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Subject: Virtual Event -Regional Coordination Meeting to Fine-tune the Project Workplan According to the Needs of Member States from 28 to 29 March 2022

Dear National Liaison Officer / National Coordinator,

I am pleased to inform you that the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is organizing the Virtual Regional Meeting event under the IAEA technical cooperation project RER5027, “Enhancing Preparedness Capacities of the Veterinary Sector to Confront with Emerging and Re-emerging Diseases of Livestock and Wildlife”.

The purpose of the event is to review the project workplan and fine-tune the project activities.

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.

For participants who indicate their need, the IAEA could provide 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.

We would appreciate receiving your country's nominations by **16 March 2022** 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](mailto:Official.Mail@iaea.org), with copy to Ms Ludmila Wiszczor [L.Wiszczor@iaea.org](mailto: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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'L. Wiszczor', written in a cursive style.

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Enclosure: Information Sheet



# **Virtual Event-Regional Coordination Meeting to Fine-tune the Project Workplan According to the Needs of Member States**

**Hosted by**

The International Atomic Energy Agency  
IAEA Headquarters

**28 to 29 March 2022**

**Ref. No.: ME-RER5027-2201827**

## **Information Sheet**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the event is to review the project workplan and fine-tune the project activities.

### **Working Language**

The working language of the event will be **English**.

### **Deadline for Nominations**

Nominations received after **16 March 2022** will not be considered.

## **Project Background**

The number of outbreaks of emerging and re-emerging animal diseases worldwide is increasing. Environmental and climate changes, melioration in conjunction with global movement of animals and wildlife are creating favourable conditions for animal to wildlife interface. Since wild animal species are recognized as potential pathogen reservoirs they can maintain infectious diseases in the environment and interfere with the effectiveness of disease eradication programmes. Therefore, for the domestic animal and wildlife surveillance, updating/implementing nuclear derived techniques, such as real time polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and next generation sequencing (NGS) are important tools for the early detection and characterization of transboundary animal diseases (TAD) since a lack of early disease recognition can allow the circulation of pathogens for weeks, resulting in their spread and interspecies transmission.

The aim of this project is to enhance the preparedness in animal disease early recognition by: (1) establishing/upgrading diagnostic capacities in regard to the different prevailing conditions in participating countries; (2) establishing a network to assist designating laboratories in protocol harmonization and early detection of animal diseases and (3) developing/upgrading protocols for wildlife infectious disease surveillance. The project would also enhance communication and collaboration among stakeholders in veterinary and wildlife sectors at both the national and regional level by joint workshops, trainings and conferences.

## **Scope and Nature**

The scope of the meeting is to discuss the priorities of the counterpart institutions or laboratories and to decide on the topics for the project events, including the priority procurement (equipment and consumables) needs.

## **Expected Outputs:**

The project workplan reviewed and activities agreed.

## **Participation**

The regional training course is open to 30 participants from Member States participating in the new TC project RER5027.

Each Member State is invited to nominate up to 2 participants who must match the profile described in the corresponding paragraph, indicating the order of priority.



## Participants' Qualifications and Experience

The meeting is open to the staff members or representatives of the designated counterpart institutions/ relevant laboratories from TCEU Member States.

## 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 (EVT2201827) 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](mailto: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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