



# **Regional Workshop on the Development and Conduct of Contingency Response Performance Testing Exercises in the Europe Region**

**Hosted by the  
Government of Finland**

**through the  
Radiation and Nuclear Safety Authority (STUK)**

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## **Information Sheet**

### **Introduction**

IAEA Nuclear Security Series (NSS) *Objectives and Essential Elements of a State's Nuclear Security Regime* (NSS No.20), calls for the establishment of contingency plans to respond to malicious activities at nuclear facilities. The document also states that the contingency plans should be appropriately exercised by all license holders and authorities concerned. The *Nuclear Security Recommendations on Physical Protection of Nuclear Material and Nuclear Facilities* (NSS No. 13), further states that “[P]erformance testing... should include appropriate exercises, for example force-on-force exercises.” The event will provide information and practical guidance for the development, conduct and evaluation of safe and effective facility-level performance testing exercises involving a simulated combat between a mock-up adversary force and on-site response forces.

## Objectives

The objective of the event is to provide information and guidance in order to assist the Member State(s) with the preparation, development, and evaluation of performance testing exercises that will determine if the on-site response forces can provide an effective and timely response to prevent radiological sabotage of nuclear facilities and theft of nuclear material.

## Target Audience

Participants should be personnel responsible for the preparation, conduct and evaluation of performance testing of response forces at nuclear facilities. Participants should be familiar with response force operations and security contingency planning. Preference may be given to participants who have participated in an IAEA workshop on Management of the Response to a Nuclear Security Events at Nuclear Facilities. Generally, participants are expected to come from the on-site and off-site response force organizations, nuclear facility's physical protection units, and regulatory authorities. Focus on Member States that have operating reactors (nuclear power plants and research reactors).

## Working Language(s)

English

## Participation and Registration

All persons wishing to participate in the event have to be designated by an IAEA Member State that has been invited to attend.

In order to be designated by an IAEA Member State, participants are requested to submit their application via the InTouch+ platform (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>) to the competent national authority (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA or National Atomic Energy Authority) for onward transmission to the IAEA by **14 March 2025**, following the registration procedure in InTouch+:

1. Access the InTouch+ platform (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>):
  - Persons with an existing NUCLEUS account can sign in to the platform with their username and password;
  - Persons without an existing NUCLEUS account can register [here](#).

2. Once signed in, prospective participants can use the InTouch+ platform to:

- Complete or update their personal details under ‘Complete Profile’ and upload the relevant supporting documents;
- Search for the relevant event under the ‘My Eligible Events’ tab;
- Select the Member State or invited organization they want to represent from the drop-down menu entitled ‘Designating Authority’ (if an invited organization is not listed, please contact [InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org](mailto:InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org));
- If applicable, indicate whether financial support is requested and complete the relevant information (this is not applicable to participants from invited organizations);
- Based on the data input, the InTouch+ platform will automatically generate the Participation Form (Form A) and/or the Grant Application Form (Form C);
- Submit their application.

Once submitted through the InTouch+ platform, the application, together with the auto-generated form(s), will be transmitted automatically to the required authority for approval. If approved, the application, together with the applicable form(s), will automatically be sent to the IAEA through the online platform.

NOTE: The application for financial support should be made, together with the submission of the application, by **14 March 2025**.

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

Selected participants will be informed in due course on the procedures to be followed with regard to administrative and financial matters.

Participants are hereby informed that the personal data they submit will be processed in line with the [Agency’s Personal Data and Privacy Policy](#) and is collected solely for the purpose(s) of reviewing and assessing the application and to complete logistical arrangements where required. The IAEA may also use the contact details of Applicants to inform them of the IAEA’s scientific and technical publications, or the latest employment opportunities and current open vacancies at the IAEA. These secondary purposes are consistent with the IAEA’s mandate. Further information can be found in the [Data Processing Notice](#) concerning IAEA InTouch+ platform.

## Expenditures and Grants

No registration fee is charged to participants.

The IAEA is generally not in a position to bear the travel and other costs of participants in the event. The IAEA has, however, limited funds at its disposal to help meet the cost of attendance of certain participants. Upon specific request, such assistance may be offered to normally one participant per country, provided that, in the IAEA’s view, the participant will make an important contribution to his or her State’s nuclear security arrangements.

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## Visas

Participants who require a visa to enter Finland should submit the necessary application as soon as possible to the nearest diplomatic or consular representative of Finland.

## Additional Information

Six or more months after completion of the training event, participants will be required to complete a short survey on the use of acquired knowledge and skills or a change in attitudes. This will assist the Division of Nuclear Security in understanding the impact of its work and will guide future assistance.

## Organization

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Subsequent correspondence on scientific matters should be sent to the Scientific Secretary and correspondence on other matters related to the event to the Administrative Secretary.

## **Event Web Page**

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[www.iaea.org/events/EVT2405272](http://www.iaea.org/events/EVT2405272).