

Virtual Regional Project Coordination Meeting

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Information Sheet

Purpose

The purpose of the virtual regional event is to present and discuss the project work plan and detailed implementation strategies and to introduce the questionnaire to be filled out by participating Member States (MSs). Furthermore, during the meeting the current country needs, challenges and changing context of nuclear education, including training methods and tools, will be discussed in order to re-assess the baseline. The event will also provide the basis for the first step of the Project which includes: The identification of gaps and training needs and the preparation of an action plan.

Working Language(s)

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

Deadline for Nominations

Nominations received after 31 March 2022 will not be considered.

Project Background

Education and training are key factors to the sustainability of the nuclear infrastructure at the national and regional levels. The problems of some developing and industrialized countries regarding education and training requirements are primarily associated with limitations on the resources and capabilities of universities in providing the required scope and quality of education and training. Adequate attention and resources must be devoted, from the outset, to the education and qualification of teachers, and to the cooperation between universities and industry to ensure the provision of hands on experience and on the job training in the nuclear field. Thus, the project aims to enhance capacity and quality of educational institutions for the sustainable, safe, and secure use of nuclear technologies in Europe and Central Asia.

The project will allow the sharing of information and exchange of knowledge and expertise between countries with well advanced educational programmes and ones which need further assistance to optimize and enhance education programmes through existing networks. The project offers high impact opportunities such as the establishment and strengthening of nuclear education programmes, resource optimization and development of partnerships.

In order to do so the project foresees:

- 1) the identification of gaps and training needs and the preparation of an action plan;
- 2) the identification and assessment of available training materials and development of harmonized training materials/a training programme,
- 3) development of the TTT material and implementation,
- 4) evaluation of the training material and feedback and finalization. Based on experience gained from past TC project and initiatives the following activities will be promoted: provision of TTT events for lecturers, the finalisation of training materials, expert missions and workshops to share experience and Scientific Visits (SVs).

Expected Outputs

During the meeting following outputs are expected to be reached:

- Overall work plan for the TC project RER0049
- Individual country work plans and activities developed on the base of submitted information by participating countries
- Clear understanding of information to be provided in the questionnaire as well as stakeholders to be included in that process

Participation

The regional meeting is open to one or two candidate(s) per TCEU Member State participating in the project.

Participants' Qualifications and Experience

Nominated candidates should be the representatives of the counterpart institutions or/and Project Counterparts to be designated for the TC Project RER0049. They should have educational background in one of following scientific disciplines: nuclear and radiation science and nuclear engineering; and should have experience in delivering educational programmes at university level.

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 (EVT2201689) 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 InTouch+ can be addressed to <u>InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org</u>.

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

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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