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Subject: Invitation to a Regional Training Course on Occupational Radiation Protection Programmes and Safety Culture, Vilnius, Lithuania from 30 May to 3 June 2014.

Dear National Liaison Officer,

I am pleased to invite you to send nominations of suitable candidates to participate in the above-mentioned training course under the framework of TC Project RER/9/140 – Strengthening Protection of Radiation Workers and Occupational Exposure Monitoring. The purpose of the training course 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 Vilnius, Lithuania and provide a stipend for the duration of the training course 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 Training Course available on the IAEA website: <http://www.iaea.org/technicalcooperation/How-to-take-part/train-course/index.html>. Completed forms should be endorsed by relevant national authorities and sent to the Programme Management Officer for this project, Ms Sandra Steyskal (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 March 2016**.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Krause

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Enclosures: Prospectus

International Atomic Energy Agency

REGIONAL TRAINING COURSE ON OCCUPATIONAL RADIATION PROTECTION PROGRAMMES AND SAFETY CULTURE

PROSPECTUS

Project Number & Title:	RER/9/140 – Strengthening Protection of Radiation Workers and Occupational Exposure Monitoring
Place (City, Country):	Vilnius, Lithuania
Dates:	30 May – 3 June 2016
Deadline for Nominations:	31 March 2016
Organizers:	The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in collaboration with the Government of Lithuania through the Radiation Protection Centre of the Ministry of Health
Host Country Organizer:	Mr Julius Ziliukas Radiation Protection Centre Ministry of Health Kalvariju 153 Vaiku 19-3 LT-08221 Vilnius Lithuania Tel: +370 5 2361934 E-Mail: julius.ziliukas@rsc.lt
Language:	The course will be held in English.
Purpose:	The purpose of the regional training course is: <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) to increase the technical background of participants on how to improve radiation protection programmes at end-user facilities, optimization approaches, and safety culture according to the requirements of the new international basic safety standards (GSR Part 3);(ii) to build common understanding on a systematic approach for occupational exposure monitoring and improved provision of dosimetry and technical services for workplace monitoring;(iii) to provide information on networking activities as an essential supportive action for improving the occupational radiation protection arrangements to share knowledge;(iv) to introduce and promote the Agency's Occupational Radiation Protection Appraisals Service (ORPAS) as an essential element for verification of compliance with project objectives and impact assessment.
Expected Output(s):	The training course will foster interactive discussions on how to improve the implementation of a radiation protection programme and safety culture which is the

total knowledge on radiation protection, skills, creative abilities, and goals of end-user facilities and technical support organisations. After the course, participants will have a clear understanding of relevant aspects of GSR Part 3 (and subsequent guidance material of the Agency) and advance the science and practice of occupational radiation protection.

Scope and Nature:

The training course will be conducted with a series of lectures and interactive group exercises. The goal of the course is not only to improve the participants' understanding of the international basic safety standards and Agency tools and approaches, but also to allow for experience sharing amongst participants. Participants are expected to prepare presentations on the Radiation Protection Programmes of their respective facilities.

Background Information:

Compliance with requirements of the new International Basic Safety Standards (GSR Part 3) requires new approaches at national levels for continuous improvement and harmonization of approaches for radiation protection programmes and optimization of protection and safety. The new BSS also highlights the importance of safety culture at end-users facilities and at technical organisations with well-structured and in-place quality management systems. The Agency has conducted several related activities in the Europe region and has demonstrated the value of self-assessment tools to highlight non-compliance with the requirements (such as dose assessment, training, QA, etc.). The purpose of this new regional project RER/9/140 is to strengthen capacity for the protection and safety of radiation workers occupationally exposed to ionizing radiation. This will be done through the promotion of self-assessment tools, including harmonization and implementation of the relevant International Safety Standards for improved provisions for dosimetry, workplace monitoring and harmonized capacity in Europe. The aim is to support structured radiation protection programmes and safety culture in all participating Member States.

Participation:

The training course is open to approximately **30** participants from Member States participating in the TCEU programme. The training course is geared towards Member States that require support to strengthen occupational radiation protection arrangements in their respective countries.

Participants' Qualifications:

The participants should be specialists in occupational radiation protection (e.g., Radiation Protection Officer) and should be the representative of end-user facilities, technical support organisations (technical service providers) dealing with radiation protection, or national regulatory authorities (e.g., regulators).

As the regional training course will be conducted in English, participants should have sufficient proficiency to follow lectures and express themselves in English without difficulty.

Nomination Procedure:

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**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 Vilnius, Lithuania, and a stipend sufficient to cover the cost of their accommodation, food, and minor incidentals. Shipment of accumulated training course materials to the participants' home countries is not the responsibility of the IAEA.

The organizers of the training course 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 training course, 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.