



Virtual Meeting on Radiation Protection Education and Training of Medical Radiation Technologists/Radiographers

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Information Sheet

Purpose

The purpose of the meeting is to contribute to improving radiation protection knowledge of medical radiation technologists (radiographers) in the region through identifying gaps in education and training and suggesting actions.

Working Language(s)

The working language(s) of the event will be **English**.

Deadline for Nominations

Nominations received after **11 September 2020** will not be considered.

Project Background

The project RER9147 is designed for Member States (MSs) in the European region to improve the implementation of the framework of radiation protection in medical uses of ionizing radiation and enhance the national capabilities for medical exposure control in compliance with requirements of the GSR Part 3 (International Basic Safety Standards (BSS)). The main goals of the project are to strengthen in the Member States and throughout the region the cooperation of regulatory bodies, health authorities and relevant professional bodies, and to enhance their capacity in ensuring the implementation of the basic requirements for radiation protection and safety related to medical exposure. The key element for successful implementation of BSS in medical practice is the knowledge, competence and skills of medical professionals that defines the importance of education and training in general and particularly in radiation protection.

Expected Outputs

Knowledge will be shared, and country-specific, sub-regional or joint regional actions for improving radiation protection education and training of radiographers will be developed.

Scope and Nature

The workshop will be organized in cooperation with the European Federation of Radiographers Societies (EFRS) and will be conducted in phases. First, a pre-workshop online survey will be sent to the selected participants with the purpose to identify the status of education and training of radiographers in different countries in the region, with a focus on gaps and good practices in radiation protection training related to the clinical practice of radiographers. During 17-19 November, open sessions (webinars) will be organized with the selected participants and other interested parties, in which IAEA and EFRS experts will report the results of the survey and will present international recommendations and good practice. During the period 24-26 November, break-out working sessions will be organized in smaller groups, and plenary sessions, to discuss solutions for addressing the identified issues in education and training, and to plan actions for improving the situation. The final goal will be to produce a meeting report and recommendations.

Participation

The meeting is open to approximately **30 participants** from Member States participating in the TC regional project RER/9/147. Each country is invited to nominate one or two participants who must match the profile described in the corresponding paragraph.

Participants' Qualifications and Experience

The participants should be either directors of education and training programs for radiographers at medical schools providing basic and postgraduate education of radiographers, and/or coordinators of their clinical training. They should ideally be nominated by and represent the national professional body of radiographers. The participants should be strongly involved in designing education and training programs and improving knowledge, competence and skills of radiographers, with a focus on radiation protection. The nominated candidates should be in position to represent the national perspective and actively contribute to the discussion and action planning.

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

Application Procedure

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

1. Access the InTouch+ home page (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>) using the candidate's existing Nucleus username and password. If the candidate is not a registered Nucleus user, she/he must create a Nucleus account (<https://websso.iaea.org/IM/UserRegistrationPage.aspx>) before proceeding with the event application process below.
2. On the InTouch + platform, the candidate must:
 - a. Finalize or update her/his personal details, provide sufficient information to establish the required qualifications regarding education, language skills and work experience ('Profile' tab) and upload relevant supporting documents;
 - b. Search for the relevant technical cooperation event (EVT2003978) under the 'My Eligible Events' tab, answer the mandatory questions and lastly submit the application to the required authority.

NOTE: Completed applications need to be approved by the relevant national authority, i.e. the National Liaison Office, and submitted to the IAEA through the established official channels by the provided designation deadline.

For additional support on how to apply for an event, please refer to the [InTouch+ Help page](#). Any issues or queries related to InTouch+ can be addressed to InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org.

Should online application submission not be possible, candidates may download the nomination form for the meeting from the [IAEA website](#).

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 who indicate their need, will receive financial support to contribute to the expenses of their costs for internet connection for the duration of the event in line with IAEA rules and procedures.

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.

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