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Subject: Regional Workshop for Good Laboratory Practice in the Measurement of Radon and Inter-Comparison Exercise for Passive Measurements, and Quality Assurance in Measurement of Radon, Fontenay-Aux-Roses, France, from 24 to 26 November 2020

Dear National Liaison Officer / National Coordinator,

I am pleased to inform you that the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is organizing the above event under the IAEA technical cooperation project RER9153, "Enhancing the Regional Capacity to Control Long Term Risks to the Public due to Radon in Dwellings and Workplaces".

The purpose of the event is to share best practices and quality assurance in good laboratory practices and intercomparing measurements of active and passive radon detectors.

The attached Information Sheet provides further details, including technical and administrative aspects of the event. Selection of participants will be in accordance with IAEA procedures. Member States are strongly encouraged to identify suitable women participants.

The IAEA will provide non-local participants with a round-trip air ticket based on the most direct and economical route between the airport nearest the participant's residence and Fontenay-Aux-Roses. Travel details will be agreed with the participants upon receipt of their official nomination. Participants will also receive an allowance from the IAEA sufficient to cover their costs of lodging, daily subsistence and miscellaneous expenses for the duration of the event in line with IAEA rules and procedures.

We would appreciate receiving your country's nominations by **28 August 2020** through the IAEA's InTouch+ platform (https://Intouchplus.iaea.org). Should this not be possible, applicants may download the Nomination Form for the event from the IAEA's webpage. Completed forms must be endorsed by the relevant government authority and may be sent to the IAEA, preferably by email to Official Mail-IAEA Mail address Official.Mail@iaea.org, with copy to Ms Ludmila Wiszczor L.Wiszczor@iaea.org. Please be advised that late nominations or replacements of participants after the closing date for nominations will not be accepted.

We look forward to receiving your early response.

Yours sincerely,

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Enclosure:

Information Sheet



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Hosted by

The Government of France

through the

Institut de Radioprotection et de Sûreté Nucléaire (IRSN)

Fontenay-Aux-Roses, France

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Information Sheet

Purpose

The purpose of the event is to share best practices and quality assurance in good laboratory practices and intercomparing measurements of active and passive radon detectors.

Working Language

The working language of the event will be English.

Deadline for Nominations

Nominations received after 28 August 2020 will not be considered.

Project Background

The objective of the Regional Project RER9153, Enhancing the Regional Capacity to Control Long Term Risks to the Public due to Radon in Dwellings and Workplaces; is to support the establishment and implementation of national action plans in accordance with the GSR Part 3 for controlling public and occupational exposure due to indoor radon. An important part of the national radon control programme is to ensure reliable radon measurement capacity in the country, which could be owned by state or run commercially. The elements of the reliable measurement capacity are approved by qualified measurement service providers that use reliable measurement equipment and protocols, as well as availability of measurement traceability chain.

Scope and Nature

The purpose of the event is to share best practices on intercomparison measurements of active and passive radon detectors and providing quality assurance. During the workshop the participants will share their experience on assuring quality of measurements with active and passive radon monitors, arranging intercomparison of equipment, procedures for measurement protocols validation for approvals.

Participation

Member States are invited to nominate one or two participants representing radon metrological institutions or/and radon measurement service providers.

Participants' Qualifications and Experience

The nominated candidates must be employed at metrological institutions or radon measurement service providers; have technical background and be working with radon measurements or calibration of radon equipment.

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 (EVT1907201) 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 <u>InTouch+ Help page</u>. Any issues or queries related to <u>InTouch+ can be addressed to <u>InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org</u>.</u>

Should online application submission not be possible, candidates may download the nomination form for the meeting from the <u>IAEA website</u>.

NOTE: A medical certificate signed by a registered medical practitioner dated not more than four months prior to starting date of the event must be submitted by candidates when applying for a) events with a duration exceeding one month, and/or b) all candidates over the age of 65 regardless of the event duration.

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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