



# **Regional Workshop on Best Practices for Reducing Radon Concentrations in Buildings**

**Hosted by**

The Government of Croatia

**through the**

Grad Pula

Pula, Croatia

**12 to 16 September 2022**

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## **Information Sheet**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the event is to train the participants on best practices for reducing radon concentrations in buildings.

### **Working Language**

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

### **Deadline for Nominations**

Nominations received after **25 July 2022** will not be considered.

## **Project Background**

One of the objectives of the Regional Project RER 9/153 is to support Member States in developing competences in radon remediation, diagnostics and design. These competences are crucial for reducing public exposure due to radon in buildings.

## **Scope and Nature**

This practical workshop will provide participants with both theoretical knowledge and practical experience in application of methods of diagnosing and investigating of buildings, surrounding soil and assessment of radon source, as well as a design of radon remediation measures. It will include the theoretical part (2 days of formal lectures) that will be complemented with the practical (2 days hands-on), work in real conditions with continuous feed-back from the experienced lecturers. The last day will be dedicated to clarification of outstanding knowledge gaps and sharing of experiences among participants. The workshop will enable participants to obtain basic knowledge of methods of investigation, assessment and design of radon remediation measures and to apply that knowledge on real cases.

## **Participation**

The Member States are invited to nominate 2 or more candidates corresponding the identified qualifications. Any deviation from the requested qualifications must be justified. The participants will be requested to share their experiences.

## **Participants' Qualifications and Experience**

The nominated participants should have a background in building and construction/ventilation systems/architecture. They must be actively involved in work with radon reduction either in the building and construction companies or supervising construction safety authorities. The nomination must contain a description of the role of nominee in the issues of radon exposure reduction. The nominated experts must be fluent in English language.

## **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 (EVT2204100) 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](#).

**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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