

# ICC and the European Union : The ERRIS Project

The Indian Chamber of Commerce is currently executing a project awarded under the European Union- India Economic Cross Cultural Programme (ECCP) in 2003.

The grant amount for the project is 4,00,000 Euros. The project envisages the setting up of a management information system called the Environmental Risk Reporting and Information System (ERRIS) at the industrial townships of Haldia and Durgapur in West Bengal, India and the supporting framework to enable proper functioning of the system. The ERRIS would disseminate industry environmental risk related information to public at large and provide vital assistance to responders to acquire swift control of a contingency situation, should it so arise. On the whole, the project would endeavour to build a transparent framework for risk management by urging corporate bodies / industries to proactively share information with various stakeholders thereby advancing the cause of responsible corporate citizenship in partnership with other social actors.

**ERRIS would help in achieving two goals:**

First, precise information on hazardous substances used / produced by industries would help in preventing accidents.

Second, since time is the essence of responding to environmental disasters, the ERRIS would provide critical information to emergency services and administration, thereby enabling them to take effective remedial measures.

The two European partners in this project are Institute for Protection and Safety of Citizen, Italy and International Institute of Geo-spatial Science and Earth Observation, Netherlands.