



Regional Workshop on the Competence and Learning Path of Radiation Protection Officers and Qualified Experts in Occupational and Public Exposure

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Information Sheet

Purpose

The purpose of the regional workshop is to outline the competence of the Qualified Expert and Radiation Protection Officer and the associated learning path.

Working Language(s)

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

Deadline for Nominations

Nominations received after **29 March 2022** will not be considered.

Project Background

The project RER/9/156 is aimed at assisting Member States to strengthen competence in radiation safety and to establish sustainable education and training infrastructures to achieve the desired level of competence. One of the outputs of the project is on the development of guidelines on the roles, duties and competence of the Radiation Protection Officers and Qualified Experts.

The information collected through TSA6 in RASIMS on Member States' regulatory framework for Radiation Protection Officers and Qualified Experts, have shown that the competence of this personnel is rarely specified, making the identification of the most appropriate and effective learning path difficult. Once the competence necessary to Radiation Protection Officers and Qualified Experts to carry out their duties are provided, IAEA assistance to Member States to build competence for these personnel will be more effective.

Expected Outputs

Competence of the Qualified Expert and Radiation Protection Officer to carry out their specific roles and duties are reviewed.

Member States' are familiarized with the different national approaches to build the competence of Qualified Expert and Radiation Protection Officer: information on available education and training national resources is shared, facilitating synergies and optimization of resources at regional level.

National needs of Radiation Protection Officers and Qualified Experts are evaluated.

Core competence for Radiation Protection Officers and Qualified Experts and basic learning paths to achieve such competence are identified.

Scope and Nature

The regional workshop will build on the outputs of the previous workshop (held in Malta in October 2018 under the TC project RER/9/142) on the role, duties and qualifications of Radiation Protection Officers and Qualified Experts, and will make use of the information provided by Member States in RASIMS / TSA6[1] (online workshop held in 28 September - 02 October 2020 under RER/9/156).

It will provide a forum for participants to discuss the competence needed by the Radiation Protection Officers and Qualified Experts to carry out their duties, and the different available learning path at national level to achieve the necessary competence.

Participants will also evaluate the national needs of Radiation Protection Officers and Qualified Experts, identifying the most suitable ways to receive assistance, whenever needed.

All participants are expected to do preparatory work before attending the regional workshop, and to collect and bring to the regional workshop all the relevant information (detailed instructions will be provided in advance).

[1] RASIMS: Radiation Safety Information Management System; TSA6: Thematic Safety Area 6 on education and training in radiation protection and safety.

Participation

The regional workshop is open to participants from each Member State participating in the project RER/9/156.

Participants' Qualifications and Experience

Participants should be regulators, having responsibilities for or being involved in developing regulatory education, training and competence requirements for Radiation Protection Officers and Qualified Experts, and being familiar with national education and training infrastructure to build their competence.

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 (EVT2200579) 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](#).

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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