



RER1025 ENHANCING UTILIZATION, OPERATION AND SAFETY OF
RESEARCH REACTORS

Preparatory meeting for Europe Advisory Safety Committee for Research Reactors (Pre-EURASC)

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Information Sheet

Introduction

The Technical Cooperation project RER1025 “*Enhancing Utilization, Operation, and Safety of Research Reactors*” aims to enhance Member States’ utilization, operation and safety of research reactors in the Europe and Central Asia region through sustained regional collaboration, knowledge exchange and capacity building in compliance with the Code of Conduct on the Safety of Research Reactors and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Safety Standards.

Objectives

The purpose of this event is to establish the activities of the Europe Advisory Safety Committee for Research Reactors (EURASC), review its terms of reference in accordance with IAEA Safety Standards and share regional and interregional practices and experiences of research reactor safety committees.

Working Language(s)

The working language of the event will be English.

Deadline for Nominations

Nominations received after **06 March 2026** will not be considered.

Framework and Expected Outputs

The IAEA promotes networking, coalitions and regional cooperation to improve the safety, and efficient and sustainable utilization of research reactors. In order to improve networking, information exchange and sharing knowledge on research reactor good safety practices, EURASC was established in 2010, under the IAEA TC project RER 1007, with the aim to enhance the safety of research reactors in the region. EURASC acts mainly as an advisory group to advise on important safety issues in the region and to strengthen the effectiveness of the operating organizations' safety committees in compliance with the IAEA Code of Conduct on the Safety of Research Reactors and Safety Standards.

The meeting will consist of a series of technical sessions including presentations and discussions. Participants are requested to give presentations on national practices in their respective countries concerning the status of their research reactor safety committee.

The expected main outputs of this event are:

- Revision and discussion of the terms of reference and work plan for the EURASC;
- Exchange of experience and good practices related to research reactor safety committees in the region;
- A meeting report summarizing the discussions, outcomes and conclusions.

Target Audience

The meeting is open to the following Member States participating in the regional TC project RER1025 "*Enhancing Utilization, Operation and Safety of Research Reactors*": Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Georgia, Greece, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Tajikistan, Türkiye, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

It is intended for individuals from Member States with a research reactor facility or from Member States that have initiated a new research reactor project.

The IAEA will support the cost of **up to 2 participants per Member State**. Candidates to be supported by the IAEA should follow the below mentioned application procedure.

Participants' Qualifications and Experience

The preparatory meeting is intended for individuals from Member States with a research reactor facility or from Member States that have initiated a new research reactor project. The participants should be the Chairpersons of their operating organization's safety committee or senior members of research reactor operating organizations.

As the meeting will be conducted in English, participants should have sufficient proficiency to follow discussions and express themselves in this language without difficulties.

Applications failing to clarify compliance to the requirements listed above will be automatically rejected.

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://webssso.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 (**EVT2506318**) 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 and submit their applications to their National Authorities. The nomination forms once fully approved can be submitted by e-mail in a PDF format through the official channels via the IAEA Official E-Mail (Official.Mail@iaea.org) with copy to Mr Nurken (A.Nurken@iaea.org), Ms Morscher (A.Morscher@iaea.org) and Ms Arlia (L.Arlia@iaea.org).

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 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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Subsequent correspondence on substantive matters should be sent to the Programme Management Officer and correspondence on other matters related to the meeting to the Administrative Contact.