

International Atomic Energy Agency

Workshop on Regional and Trans-boundary Energy Issues and Cooperation in Nuclear Power Programmes: Stakeholder Involvement

PROSPECTUS

- Project Number & Title:** RER/2/011 – ‘Enhancing Energy Planning, Nuclear Power Infrastructures and Nuclear Safety Oversight for Countries Considering, Developing or Expanding Nuclear Power Programmes’
- Place (City, Country):** Bucharest, Romania
- Dates:** 2-5 September 2014
- Deadline for Nominations:** **20 June 2014**
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- Language:** English
- Purpose:** The purpose of this workshop is to continue sub-regional and trans-boundary dialogue related to the development or expansion of nuclear power programmes in Europe. Following the success of the initial workshop conducted on sub-regional and trans-boundary issues in Skopje, TFYRo Macedonia in September 2013, participants concluded that additional discussion on energy planning, human resource development, and stakeholder involvement would be of interest to the region.

This workshop intends to primarily address issues related to stakeholder involvement, as well as to provide an opportunity to discuss other common challenges related to the development or expansion of nuclear power programmes. Finally, this workshop will give Member States a chance to provide updates on current nuclear energy planning and create opportunities for networking and cooperation between “newcomer” countries and those countries with more developed nuclear energy programmes. The focal points of this workshop are to:

- Provide a forum to exchange good practices, identify common issues and concerns, and acquire new experiences in addressing the various needs of statutory and non-statutory stakeholders.
- Define and explain the government and various national organizations’ responsibilities in working with domestic and international stakeholders to ensure the development and long term sustainability of nuclear power programmes.
- Allow participants to present case studies related to stakeholder involvement that may provide a basis for increased regional cooperation.
- Allow the IAEA and international experts to present various options and strategies for working with stakeholders within a country and in neighbouring countries.
- Allow the participating Member States to continue a regional cooperative forum for exchange of ideas and proposals for addressing common energy solution strategies at the regional level, including nuclear power program.
- Provide an opportunity for participants to visit the Cernavodă Nuclear Power Plant.

**Expected
Outputs:**

The expected output of this workshop is to assist government officials and other decision makers working on nuclear power programmes to develop strategies for successfully cooperating with stakeholders within their country and in the surrounding sub-regions.

**Scope and
Nature:**

The workshop will comprise topical lectures, presentations of country case studies, break-out sessions and panel discussions. The workshop participants will be requested to come prepared to discuss their experience working with stakeholders and will have an opportunity to discuss their plans in small breakout sessions.

Background Information:	Public acceptance is often identified by Member States as one of the biggest obstacles to initiating a nuclear power programme. These countries face the challenging task of designing and implementing successful stakeholder involvement programmes, which often start with a need to communicate first about energy policies and second to strengthen public understanding of nuclear power, especially its benefits and risks. In some countries, it is equally important to consider trans-boundary stakeholder involvement as a key component related to success of developing a new nuclear power programme. A successful stakeholder involvement programme begins by listening to and addressing stakeholders' concerns, then engaging those stakeholders, providing timely information openly and building trust.
Participation:	The workshop is open for 30 participants from the Member States participating in the project RER/2/011. The target countries are: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, The Frmr.Yug.Rep. of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine, Uzbekistan and participation of non-TC recipient countries is also welcome.
Participants' Qualifications:	The participants should be representatives of the government, electrical power production organizations, engaged ministries, or future owners/operators that are involved in public communication and outreach related to current or planned nuclear power programmes. The participants should have sufficient command in English to freely express themselves and get engaged in the discussions.
Nomination Procedure:	<p>Nominations for Meeting/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 Meeting/Workshop and National Consultant (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.</p> <p>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 20 June 2014. Nominations received after this date or which have not been routed through the established official channels cannot be considered.</p>
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 **Bucharest, Romania**, and a Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) at the prevailing UN Rate. Shipment of accumulated Workshop materials to the participants' home countries is not the responsibility of the IAEA.

The organizers of the 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 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.