

Conclusions workshop

The aim of the workshop was to give an introduction to the COLFUN method. Limited time was available, so it was not possible to discuss it into detail. Besides that, the attendants came from different backgrounds and relatively few people had operational experience, so it was difficult to get into detail in specific domains. However, some preliminary conclusions about the method can be drawn.

1. It appeared that the method, originally from the naval domain, is applicable for process control
2. Refinements of the model are possible (see results group 1)
3. The method needs more extensive explanation (see questions group 2)
4. There is an area of tension between the levels in which safety problems can be approached:
 - Macro level approaches, which emphasises cultural and organisational aspects, as dealt with in FG1
 - Meso level approaches, that can be applied on an intermediate level. The COLFUN method is an example of it
 - Micro level approaches, which go into low level details. Examples are found in the refinements suggested by group 3 (e.g. perception, detection, etc.)