

Regional Workshop on the Establishment of Financial Provisions for the Management of Disused Radioactive Sources

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Information Sheet

Introduction

The safe and secure management of disused radioactive sources remains a priority for ensuring protection of people and the environment, as well as for sustaining public confidence in the use of radiation technologies. One of the key challenges identified by Member States is the establishment of adequate and appropriate financial provisions to cover the costs associated with the end-of-life management of radioactive sources. Without such provisions, there is a risk that disused sources may be improperly stored, abandoned, or orphaned, creating significant safety and security hazards.

The Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources (Code of Conduct) and its supplementary Guidance on the Management of Disused Radioactive Sources (Disused Source Guidance) highlight the importance of ensuring that radioactive sources are safely managed and securely protected during and at the end of their useful lives, including through the establishment of financial provisions. While these instruments set out the principles and objectives, further practical guidance is needed on how financial mechanisms can be effectively designed and implemented at the national level.

The Code of Conduct, which applies to all radioactive sources that may pose a significant risk to individuals, society, and the environment, as referenced in Annex I of the Code of Conduct, provides the overarching framework for this work.

In line with these instruments, the IAEA supports Member States in ensuring the safe and secure management of radioactive sources throughout their entire life cycle, including once they have reached the end of their useful life. To further support this process and facilitate implementation, the IAEA developed technical document on establishing financial provisions for the management of disused radioactive sources.

Objectives

The purpose of the event is to provide participants with an understanding of the concept of financial provisions for disused radioactive sources, as recommended by the Code of Conduct and Disused Source Guidance, and to introduce the IAEA Technical Document on Establishing Financial Provisions for the Management of Disused Radioactive Sources, highlighting international experience and national practices through interactive training sessions using case studies, exercises, and facilitated discussions on the responsibilities of the State, regulatory body, and licensees in relation to financial mechanisms and provisions.

Target Audience

The event is intended for technical experts from regulatory bodies, operators of facilities and service providers for disused radioactive sources and other stakeholders that are involved in the safe management and secure protection of such sources. Participants should have experience in the establishment, implementation, and supervision for the management of disused radioactive sources. Priority will be given to Member States seeking to strengthen their national frameworks and align with the forthcoming IAEA guidance on financial provisions.

Working Language(s)

English

Participation and Registration

In order to be designated by an IAEA Member State or invited organization, participants are requested to submit their application 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 **Thursday**, **15 January 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 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 **Thursday**, **15 January 2026**.

For additional information on how to apply for an event, please refer to the <u>InTouch+ Help</u> page. Any other issues or queries related to InTouch+ can be sent to <u>InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org</u>.

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

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 the IAEA InTouch+ platform.

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.

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 **Thursday**, 15 **January 2026**.

Visas

Participants who require a visa to enter Thailand should submit the necessary application as soon as possible to the nearest diplomatic or consular representative of Thailand.

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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.