchers and practitioners from seven countries met to discuss the results of this survey and to compare experiences in the use of social sciences in country case studies. It was agreed to pursue this initiative by launching a network (known provisionally as the “Paris Risk Group”). This network comprises social scientists and representatives of various or-

Mission Statement

- Identify and share best practices and 'success stories'.
- Identify needs for further social research in relation to food safety, occupational health and safety, and environmental health.
- Build and maintain a network: identify relevant experts; collate information about organisations' current work areas and individuals' interests and expertise; and hold regular (annual) meetings.
- Create a pool of shared knowledge on methodology and tools.
- Communicate on the added value of introducing social science research in risk assessment and other activities within the remit of included organisations.
- Establish a 'call for help' function.
- Promote longer-term knowledge transfer on common topics.
- Identify, assess and eventually publish existing unpublished research.
- Bridge the gap between academic and agencies' research.

The founding members and the target group of the network are employees or representatives of public agencies or academics working with public agencies.

Achievements

- **Web site :** <https://parisriskgroup.anses.fr/>

The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the Paris Risk Group website. It includes links for 'Go to menu', 'Go to content', 'Go to search', and 'Sitemap'. A language selector shows 'FR' and a button labeled 'Identify'. Below the navigation bar is the Paris Risk Group logo and a row of partner logos: ANSES, CSO (CNRS), Food Standards Agency (food.gov.uk), HSE (Health & Safety Executive), National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (Ministry of Health, Welfare and Sport), RESEARCH INSTITUTE NATURE AND FOREST, and BfR (Bundesinstitut für Risikobewertung). The main heading 'Paris Risk Group' is followed by the subtitle 'Use of Social Sciences for Risk Assessment'. A navigation menu below contains the following items: Home (highlighted in green), Social sciences in risk agencies, Workshops, Contact, Resource materials, and Calls.

The Paris Risk Group : a network of social scientists working for or with risk agencies

The Paris Risk Group brings together social scientists working for or with organisations involved in risk assessment and management. Its overall goal is to promote the use of social sciences alongside more traditional scientific disciplines; eventually to reconsider traditional procedures of risk assessment in order to integrate a wider range of evidence, including the social sciences. Its purpose is to exchange experiences relative to the use of social sciences in the production of risk assessments, in the broader context of risk management, and to share methods and tools and experiences across organisations.

The Paris Risk Group operates as a network of representatives of different organisations and of social scientists, involved or interested in food safety, occupational health and safety, and environmental health. It has the following functions:

News / Events

Published on 04/07/2014

June 2-3 2016 : annual PRG workshop !

[All news](#)

Joining the Paris Risk Group – network and resources

- Paris Risk Group Members :
 - Workshop participants
 - Members invited by Paris Risk Group Steering Committee members
- Joining the Paris Risk Group resources/information platforms

- PRG Website :

<https://parisriskgroup.anses.fr/> > « Identify » > Choose login and password and click on « Create an account » > Complete form with activation key « 14SHS » > Submit

- PRG Yammer :

<https://www.yammer.com/parisriskgroup/> and request to join the network (account validated by PRG Steering Committee members)