



Technical Meeting on External Hazard Assessment – 20th Plenary Meeting of the External Events Safety Section Extrabudgetary Programme

**BR-C, IAEA Headquarters
Vienna, Austria**

22 - 25 September 2026

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Information Sheet

Introduction

The annual plenary meeting for the Extrabudgetary Programme of the External Events Safety Section (EESS-EBP) will take place at the IAEA Headquarters in Vienna from 22 September through 25 September 2026. The meeting provides a forum for representatives of International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Member States to learn about EESS-EBP funded projects, to share their recent work on external hazards safety, and to discuss ideas for new work. Participants from all types of organizations involved in the safety of nuclear installations, i.e. governments, regulatory bodies, nuclear energy programme implementing organizations, utilities, industry, universities and research organizations are invited to attend.

The focus of EESS-EBP work is on safety related aspects of site evaluation, external hazard selection, scenario development, and design and safety evaluation of nuclear installations against external hazards. EESS has established several Work Areas (WAs) to guide its work. Technical output from the EESS-EBP Work Areas is used in the development and revision of IAEA Safety Standards and other documents.

Objectives

The objectives of the meeting are to share information on the progress of the EESS-EBPWAs activities; to share national experiences, good practices; to support Member States with regard to the protection of nuclear installations against external hazards; and to enhance cooperation among Member States in their application of IAEA safety standards.

Target Audience

The target audience includes Member States with an established nuclear programme, and countries at an advanced stage of embarking on a nuclear power programme.

Working Language(s)

English

Expected Outputs

There are two large, expected outputs from the Technical Meeting. One is a consolidation of requests from Member States on activities that the EESS should focus on and prioritize as EBP funding allows. It is envisaged that requests for new work made by Member States will exceed either the EBP budget or EESS staff workload. EESS staff will prioritize requests and document the planned activities in a mission implementation plan. The EESS mission implementation plan will be available to Member States upon request.

The second, but fundamentally equally important output from the Technical Meeting will be the sharing of information from different Member States on external hazards risk reduction practices. Member States will have the opportunity to both share their experiences, and to learn from the experience of other Member States.

EESS will disseminate minutes from the Technical Meeting. These minutes will include a summary of the major topics discussed during the meeting. The minutes will also include a list of technical areas that emerged as priority themes of interest from Member States. These technical areas will then be used to guide new EESS activities in capacity building, site evaluation and external event workshops, and development of guidance documents for Member States.

Topics

Topics to be presented and discussed are germane to mitigation of radiological risk due to external event

hazards on nuclear installation design, construction, operation, and closure. The topical areas for presentation by Member States and the Secretariat may be categorized according to the EESS-EBP Work Areas:

- WA 1: External hazards evaluation; hazard development, combination of hazards, climate change challenges, probabilistic and deterministic hazard analysis;
- WA 2: Design against external hazards; use of experience data to qualify equipment, design and response analysis methods, safety margin assessment, multi-unit probabilistic safety assessment;
- WA 3: New technologies; tailoring siting for advanced reactors, small modular reactors (SMRs), research reactors and floating reactors;
- WA 4: SEED review missions and capacity building events;
- WA 5: Development of interactive tools, event analysis and lessons learnt from recent events;
- WA 6: Research and dissemination of novel and emerging technologies available to Member States.

Participation and Registration

All persons wishing to participate in the event have to be designated by an IAEA Member State or should be members of organizations that have been invited to attend.

In order to be designated by an IAEA Member State or invited organization, participants are requested to submit their application together with their abstract via the InTouch+ platform (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>) to the competent national authority (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA or National Atomic Energy Authority) or organization for onward transmission to the IAEA by **31 July 2026**, following the registration procedure in InTouch+:

1. Access the InTouch+ platform (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org/>):
 - Persons with an existing NUCLEUS account can sign in to the platform with their username and password;
 - Persons without an existing NUCLEUS account can register [here](#).
2. Once signed in, prospective participants can use the InTouch+ platform to:
 - Complete or update their personal details under ‘Complete Profile’ and upload the relevant supporting documents;
 - Search for the relevant event under the ‘My Eligible Events’ tab;
 - Select the Member State or invited organization they want to represent from the drop-down menu entitled ‘Designating Authority’ (if an invited organization is not listed, please contact InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org);
 - If applicable, indicate whether a paper is being submitted and complete the relevant supporting documents;
 - If applicable, indicate whether financial support is requested and complete the relevant information (this is not applicable to participants from invited organizations);
 - Based on the data input, the InTouch+ platform will automatically generate the Participation Form (Form A) and/or the Grant Application Form (Form C);
 - Submit their application.

Once submitted through the InTouch+ platform, the application, together with the auto-generated form(s), will be transmitted automatically to the required authority for approval. If approved, the application, together with the applicable form(s), will automatically be sent to the IAEA through the online platform.

