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Subject: Regional Meeting on the Identification and Evaluation of Regulatory Control Needs for Existing Exposure Situation, Dublin, Ireland, from 30 May to 3 June 2022

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 RER9158, "Strengthening the Regulatory Infrastructure for Radiation Safety".

The purpose of the event is to discuss the implementation of radiation protection requirements in existing exposure situations and how to overcome associated challenges.

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 Dublin. 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 **24 April 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, with copy to Ms Carmina Elizabeth Jimenez Velasco C.Jimenez@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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Enclosures: Information Sheet
OEH Form



Regional Meeting on the Identification and Evaluation of Regulatory Control Needs for Existing Exposure Situation

Hosted by

The Government of Ireland

through the

Environmental Protection Agency

Dublin, Ireland

30 May to 3 June 2022

Ref. No.: ME-RER9158-2202645

Information Sheet

Purpose

The purpose of the event is to discuss the implementation of radiation protection requirements in existing exposure situations and how to overcome associated challenges.

Working Language

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

Deadline for Nominations

Nominations received after **24 April 2022** will not be considered.

Project Background

The TC project RER9158 is aimed at strengthening the national regulatory infrastructures of the participating countries in order to effectively deliver their required regulatory functions to ensure radiation safety in planned and existing exposure situations. The IAEA Member States (MSs) from Europe and Central Asia participating in the TC programme use nuclear techniques and radiation technologies in different applications, however some of the countries struggle with the issues related to existing exposure situations. It is important for each country to ensure the safe use of various techniques and technologies, as well as the safe management of existing exposure situations to protect workers, the public and the environment from the hazardous effects of ionizing radiation. The IAEA supports MSs in their efforts to have an appropriate radiation safety infrastructure in place to ensure the safe use of radiation sources and safe management of existing exposure situations. The TC project will encompass the periodic evaluation of the current regulatory infrastructure status, identifying gaps and providing support for the identified priorities to ensure the enhanced effectiveness and sustainability of regulatory programmes. The TC project RER9158 is designed to improve regulatory framework elements and facilitate the mutual exchange experiences between MSs to accelerate the process of establishing and sustaining their regulatory infrastructure.

Scope and Nature

As demonstrated in many Integrated Regulatory Review Service (IRRS) missions and in the regional workshop held in Cyprus on the implementation of the GSR Part 3 in March 2019, MSs from Europe and Central Asia struggle with issues related to existing exposure situations.

Therefore, during this meeting participants will share their experiences of the implementation of requirements related to radiation protection in existing exposure situations and will discuss the necessary steps to overcome the existing challenges. Examples from invited experts will be provided. The meeting will cover issues of identification, protection of public and workers at the sites contaminated by past practices or accidents, construction materials, food and drinking water and so forth.

Expected Output

- i. Enhanced competencies to identify and evaluate existing exposure situations to determine which occupational exposures and public exposures are of concern from the point of view of radiation protection.
- ii. Enhanced competencies to assess needs and methods of regulatory control applicable for the existing exposure situations,
- iii. Increased awareness of the implementation of requirements related to radiation protection in existing exposure situations, including steps to overcome challenges
- iv. Increased awareness about the competences and regulatory framework development needs.

Participation

This regional meeting is open to a maximum of two (2) participants from MSs participating in project RER9158.

Due to practical limitations, the number of participants will be limited to a maximum of 35

The participants will be requested to present their national experiences on the matter.

Participants' Qualifications and Experience

The nominated candidates should be professionals representing their national competent authorities or authorised organisations with responsibilities in the area of regulatory control or management of existing exposure situations: (radiation protection authorities, environment protection, customs control, labour safety and public health protection, operators and remediation companies).

In their application, under the section "Description of Work" the nominees should explain what the role of their organisation and their own role within the organisation in relation to regulatory control and management of existing exposure situations is.

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 (EVT2202645) 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 training course 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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