



TC Regional Workshop for Member States in Europe on Harmonising National Nuclear Law with International and European Law

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Information Sheet

Purpose

The purpose of the regional workshop is to:

- (i) Provide IAEA Member States in the region with a broad understanding of all aspects of nuclear law and render a comprehensive overview of the relevant international legal instruments in this field, including recent developments;
- (ii) Enable participants to learn and share experiences as appropriate on the transposition of EU Directives into national legislation, in particular, the Basic Safety Standards Directive (Council Directive 2013/59/Euratom), the nuclear safety Directive (Council Directive 2014/87/Euratom) and Council Directive 2011/70/Euratom.
- (iii) Give participants an opportunity to discuss and exchange views on nuclear law subjects; and
- (iv) Assess or update the assessment of the existing legal framework in each of the participating Member States and develop or update bilateral work-plans for the provision of relevant support for strengthening or enhancing the national nuclear legal framework and adherence to and implementation of the relevant international legal instruments within the framework of the TC project.

Working Language

The working language of the event will be English.

Deadline for Nominations

Nominations received after 31 October 2019 will not be considered.

Project Background

An adequate national legal framework is an essential element for the safe, secure and peaceful use of nuclear technology and applications. Through TC project INT/0/096, legislative assistance is provided to Member States, upon request, with the aim to support them in: (i) gaining a better understanding of and implementing the relevant international legal instruments concluded under IAEA auspices; (ii) assessing, revising and drafting corresponding national legislation; and (iii) enhancing national capabilities through training in nuclear law. This regional workshop is one of the regional activities planned under INT/0/096 towards these ends. Experience and feedback from previous events show that there is a need to periodically conduct or update, as appropriate, the assessments and work plans agreed with Member States for the enhancement of the national nuclear legal framework, while providing a forum for them to gain knowledge, share experiences and identify common issues and challenges in this field. The previous regional workshop on nuclear law was conducted in December 2016.

Scope and Nature

The regional workshop will cover all areas of nuclear law governing the safe, secure and peaceful use of nuclear technology and applications, including the relevant international legal instruments in the fields of nuclear safety, security, safeguards and civil liability for nuclear damage, as well as the elements of a comprehensive national legal framework. During the last regional workshop on nuclear held in November 2017, participants expressed a need for the next regional workshop to address the transposition of EU Directives into national legislation. The regional workshop will comprise lectures on nuclear law by IAEA experts, country presentations by participants on the status of their respective national legal frameworks, as well as group and bilateral discussions on specific topics of interest pertaining to the aforementioned matters. It will address the following points as well:

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Participants' Qualifications and Experience

The regional workshop is open to two Government officials with the following profile: (i) a senior level Government official with legal or regulatory background who is in a position to assist the Agency in the development or updating of a work-plan during the course of the regional workshop for the establishment or strengthening of the country's national nuclear legal framework; and (ii) a Government official with legal background, such as a legal advisor or a legal expert of the regulatory body or another Government institution who has been or will be involved in assessing, drafting, and/or advising on nuclear legislation and/or the related international legal framework. Participants in the workshop will be expected to give a national presentation on the main elements of the existing nuclear legal framework in the country and are encouraged to consult material on nuclear law available online (notably the IAEA's web page; <http://ola.iaea.org/OLA/default.asp>). Participants are also encouraged to complete in advance of the regional workshop the IAEA e-learning module on the legal framework. The participating countries are the following: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Montenegro, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Republic of Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan.

Expected Output

The expected outputs of the regional workshop:

- (i) Increased awareness and understanding of all areas of nuclear law and the related international legal instruments of officials from Member States of the region.
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- (ii) Country specific work-plans on legislative assistance for enhancing the national legal framework updated or developed with Member States of the region.

Updated regional overview of the status of national legal frameworks and legislative assistance needs in Member States of the region.

Application Procedure

Candidates wishing to apply for this event should follow the steps below:

1. Access the IAEA TALEO page (<https://iaea.taleo.net/careersection/ex/jobsearch.ftl>) and complete the Candidate Profile.
2. Be registered on the Nucleus page of the IAEA (<https://nucleus.iaea.org/>).
3. Through Nucleus, access the InTouch+ platform where the Profile is completed (My Profile tab) (<https://nucleus.iaea.org/Pages/InTouchPlus.aspx>).
NOTE: The email used for TALEO and Nucleus must be the same. If not, the candidate's profile will not appear complete.
4. On the InTouch + platform, under the 'My InTouch +' tab, the candidate needs to:
 - a. select the institute / organization that he/she works at / represents ('My Institute' section);
 - b. click on the link called '**Refresh Personal History Form**' to update the system, *otherwise the nominations submitted will have these fields empty and it will not be possible to evaluate them during the selection of candidates* ('IAEA Recruitment Platform' section).**NOTE:** Once the above steps are finalized, the candidate's profile will appear as completed and he/she can apply for Technical Cooperation events.
5. In the InTouch+ platform (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>), in the 'Applications' tab, search by the event number provided in the invitation.

The help for each step is located at the top of the page. For additional help on how to register, create a profile and apply for an event, please refer to the online guide and training videos available under the following links: [how-to guide](#) and [training videos](#). Any issues or queries related to the new system can be addressed to InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org or TC-AIPS-PL4.Contact-point@iaea.org.

Should this not be possible, applicants may download the Nomination Form for the ME from the IAEA website <https://www.iaea.org/services/technical-cooperation-programme/how-to-participate>.

Applications should contain sufficient information to establish that the nominees have the required qualifications. Please note that the information regarding LANGUAGE SKILLS, EDUCATION AND WORK EXPERIENCE is exported from TALEO. If an applicant's profile in TALEO is not updated, the information in INTOUCH+ for these sections appears as empty and the candidates cannot be evaluated. Completed applications need to be endorsed by the relevant national authority, i.e. the National Liaison Office and submitted through the established official channels.

Administrative and Financial Arrangements

Nominating authorities will be informed in due course of the names of the candidates who have been selected and will at that time be informed of the procedure to be followed with regard to administrative and financial matters.

Selected participants will receive an allowance from the IAEA sufficient to cover their costs of lodging, daily subsistence and miscellaneous expenses. They will also receive either a round-trip air ticket based on the most direct and economical route between the airport nearest their residence and the airport nearest the duty station through the IAEA's travel agency American Express, or a travel grant, or they will be reimbursed travel by car/bus/train in accordance with IAEA rules for non-staff travel.

Disclaimer of Liability

The organizers of the event 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 course, and it is clearly understood that each Government, in approving his/her participation, undertakes responsibility for such coverage. Governments would be well advised to take out insurance against these risks.

Note for female participants

Any woman engaged by the IAEA for work or training should notify the IAEA on becoming aware that she is pregnant.

The Board of Governors of the IAEA approved new International Basic Safety Standards for Protection against Ionizing Radiation and for the Safety of Radiation Sources. The Standards deal specifically with the occupational exposure conditions of female workers by requiring, inter alia, that a female worker should, on becoming aware that she is pregnant, notify her employer in order that her working conditions may be modified, if necessary. This notification shall not be considered a reason to exclude her from work; however, her working conditions, with respect to occupational exposure shall be adapted with a view to ensuring that her embryo or foetus be afforded the same broad level of protection as required for members of the public.

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