Ensuring safety in a context of prolonged disruption - Lessons learnt from regulatory and operational experiences of the COVID-19 pandemic and prospects for the future

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The biggest challenge for organisations during prolonged disruptions is the availability of a workforce with the required skills and competencies. In addition, in such situations, there is a need for adaptability of procedures, as well as technical and human resources. Co-ordination between governmental organisations (e.g., medical, military) and other stakeholders (e.g. licensees, regulators, suppliers, international organisations) changes during a pandemic or other emergency, expected and/or unexpected critical situations, and also affects the ability of workers to ensure safety.

Co-hosted by the Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA), the French Authority for Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection (ASNR), and the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC), this workshop will provide an opportunity to share practices and lessons learnt in ensuring compliance, while leaving room for workers to be proactive, with emphasis on training and staff mental health and well-being. In this context, the speakers will also address the positive impacts of collaboration in an increasingly remote working environment.

During the sessions, participants will discuss the research and development work needed to better prepare for the prospect of future prolonged disruptions. Presentations will highlight the consequences and challenges that stemmed from the pandemic and require work to address the near-term and longer-term impacts, such as the hybrid working and/or the digitalisation of work processes, and the types of new risks that may emerge after temporary or permanent adaptations.

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Programme

Each topic consists of of one to two sessions with respective discussions

**Topic 1: Risk governance of prolonged disruptions and business continuity**

*Session 1:* Evolution of co-ordination between government organisations and other stakeholders during the pandemic

*Session 2:* How do nuclear actors deal with non-nuclear emergencies, especially when they involve managing different inter-connected phenomena?

**Topic 2: Adaptation and prospects for the future to ensure sustainable performance in the face of prolonged disruptions**

*Session 1:* What research and development work is needed to better prepare for the prospect of future prolonged disruptions?

*Session 2:* Which measures could ensure the ability to sustain performance of individuals and teams in the face of prolonged disruptions (e.g. how to manage long-term effects of disruptions of human and technical resources and establish procedures to ensure that activities continue to be carried out safely)?

**Topic 3: Learning while managing prolonged disruptions**

*Session 1:*How nuclear actors feed back to the field with a view to adapting learning practices (formal or informal) to build more resilient organisations during prolonged disruptions

Panel discussion

**Consolidation session**

Summary of the workshop findings

Discussion with participants

Participation and registration

The workshop is open to everyone.

Participants should register before **15 March 2025** via [the registration link](https://oecd-nea.org/confdb/confdb/conf?id=956).

You can choose to attend the workshop virtually via Zoom. If you plan to do so, please indicate this by selecting "Virtual attendance" during your online registration. The zoom link will be shared with you before the event.

When?

**7 - 8 April 2025**

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