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**Subject:** Invitation to a Workshop on Review of Progress and Challenges faced by Participating MS's of TC RER/9/121 in Implementing ER Projects, Vienna, Austria, 8 to 12 December 2014

Dear National Liaison Officer,

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/9/121 – Supporting Environmental Remediation Programmes. The purpose of the workshop and related information are outlined in the attached Prospectus.

For candidates who are selected by the IAEA, the Agency will cover the cost of return international travel from the home country to Vienna, Austria and provide Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) for the duration of the workshop in line with Agency 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 Andrei Chupov (IAEA Official Fax: +43-1-26007 or E-Mail [Official.Mail@iaea.org](mailto:Official.Mail@iaea.org)), through the official channels, i.e. the designated National Liaison Office for IAEA matters, not later than 27 October 2014.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosures: Prospectus

**International Atomic Energy Agency**

**Regional Workshop on Review of Progress and Challenges faced by Participating MS's  
of TC RER/9/121 in Implementing ER Projects**

**PROSPECTUS**

- Project Number & Title:** RER/9/121 - Supporting Environmental Remediation Programmes
- Place (City, Country):** Vienna, Austria
- Dates:** 8 to 12 December 2014
- Deadline for Nominations:** 27 October 2014
- Organizers:** The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)
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- Language:** English
- Purpose:** To get the participants of the project to discuss the achievements obtained in association with the project development and to provide inputs to the IAEA to orientate and prepare future activities in the field of Environmental Remediation tailored to the needs associated to the on-going realities faced by the different MS's represented in the project.
- Expected Output(s):** The workshop will enable the participants to contribute with a critical analysis on how the project helped them to move forward remediation projects in their home countries, discuss the existing barriers to implementation and share experiences and lessons learned accumulated during project implementations. This overall understanding will enable project participants and IAEA representatives to be better informed about the main needs of MS's in the region when planning and/or implementing future activities.
- Scope and Nature:** This type of discussion is very useful as it allows project participants to provide the IAEA with a global overview of the achievements obtained with the project. It is expected that the participants will provide the IAEA with a comprehensive assessment of the remediation project situation in their respective countries. In addition, it is expected that part of the meeting takes place in conjunction with the Plenary Meeting of the Network of Environmental Management and Remediation. The Plenary meeting counts

with experts of all over the world. In this regard meeting participants will have a unique opportunity to discuss their respective issues with a broad range of professionals dedicated to the field of environmental remediation and receive invaluable inputs from them. Synergies that are expected to be raised during the meeting may also lead to the consolidation of partnerships that can assist MS's to overcome specific barriers through collaboration and exchange of experience.

**Background Information:**

A large number of radiologically contaminated sites exist in Europe, which could impact the health of the people and environment. As noted in the IAEA conference on remediation (Astana, 2009), many Member States have an urgent need to receive adequate support (e.g., workshop/training) in various remediation aspects. Attention is needed in developing appropriate infrastructure for this undertaking.

A remediation project can be a major undertaking requiring careful planning, preparation and investment in time and human resources. While a remediation project is not alone in this respect, it is considered to be conducted within the framework of a national remediation policy and strategy with project specific situation.

The development of an appropriate infrastructure to support the implementation of a remediation project, in order to produce efficient results, is an issue of central concern, especially for countries that do not have the appropriate means (financial and human resources) for implementing such activities.

The infrastructure needed to support the implementation of a remediation project covers a wide range, from technical to non-technical nature spanning from equipment, the transport of waste, legal and regulatory framework, and the human and financial resources necessary to implement the required activities.

TC project RER/9/121 "Supporting Remediation in European Member States" consists of a series of interconnected workshop/training events which was expected to progressively lead the Member States participants to develop/increase their knowledge on elements of remediation. Each workshop/training event was built on the previous workshop/training event leading to a holistic view of remediation. In this respect RER/9/121 so far provided a wide range of the training events and workshops covering the different subject matters referred to above. This is an excellent opportunity to get feedback from project participants and re-orientated the assistance of the IAEA if that comes up to be evaluated as being necessary.

**Participation:**

The workshop is open to up to 25 participants who are regulators and implementers engaged in remediation activities in the European Member States that are party to the project, namely: Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Lithuania, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Tajikistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

**Participants' Qualifications:**

The participants should be in principle professionals that have attended previous meeting of the project. They are expected to be project managers, planners and other staff at organizations working on (or eventually to be

designated as being responsible for) remediation projects (e.g., state or national resource management and regulatory agencies, operators of facilities or sites needing or undergoing large scale clean-up actions, and national research organizations).

An important characteristic of the participants will be a genuine interest in becoming knowledgeable in remediation and to become a national and regional resource as well as a facility specific resource for their countries.

Participants must be nominated by the competent national authority of the Member State and, most specifically, by the Member States' official counterpart for the project.

**Nomination  
Procedure:**

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 should be submitted on the standard IAEA Application Form for workshop (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. Andrei Chupov through IAEA Official Fax (+43-1-26007) or E-Mail (Official.Mail@iaea.org), not later than 27 October 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 Vienna, Austria and a DSA sufficient to cover the cost of their accommodation, food, and minor incidentals. Shipment of accumulated workshop materials to the participants' home countries is not the responsibility of the IAEA.

The organizers of the workshop 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.