



Virtual Event – Regional Workshop on Funding Mechanisms for Radioactive Waste Management and Decommissioning

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Information Sheet

Purpose

The purpose of the Virtual Workshop is to present and discuss approaches to estimate the costs of back-end liabilities (decommissioning and waste management) and establish funding schemes to cover for these liabilities.

Expected Output(s)

The Virtual Workshop will seek to enable participants to achieve a better understanding of the costs of back-end liabilities (decommissioning and waste management) and establish funding schemes to cover for these liabilities.

Working Language(s)

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

Deadline for Nominations

Nominations received after **30 September 2021** will not be considered.

Project Background

A fundamental prerequisite for a sustainable radioactive waste management programme is the provision of financial resources to cover the costs of the programme. Developing reliable cost estimates and funding mechanisms can be challenging. Waste management does not stop when the nuclear activities generating the waste stop. For example, a substantial amount of waste can still be generated by the decommissioning of the nuclear facilities and the disposal of radioactive waste is sometimes planned long after the nuclear activities.

In order to set aside sufficient funding for decommissioning and radioactive waste management, these costs sometimes need to be assessed long in advance and the collected funds need to be managed for several decades. Over that time-span, scientific, technological, economic and societal conditions are likely to change. Cost and funding methods need to take account of the uncertainties that those changing conditions cause and need to be sufficiently flexible to adapt to them.

Scope and Nature

The workshop will address the following:

- Costing and funding of radioactive waste management
- Estimating the cost for decommissioning
- Economic and Financial Aspects
- Examples from Member States

Participation

The Virtual Workshop is tailored to all those involved or interested in the costing and funding of commissioning and radioactive waste management. It will be of interest primarily to waste management organisations charged with implementing the radioactive waste management programme and to those charged with understanding associated financial liabilities and establishing schemes for providing the necessary funding.

The target countries are: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia, & Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, North Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine.

Participants' Qualifications and Experience

Candidates should be persons in the above Member States who are topical specialists and/or generalists exercising project manager-level responsibilities in the field and/or governmental responsibilities related to national radioactive waste management. Candidate profiles of particular relevance for this virtual workshop are those involved in the costing and funding of commissioning and radioactive waste management. That includes, for example: project supervisors and managers involved with waste management strategy implementation and operations; national government decisions-makers, planners, lawmakers, ministry staff, or other professionals involved with the development and/or implementation follow-up of radioactive waste management policies or regulations.

The participants are involved in the field of radioactive waste management.

As this virtual workshop will be conducted in English, participants should have sufficient proficiency to follow discussions and express themselves in this language without difficulties and deliver presentations.

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 (EVT2102409) 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.

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.

In accordance with IAEA provisions regarding non-staff travel and the holding of physical events at the IAEA Headquarters, attendance of this workshop will be only virtual. Participants will therefore not be expected to travel to the IAEA duty station.

Participants are advised to ensure in advance that they have access to the necessary hardware (computer, microphone/headset), software (conferencing platform), and reliable internet connection bandwidth in order to be able to interact with other participants seamlessly and have a smooth virtual workshop experience throughout the duration of the workshop.

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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