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# **Regional Workshop on Lessons Learned from Integrated Regulatory Review Service Missions Conducted in European Union Member States**

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## **Information Sheet**

### **A. Introduction**

The IAEA Integrated Regulatory Review Service (IRRS) is a key instrument to improve nuclear safety worldwide. It has been established to strengthen and enhance the effectiveness of national regulatory frameworks for nuclear, radiation, radioactive waste and transport safety by supporting the application of the IAEA safety standards whilst recognizing the ultimate responsibility of each State to ensure safety in these areas. This meets with the obligation of the IAEA, as stipulated under the terms of Article III of its statute, to establish or adopt standards for safety and to provide for their application by Member States.

IRRS has been recognized in all Member States, including in Europe, as a high quality and valued peer review mechanism which plays a key role in the global enhancement of regulatory oversight of nuclear and radiation safety. Consequently, IRRS is the instrument of choice used by the Member States of the European Union (EU) to meet their obligation as stipulated by the Nuclear Safety Directive 2014/87/Euratom (NSD) in Article 8e:

"Member States shall, at least once every 10 years, arrange for periodic self-assessments of their national framework and competent regulatory authorities and invite an international peer review of relevant segments of their national framework and competent regulatory authorities with the aim of continuously improving nuclear safety. Outcomes of such peer reviews shall be reported to the Member States and the Commission, when available."

Similarly to IRRS, the IAEA Integrated Review Service for Radioactive Waste and Spent Fuel Management, Decommissioning and Remediation (ARTEMIS) is the instrument used by the Member

States of the European Union to meet their obligation as stipulated by the Spent Fuel and Radioactive Waste Directive 2011/70/Euratom under its Article 14.

The complementarity of the IRRS and ARTEMIS have been reviewed by IAEA in cooperation with EU Member States with a view to address the existing overlaps between the services. In the interest of delivering efficiency benefits, IAEA now offers the possibility to organize the IRRS and ARTEMIS Missions in a back-to-back manner to avoiding undue duplications of work and unnecessary burden to the Member States.

Since its launch in 2006 the IRRS has gained a high level of recognition from Member States. 133 missions took place by the end of 2022, including 55 missions conducted in EU Member States. Many EU Member States have completed or are preparing their second IRRS cycle. Hence, it is important to ensure that the IRRS remains effective and efficient and through continuous improvement meets the need of Member States. Several international workshops have been organized for the exchange of information, experience and lessons learned from the IRRS missions conducted around the world. The last Workshop on Lessons Learned from IRRS for EU Member States took place in Luxembourg, in November 2018.

In addition to the issues discussed at the international level and based on exchanges with Member States, the European Commission and the IAEA have identified the importance of providing the EU Member States with an opportunity to share in a workshop environment their specific experiences, including the use of peer review missions to facilitate meeting their EC Directive obligations.

This workshop is organized in conjunction with the International Workshop on Lessons Learned from Integrated Regulatory Review Service (IRRS) Missions to be held in Vienna from 11-12 October 2023.

## **B. Objectives**

The purpose of the workshop is to exchange information and experiences, and to discuss specific issues related to the IRRS missions conducted in the European Union including for facilitating compliance with the EC Directive obligations.

The workshop will be also an opportunity to discuss the use of the back-to-back approach for conducting IRRS and ARTEMIS missions and to review the advantages and challenges when compared to conducting the missions independently.

The EU regional workshop will complement the discussions from the International Workshop on Lessons Learned from Integrated Regulatory Review Service (IRRS) Missions held 11-12 October 2023 but with specific focus on EU Member States.

The workshop is organized by the IAEA with organisational and financial support from the European Union.

## **C. Working Language**

The working language of the workshop will be English. No interpretation will be provided.

## **D. Target Audience**

Each European Union Member State is invited to nominate one or two senior regulators from its regulatory body and/or organizations engaged in activities related to IRRS.

For maximising the benefits of the lessons learned from IRRS missions while ensuring continuity of the discussions, the participants are strongly encouraged to also participate in the International Workshop on Lessons Learned from Integrated Regulatory Review Service (IRRS) Missions to be held from 11 to 12 October 2023.

## E. Application Procedure

Designations should be submitted using the attached Participation Form (Form A). Completed forms should be endorsed by the competent national authority (e.g. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA, or National Atomic Energy Authority) and returned through the established official channels. They must be received by the IAEA not later than **11 August 2023**.

Designations received after that date or applications sent directly by individuals cannot be considered.

In due course full details will be given on the procedures to be followed with regard to administrative and financial matters.

## F. 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 workshop. 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 workshop.

The application for financial support should be made using the **Grant Application Form (Form C)** which has to be stamped, signed and submitted by the competent national authority to the IAEA together with the **Participation Form (Form A)** by 11 August 2023.

## G. Additional Information

The workshop will be held in Press Room in M building at the Vienna International Centre (VIC), on Friday, 13 October starting at 9.00 a.m. and ending at 4.00 p.m.

It is organized back-to-back with the International Workshop on Lessons Learned from Integrated Regulatory Review Service (IRRS) Missions, organized from 11 to 12 October 2023.

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: [Guide to the Vienna International Centre \(VIC\) | IAEA](#). Participants are advised to arrive at Checkpoint 1/Gate 1 of the VIC one hour before the start of the workshop 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.

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.

## **H. Organization**

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

# Participation Form

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**Vienna, Austria**

**13 October 2023**

To be completed by the participant and sent to the competent national authority (e.g. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA, or National Atomic Energy Authority) of his/her country for subsequent transmission to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) either by email to: [Official.Mail@iaea.org](mailto:Official.Mail@iaea.org) or by fax to: +43 1 26007 (no hard copies needed). Please also send a copy by email to the Scientific Secretary, Mr Jean-Rene Jubin, Division of Nuclear Installation Safety, Department of Nuclear Safety and Security [J.Jubin@iaea.org](mailto:J.Jubin@iaea.org), and to the Administrative Secretary, Ms Martina Bishop Lasovska [M.Bishop-Lasovska@iaea.org](mailto:M.Bishop-Lasovska@iaea.org).

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: 11 August 2023**

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:	

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.

# Grant Application Form

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Mailing address:	Tel.:	
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	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**

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