



Regional Workshop on the development of a Roadmap for Emergency, Preparedness and Response (EPR)

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Information Sheet

Purpose

The workshop will bring together experts, policymakers, and stakeholders from across Europe and Central Asia to discuss the enhancement of capabilities of European and Central Asian countries in preparing for and responding to nuclear and radiological emergencies. The participants will share best practices and innovative strategies in emergency management in their countries and the region.

The participants will consider the development of a draft regional roadmap for nuclear and radiological emergency preparedness and response. This roadmap aims to enhance the region's collective preparedness and response to nuclear and radiological emergencies and is supported by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), reflecting a commitment to upholding the international standards and guidance in EPR.

Working Language

The working language(s) of the event will be English.

Deadline for Nominations

Nominations received after **8 November 2024** will not be considered.

Project Background

Several Member States (MSs) in the Europe and Central Asia region have recognized a need to improve existing arrangements in various areas after the Fukushima accident. The main challenges identified are the enhancement of measures, approaches and methods of source term estimation, the development of procedures and joint actions by various governmental agencies, and improvements in international cooperation and initiatives in the field of remediation. The main objective of this project is to develop an efficient, effective, and sustainable mechanism for achieving a high standard of regional cooperation in nuclear and radiological EPR. This includes maintaining radiation emergency plans (procedures, instructions, forms), and harmonizing these arrangements with international standards.

Scope and Nature

The workshop aims at enhancing regional preparedness and response capabilities of European and Central Asian countries for nuclear and radiological emergencies in line with international standards and practices. Hosted by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), this workshop will convene experts, policymakers, and stakeholders from across the region.

Participants will engage in a series of lectures, practical sessions, and interactive exercises designed to:

- Share best practices and innovative strategies in emergency management.
- Identify gaps and challenges in current EPR frameworks.
- Develop actionable strategies to enhance regional cooperation and response capabilities.
- Collaborate on creating a comprehensive roadmap for EPR.

The workshop will conclude in the formulation of a draft regional roadmap, promoting enhanced cooperation and ensuring a coordinated and effective response to nuclear and radiological emergencies across Europe and Central Asia.

Participation

The event is intended for qualified senior professionals from organizations that are responsible and accountable for the management and coordination of nuclear and radiological EPR arrangements at the national level.

The IAEA will consider providing funding for up to 40 participants in this workshop from the following Member States participating in the TC Project RER9161: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Türkiye, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan.

At no cost to the IAEA, participants from the following countries can also be considered: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Holy See, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, San Marino, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom. Participants from relevant international organizations with a dedicated mandate in EPR will also be invited to attend at no cost to the IAEA.

Participants' Qualifications and Experience

The event is intended for qualified senior professionals from organizations that are responsible and accountable for the management and coordination of nuclear and radiological EPR arrangements at the national level.

As the workshop will be conducted in English, participants should have sufficient proficiency to deliver and follow talks and participate in the discussions in this language without difficulty.

Applications failing to clarify compliance to the requirements listed above will be automatically rejected. Nominations without sufficient information regarding the nominee's background and professional experience will not be considered.

Application Procedure

Candidates wishing to apply for this event should follow the steps below:

1. Access the InTouch+ home page (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>) using the candidate's existing Nucleus username and password. If the candidate is not a registered Nucleus user, she/he must create a Nucleus account (<https://websso.iaea.org/IM/UserRegistrationPage.aspx>) before proceeding with the event application process below.
2. On the InTouch + platform, the candidate must:
 - a. Finalize or update her/his personal details, provide sufficient information to establish the required qualifications regarding education, language skills and work experience ('Profile' tab) and upload relevant supporting documents;
 - b. Download and complete the [Designation of Beneficiary and Emergency Contact Form](#), and upload to InTouch+ ('Profile' tab under the personal section) specifying the document name. If already provided, kindly discard this step; and
 - c. Search for the relevant technical cooperation event ([EVT2406066](#)) under the 'My Eligible Events' tab, answer the mandatory questions and lastly submit the application to the required authority.

NOTE: Completed applications need to be approved by the relevant national authority, i.e. the National Liaison Office, and submitted to the IAEA through the established official channels by the provided designation deadline.

For additional support on how to apply for an event, please refer to the [InTouch+ Help page](#). Any issues or queries related to InTouch+ can be addressed to InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org.

Should online application submission not be possible, candidates may download the nomination form for the meeting from the [IAEA website](#).

NOTE: A medical certificate signed by a registered medical practitioner dated not more than four months prior to starting date of the event must be submitted by candidates over the age of 65 regardless of the event duration.

Administrative and Financial Arrangements

Nominating authorities will be informed in due course of the names of the candidates who have been selected, and will at that time be informed of the procedure to be followed with regard to administrative and financial matters.

Selected participants will receive an allowance from the IAEA sufficient to cover their costs of lodging, daily subsistence and miscellaneous expenses. They will also receive either a round-trip air ticket based on the most direct and economical route between the airport nearest their residence and the airport nearest the duty station through the IAEA's travel agency AX Travel Management, or a travel allowance, or they will be reimbursed travel by car/bus/train in accordance with IAEA rules for non-staff travel.

Disclaimer of Liability

The organizers of the event do not accept liability for the payment of any cost or compensation that may arise from damage to or loss of personal property, or from illness, injury, disability or death of a participant while he/she is travelling to and from or attending the course, and it is clearly understood that each Government, in approving his/her participation, undertakes responsibility for such coverage. Governments would be well advised to take out insurance against these risks.

Note for female participants

Any woman engaged by the IAEA for work or training should notify the IAEA on becoming aware that she is pregnant.

The Board of Governors of the IAEA approved new International Basic Safety Standards for Protection against Ionizing Radiation and for the Safety of Radiation Sources. The Standards deal specifically with the occupational exposure conditions of female workers by requiring, inter alia, that a female worker should, on becoming aware that she is pregnant, notify her employer in order that her working conditions may be modified, if necessary. This notification shall not be considered a reason to exclude her from work; however, her working conditions, with respect to occupational exposure shall be adapted with a view to ensuring that her embryo or foetus be afforded the same broad level of protection as required for members of the public.

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