

RER1022 ENHANCING UTILIZATION AND SAFETY OF RESEARCH REACTORS

Regional Workshop on the Regulatory Supervision of Research Reactors

Hosted by

The Government of Slovenia

through the

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Information Sheet

Introduction

The Technical Cooperation project RER1022, "Enhancing Utilization and Safety of Research Reactors" aims to enhance Member States' utilization of research reactors and provide support to the safe operation of the research reactors in the Europe and Central Asia region through compliance to the Code of Conduct on Safety of Research Reactors and the sustainability of related networks and coalitions.

Objectives

The purpose of the event is to discuss and share experience on regulatory supervision capabilities of research reactors, including, in particular, the establishment of effective regulatory inspection programmes.

Working Language(s)

The working language of the event will be English.

Deadline for Nominations

Nominations received after 25 July2025 will not be considered.

Workshop Framework and Expected Outputs

During the workshop, the participants will be given lectures by IAEA staff and international experts on authorization, regulatory inspection and enforcement processes for research reactors. The IAEA safety standards will be presented in detail, emphasizing the requirements and recommendations for regulatory infrastructure, review and assessment of safety documentation, regulatory inspection programme and management of interface between nuclear safety and security for research reactors.

The participants will also give presentations on their national practices concerning regulatory supervision of research reactors, discuss topics of interest, and conduct a working group exercise on establishing an effective regulatory inspection programme for research reactors.

The expected main output of this event is a report, summarizing the conclusions of the regional workshop and recommendations to IAEA and the Member States on the topic of regulatory supervision.

Target Audience

The workshop is open to the following Member States participating in the regional TC project RER/1/022 - "Enhancing Utilization 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 below mentioned application procedure.

Participants' Qualifications and Experience

Participants should be from research reactor regulatory bodies or their technical support organizations. They should be familiar with the research reactors in their respective countries and have performed, be performing, or be planning to perform licensing, regulatory supervision, and enforcement."

As the workshop will be conducted in English, participants should have sufficient proficiency to deliver and follow talks and participate in the discussions in this language without difficulty.

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://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 <u>Designation of Beneficiary and Emergency Contact Form</u>, 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 (EVT2501342) 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 <u>InTouch+ Help page</u>. Any issues or queries related to InTouch+ can be addressed to <u>InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org</u>.

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. Arlia (L.Arlia@iaea.org), and Mr Bru (Y.Bru@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 scientific matters should be sent to the Scientific Secretary, Ms L. Arlia (<u>L.Arlia@iaea.org</u>) and correspondence on other matters related to the meeting to the Administrative Contact.