



# **Virtual Event - Regional Coordination Meeting on Improving Environmental Monitoring and Assessment for Radiation Protection in Europe and Central Asia**

**Hosted by**

The International Atomic Energy Agency  
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Vienna, Austria

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## **Information Sheet**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the virtual event is to discuss the identified national priorities and gaps in monitoring based on collected baseline information, as well as appropriate approaches for improving the situation in the region, and to review and agree the RER7014 project workplan for the period 2023-2024.

### **Working Language(s)**

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

### **Deadline for Nominations**

Nominations received after **4 February 2022** will not be considered.

# Project Background

Public and Environmental Radiation Protection and Environment Monitoring are high priority areas identified in the Europe Regional Profile 2018-2021. The risks for exposure to ionizing radiation in the region depend on several potential radiation hazards: e.g. the presence of nuclear power plants or envisaged construction of new ones, uranium legacy sites, historical nuclear test sites, nuclear waste storage facilities, NORM industry and/or NORM legacy sites, sites with important nuclear contamination and various medical applications involving radioactivity. Many of these potential sources of exposure to ionizing radiation are currently insufficiently characterized and/or monitored for protection of the public and the environment as required by international recommendations and safety standards.

The TC project RER7014 “Improving Environmental Monitoring and Assessment for Radiation Protection in the Region” is aimed at contributing towards the enhancement of regional cooperation in the application of environmental monitoring programmes to improve radiological safety of public and the environment by efficiently demonstrating radiological protection in the region for different exposure situations. The current project includes set of activities for enhancing the capacities for planning, implementation and harmonization of monitoring programmes for different exposure situations, both from the perspective of regulation and application of technology.

## Scope and Nature

The purpose of the event is:

- to discuss priorities and actions by Member States needed for the strengthening and harmonization of environmental monitoring programmes in the region, based on expert evaluation of collected information from participants;
- to discuss the content, structure of the IAEA TECDOC document on ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PROGRAMMES IN TCEU MEMBER STATES, as well as future actions for its final publication;
- to review the outcome of activities implemented in the period 2020-2022 and agree on priority activities and workplan for 2023-2024 under the TC project RER7014.

## Participation

The virtual coordination meeting is open to the project counterparts and relevant stakeholders from Member States participating in the TC project RER7014.

Due to practical limitations, the number of participants will be limited to a maximum of seventy (70) participants in total.

In collaboration with other interested national stakeholders, participants of the meeting are expected to:

- (i) Have completed and submitted to the IAEA the reduced TSA4 questionnaire (an example of a completed TSA4 questionnaire can be provided upon request). Hence, those countries which have not yet sent the questionnaire to the IAEA<sup>1</sup>, should submit them together with the nomination form. This is a pre-requisite to be considered for the event.

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<sup>1</sup> Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Montenegro, Republic of Moldova, Poland, Russian Federation.

- (ii) Provide a review of the information on national monitoring programmes in his/her country, as summarized in Tables 1-22 in the draft IAEA TECDOC document: ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING PROGRAMMES IN TCEU MEMBER STATES. The document will be made available by the Technical Officer of the project to all accepted candidates that have confirmed the participation. The feedback of participant should be provided at any time before the start of the coordination meeting.
- (iii) Provide input from the prospective of the represented Member State on progress, future objectives and project expectations for the period 2023-2024.

## Participants' Qualifications and Experience

Nominated candidates should be officially designated counterparts of the TC project RER7014, representing governmental technical support organisations/entities/regulatory bodies and others which are authorised/appointed for development of environmental monitoring strategies, planning and implementation of environmental monitoring programmes, including sampling, analytical measurements of radionuclides in environmental media, interpretation and communication of monitoring data in relation to planned, existing or emergency exposure situations.

The regional coordination meeting will be conducted in English language. Thus, candidates should have sufficient English-language proficiency to be able to actively participate in all planned activities.

## 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. Download and complete the [Designation of Beneficiary and Emergency Contact Form](#), and upload to InTouch+ ('Profile' tab under the personal section) specifying the document name. If already provided, kindly discard this step; and
  - c. Search for the relevant technical cooperation event (EVT2208127) 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

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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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