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Subject: Invitation to a Regional Workshop on Communication Strategies in the Control of Public Exposure to Radon, Tallinn, Estonia, 16-18 March 2015

I am pleased to invite you to send nominations of suitable candidates to participate in the above-mentioned workshop under the framework of TC Project RER/9/127 – Establishing Enhanced Approaches to the Control of Public Exposure to Radon. The purpose of the workshop and related information are outlined in the attached Prospectus.

For candidates who are selected by the IAEA, the IAEA will cover the cost of return international travel from the home country to Tallinn, Estonia and provide Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) for the duration of the workshop in line with IAEA rules and procedures.

Please submit nominations to the IAEA online through the Technical Cooperation Department's InTouch system (<http://intouch.iaea.org>). Only if this is not possible, nominations may be submitted on the Nomination Form for Meeting/Workshop available on the IAEA website: <http://www.iaea.org/technicalcooperation/How-to-take-part/In-meetings-WS/index.html>.

Completed forms should be endorsed by relevant national authorities and sent to the Programme Management Officer for this project, Mr Ivan Videnovic (IAEA Official Fax: +43-1-26007 or E-Mail Official.Mail@iaea.org), through the official channels, i.e. the designated National Liaison Office for IAEA matters, not later than **31 December 2014**.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosure: Prospectus

International Atomic Energy Agency

Regional Workshop on Communication Strategies in the Control of Public Exposure to Radon

PROSPECTUS

- Project Number & Title:** RER/9/127 - Establishing Enhanced Approaches to the Control of Public Exposure to Radon
- Place (City, Country):** Tallinn, Estonia
- Dates:** 16 - 18 March 2015
- Deadline for Nominations:** 31 December 2014
- Organizers:** The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in cooperation with the Government of Estonia through the Climate and Radiation Department of Ministry of Environment
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- Language:** The workshop will be conducted in English.
- Purpose:** The purpose of the workshop is to transfer the knowledge and best practices from experts to participants to support them during the preparation of a national radon communication programme as part of the national radon programme.
- Expected Output(s):** Participants aware of all aspects to be considered for the successful communication of radon risk in the framework of a national radon program.
- Scope and Nature:** The regional workshop will address the following topics:
- a) Risk Communication/Risk Perception
 - b) Communication Strategy
 - c) Stakeholder engagement and mapping
 - d) Communication Channels
 - e) Media employment;
- The workshop will be highly interactive and will consist of lectures and working group sessions.

The participant in the workshop will also be required to provide a brief description and schedule of activities related to the communication of radon risk carried out in their country and activities they plan to undertake in their country in the frame of the Project.

Background Information:

The project focuses on the development of policies and strategies in order to implement new requirements of the IAEA Safety Standard on Radiation Protection and Safety of Radiation Sources: International Basic Safety Standards (GSR Part 3) as they apply to exposure due to radon in dwellings.

GSR Part 3 includes requirements aimed at identifying situations where action is required to reduce public exposure to indoor radon. Member States are required to provide information on indoor radon levels and the associated risks and, when considered necessary, implement an action plan for controlling public exposure. For the majority of people, radon is the primary source of radiation exposure. At average worldwide levels, exposure to radon results in an annual per capita dose on the order of 1.2 mSv, representing 40% of the total annual per capita dose. Indoor radon concentrations can vary widely from country to country, from region to region and within regions so that, in individual cases, doses of several tens or even hundreds of mSv can be received.

In Europe, exposure to radon is responsible for about 10-15% of all lung cancer deaths. Reducing exposure to radon is a key public health and radiation protection priority. However, many European countries do not have a strategy in place that allows identification of the extent of the problem and of areas that are most seriously affected, information for decision-makers, technical experts and the public does not exist, and there is little or no experience or expertise in measures to reduce radon concentrations in existing buildings and limit its accumulation in future buildings.

Participation:

The workshop is open to up to 30 participants from the Member States participating in the regional technical cooperation project RER/ 9/127, in particular: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Estonia, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

Participants' Qualifications:

The participant from a Member State should be a senior expert in the government organization that has responsibility for development and implementation of communication campaign to communicate the radon risk or senior expert in the government organization that has responsibility for development and implementation of the national radon programme, and will be responsible for development and

implementation of radon risk communication campaign. This participant should have a background in radiation protection and/or public health.

As the workshop will be conducted in English, participants should have sufficient proficiency to follow lectures and express themselves in this language without difficulty.

**Nomination
Procedure:**

Nominations for the regional workshop should be submitted to the IAEA online through the Technical Cooperation Department's InTouch system (<http://intouch.iaea.org>). Should this not be possible, nominations may be submitted on the standard IAEA Nomination Form for Training Courses (available on the IAEA website: <http://www.iaea.org/>). Completed forms should be endorsed by relevant national authorities and returned to the Agency through the official channels, i.e. the designated National Liaison Office for IAEA Matters.

The completed nomination forms should be sent to the Programme Management Officer for this project, Mr Ivan Videnovic, through IAEA Official Fax (+43-1-26007) or E-Mail (Official.Mail@iaea.org), not later than **31 December 2014**. Nominations received after this date or which have not been routed through the established official channels cannot be considered.

**Administrative
and Financial
Arrangements:**

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

Selected participants from countries eligible to receive technical assistance will be provided with a round trip economy class air ticket from their home countries to **Tallinn, Estonia**, and a Daily Subsistence Allowance at the prevailing UN Rate. Shipment of accumulated training materials to the participants' home countries is not the responsibility of the IAEA.

The organizers of the regional workshop 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 regional workshop, and it is clearly understood that each Government, in nominating participants, undertakes responsibility for such coverage. Governments would be well advised to take out insurance against these risks.