



# **Small Modular Reactor School: Interregional Workshop on Key Aspects of SMR Development and Deployment**

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**M building Press Room**

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## **Information Sheet**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the event is to facilitate discussions and share experiences on key aspects of SMR development and deployment, including high-level discussions to support policy and decision-making regarding the role of SMRs in the energy mix.

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

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

### **Deadline for Nominations**

Nominations received after **4 January 2026** will not be considered.

### **Background Information**

To meet the growing demand for energy and to mitigate global climate challenge, the interest in Small Modular Reactors (SMRs) is growing, especially with regions inaccessible to large electricity grids and regions with smaller electricity grids that need technology options deployed incrementally to closely

match increasing energy demand. SMRs are also viable options for users that need beyond electricity supply, e.g., district heating, desalination, industrial process heat, and hydrogen.

The “INT/2025 Supporting Member States’ Capacity Building on Small Modular Reactors and Micro-reactors and their Technology and Applications as a Contribution of Nuclear Power to the Mitigation of Climate Change” project is to provide broad support to Member States in the development and deployment of SMRs. The project provides a broad range of forum to enable effective capacity building through training and technology transfer activities on all aspects of SMR development. The project also covers the deployment of SMRs for electric and non-electric applications, and the coupling of such nuclear systems with renewables in integrated energy systems.

As a part of the interregional project INT/2025, this workshop helps national stakeholders better understand the essential features of SMR technologies and their applications. It also helps them formulate, in line with international safety standards, countries’ specific legal and regulatory frameworks, and generic user requirements and criteria for SMR technologies.

## **Scope and Nature**

The school’s comprehensive curriculum will cover various topics, including generic SMR attributes, technologies, development and deployment status, as well as legal, safety, security, safeguards, regulatory and operational considerations.

The event will be conducted in a workshop format to promote in-depth discussions and active engagement from participants.

## **Expected outputs**

The key output of the school is an enhanced understanding among participants of the current status of SMR development, near-term deployment prospects, and various aspects that potential user countries may need to consider before making a decision.

## **Participation**

The event is open to 72 participants from the following Member States which participate in the INT2025 project and require support to increase both the number and knowledge of staff involved in launching or expanding nuclear power programmes:

Algeria, Bulgaria, Guatemala, Indonesia, Iraq, Morocco, Myanmar, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Rwanda, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Togo, Tunisia, Viet Nam.

## **Participants’ Qualification and Experience**

The SMR School is intended for high-level participants who are considering the introduction of SMRs into their energy mix. This includes government officials, policy makers, managers of Nuclear Energy Programme Implementing Organizations (NEPIOs), regulatory bodies, industry representatives, and the owners of SMR project in the countries. A total of 3 up to 4 qualified candidates per country will be selected.

## **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 (EVT2506021) 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. **All nominations must include a scan of the candidate's first page of passport with photo.**

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 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.

## Training on Basic Security in the Field (BSITF)

In order to comply with UN system-wide security measures, it is required that all training course participants complete the online security awareness training BSAFE (which replaces BSITF and ASITF), prior to traveling to locations where UN security phases are in effect. The aim of these course is to educate participants on how best to avoid or minimize potential dangers and threats, and to demonstrate what individuals can do if they find themselves in insecure situations. The course is available online (<https://training.dss.un.org/course/category/6>).

Once an individual has completed the training, he/she must go back to the main training page to receive the certificate. If the button to get the certificate is not immediately visible, please refresh the page. BSAFE is maintained by UNDSS; in case of problems with the system, please contact UNDSS through the "Contact Us" page on the training website (<https://dss.un.org/dssweb/contactus.aspx>).

This certificate is compulsory for any IAEA-supported activity and should be submitted, along with the Nomination Form, through the competent authority in your country (NLO). Copies of the certificate should be kept by the candidate for his/her records as the BSAFE certificate does not expire.

## 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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