NOTE: The application for financial support should be made, together with the submission of the application, by **31 July 2026**.

For additional information on how to apply for an event, please refer to the [InTouch+ Help](#) page. Any other issues or queries related to InTouch+ can be sent to InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org.

Selected participants will be informed in due course on the procedures to be followed with regard to administrative and financial matters.

Personal data collected for this event will be processed in line with the [Agency's Personal Data and Privacy Policy](#) for the purpose(s) of reviewing and assessing the application and to complete logistical arrangements where required. The IAEA may also use the contact details of Applicants to inform them of the IAEA's scientific and technical publications, or the latest employment opportunities and current open vacancies at the IAEA. These secondary purposes are consistent with the IAEA's mandate. Further information can be found in the [Data Processing Notice](#) concerning IAEA InTouch+ platform.

Papers and Presentations

The IAEA encourages participants to give presentations on the work of their respective institutions that falls under one or more of the EESS-EBP Work Areas. The success of the Technical Meeting depends on the sharing of information between Member States involved in the safety evaluation of nuclear installations. Nuclear accidents have the potential to impact Member States on a global basis. It is imperative that we share lessons learned in external events safety with each other. This meeting provides a venue for this sharing of information.

Participants who wish to give presentations are requested to submit an abstract of their work. The abstract will be reviewed as part of the selection process for presentations. The abstract should be in A4 page format, should extend to no more than two pages (including figures and tables) and should not exceed 5000 words. It should be sent electronically to Michael Salmon (M.Salmon@iaea.org), the Scientific Secretary of the event (see contact details below), not later than **31 July 2026**. Authors will be notified of the acceptance of their proposed presentations by **3 August 2026**.

Submission of a paper should be confirmed, together with the submission of the main application via the InTouch+ platform, by **31 July 2026**.

Expenditures and Grants

No registration fee is charged to participants.

The IAEA is generally not in a position to bear the travel and other costs of participants in the event. The IAEA has, however, limited funds at its disposal to help meet the cost of attendance of certain participants. Upon specific request, such assistance may be offered to normally one participant per country, provided that, in the IAEA's view, the participant will make an important contribution to the event.

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Venue

The event will be held at the Vienna International Centre (VIC) where the IAEA's Headquarters are located. Participants must make their own travel and accommodation arrangements.

General information on the VIC and other practical details, such as a list of hotels offering a reduced rate for IAEA participants, are listed on the following IAEA web page:

<https://www.iaea.org/events>.

Participants are advised to arrive at Checkpoint 1/Gate 1 of the VIC one hour before the start of the event on the first day in order to allow for timely registration. Participants will need to present an official photo identification document in order to be admitted to the VIC premises.

Visas

Participants who require a visa to enter Austria should submit the necessary application to the nearest diplomatic or consular representative of Austria at least four weeks before they travel to Austria. Since Austria is a Schengen State, persons requiring a visa will have to apply for a Schengen visa. In States where Austria has no diplomatic mission, visas can be obtained from the consular authority of a Schengen Partner State representing Austria in the country in question.

Organization

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Subsequent correspondence on scientific matters should be sent to the Scientific Secretary/Secretaries and correspondence on other matters related to the event to the Administrative Secretary.

Participation Form

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Participants who are members of an invited organization can submit this form to their organization for subsequent transmission to the IAEA.

Deadline for receipt by IAEA through official channels: 31 July 2026

Family name(s): (same as in passport)	First name(s): (same as in passport)	Mr/Ms
Institution:		
Full address:		
Tel. (Fax):		
Email:		
Nationality:	Representing following Member State/non-Member State/entity or invited organization:	
If/as applicable:		
Do you intend to hold a presentation?	Yes	No
Do you intend to submit a paper?	Yes	No
Would you prefer to present your paper as a poster?	Yes	No
Title:		

Participants are hereby informed that the personal data they submit will be processed in line with the [Agency's Personal Data and Privacy Policy](#) and is collected solely for the purpose(s) of reviewing and assessing the application and to complete logistical arrangements where required. The IAEA may also use the contact details of Applicants to inform them of the IAEA's scientific and technical publications, or the latest employment opportunities and current open vacancies at the IAEA. These secondary purposes are consistent with the IAEA's mandate. Further information can be found in the [Data Processing Notice](#) concerning IAEA InTouch+ platform.

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Mailing address:		Tel.:
		Fax:
		Email:
Date of birth (yyyy/mm/dd):	Nationality:	

1. Education (post-secondary):

Name and place of institution	Field of study	Diploma or Degree	Years attended from	to

2. Recent employment record (starting with your present post):

Name and place of employer/organization	Title of your position	Type of work	Years attended from	to

3. Description of work performed over the last three years:

4. Institute's/Member State's programme in field of event:

Date: _____ **Signature of applicant:** _____

Date: _____ **Name, signature and stamp of Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
Permanent Mission to the IAEA or National Atomic Energy
Authority**
