



Webinar on the Preparation to Participate in the School of Drafting Regulations -Waste Safety Programme

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Information Sheet

Purpose

The purpose of the webinar is to promote the initiation of the Waste Safety Programme of the IAEA's School of Drafting Regulations for TCEU countries that are already in the process or plan to start drafting national regulations for radioactive waste management and decommissioning of facilities. NLOs and counterparts will be informed about the preparatory steps required to participate in the presential workshop of the school.

Working Language (s)

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

Deadline for Nominations

Nominations received after **21 February 2024** will not be considered.

Scope and Nature

The webinar will consist of series of presentations delivered by IAEA staff to explain the concept and methodology of the Waste Safety Programme of the School of Drafting Regulations.

The webinar will give general information about the 4-segment process of the School (in-country preparation, pre-work, in person workshop and community of users) and will provide specific information regarding the content of the Waste Safety programme. The presentations of the webinar will focus on the first two segments of the School, which are intended to ensure an effective preparation for the participation in the presidential workshop of the School planned in the first quarter of 2025 in Vienna, Austria (specific dates will be provided at a later stage).

The webinar will provide detailed information regarding target countries, schedule, deadlines, preparatory efforts and the requirements that need to be fulfilled by the participants in the presential workshop of the School.

Participants in the webinar will also be informed about the operation of the electronic platforms of the IAEA's School of Drafting Regulations in its Learning Management System and in the electronic portal of the Global Nuclear Safety and Security Network.

Expected Output(s):

Participants in the webinar are expected to achieve a clear understanding of the concept, methodology and process of the Waste Safety programme of the IAEA's School of Drafting Regulations to decide about the involvement in the process of the School and for the proper selection of candidates to participate in the presential workshop of the School.

Participation

The webinar is open to Member States participating in project RER9158 that are already in the process or plan to start drafting national regulations for radioactive waste management and decommissioning of facilities and would like to receive assistance through the School of Drafting Regulations.

Each Member Sate is invited to nominate one or more participants who must match the profile described in the corresponding paragraph, indicating the order of priority.

Participants' Qualifications and Experience

This webinar targets National Liaison Officers and Assistants, RER9158 counterparts and senior managers and technical and legal staff of regulatory bodies and other national authorities directly involved in drafting regulations on radiation safety and in the safety management of radioactive waste and decommissioning.

Project Background

Member States (MSs) participating in the TC Europe programme use nuclear techniques and

radiation technologies in different applications but some of the countries struggle with the issues related to ensure the safety of the back-end of these applications. To ensure safety implies to fulfil the goal of protecting workers, the public and the environment from the hazardous effects of ionizing radiation.

The life cycle of facilities and activities using nuclear applications, for energy, radioisotopes in science, industry and medicine generate radioactive waste. To ensure that it poses no risk to people or the environment now and in the future all countries using nuclear technologies have the responsibility to manage radioactive waste safely and securely. A proper safety framework at government and regulatory levels for the predisposal and disposal of radioactive waste is indispensable. And the countries adhering to the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management are bound to fulfil their obligations in this respect, promoting a high level of safety for the management of spent fuel, radioactive waste and disused radioactive sources.

In relation to decommissioning, this process happens at large installations, such as nuclear power plants, as well as at small medical, industrial and research facilities. Depending on the size and complexity of the facility, it can take from several months to several decades to complete, and a crucial success factor is the readiness of appropriate regulatory infrastructure for the safe decommissioning of small facilities.

In addition, as a prerequisite for the provision of IAEA TC programmes to MSs, countries should have in place an appropriate waste safety infrastructure to ensure the safe management of radioactive waste and disused radioactive sources and to ensure safe decommissioning of nuclear facilities.

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 (EVT2401152) 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 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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