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Pilot Training Course on the Method for Developing Arrangements for Response to a Nuclear or Radiological Emergency

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Information Sheet

Introduction

In November 2015, the Safety Requirements publication Preparedness and Response for a Nuclear or Radiological Emergency, IAEA Safety Standards Series No. GSR Part 7, was published in a joint sponsorship of 13 international intergovernmental organizations. This publication provides requirements for ensuring an adequate level of preparedness and response for a nuclear or radiological emergencies irrespective of the initiator, which could be a natural event, a human error, a mechanical or other failure, or a nuclear security event.

The 65th General Conference in resolution GC (65)/RES/08 para. 110 encourages Member States to develop and strengthen national, bilateral, regional and international emergency preparedness and response mechanisms and arrangements while systematically implementing IAEA Safety Standards. In this context, this training course aims to support implementation of the IAEA Safety Standards Series No. GSR Part 7 by providing a practical step-by-step approach for developing integrated operator, local and national arrangements for emergency response based on the potential nature and magnitude of the hazards associated with an emergency should it occur. The mentioned approach, initially introduced in the Method for Developing. Arrangements for Response to a. Nuclear or Radiological Emergency. EPR-Method (2003) was developed under the assumption that no emergency arrangements exist in a State as required in the IAEA safety standards with the intention that it would be useful for those States which are currently embarking on developing an effective EPR framework but also to those considering actions to further strengthen arrangements in place as required in the IAEA safety standards.

The EPR-Method (2003) has recently been reviewed and updated to the EPR-Method (2024). This update was carried out to ensure alignment with the other documentation within the IAEA Safety Standards Series, and to align with best practice. Significant expansion was also made to consider Information and Computer Security for EPR, reflecting the increasing use of digital technologies.

Objectives

This training course is intended to train respective officials in Member States on how to develop effective arrangements for response to a nuclear or radiological emergency irrespective of whether it arises from an accident, a natural disaster, negligence, a nuclear security event or any other cause as required in the IAEA safety standards in EPR, and in line with the latest version of the EPR-Method.

Furthermore, this training course will help respective officials in Member States to identify elements that need to be further elaborated upon or strengthened while improving consistency and increasing the transparency among all concerned parties.

The training course will comprise of a series of lectures, working sessions, one tabletop exercise and one field exercise, enabling participants to apply knowledge gained in practice.

Target Audience

The training course is open to participants from all Member States. It targets those responsible for establishing and maintaining emergency arrangements for nuclear and/or radiological emergencies, irrespective of the cause, at all levels (i.e. national, regional, local and at the facility) and within all relevant response organizations (e.g. operating organizations, regulatory bodies, technical support organizations etc.).

The candidates are expected to have relevant professional involvement in preparedness and response for nuclear or radiological emergencies.

The individual skills and actual work performed by the nominees, as well as relevant background activities in their home countries, will be considered in the selection process. As the workshop will be conducted in English, participants should have sufficient proficiency to follow lectures and express themselves in this language without difficulty.

Working Language(s)

The working language of the event is **English**.

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 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 **14 June 2024**, 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 **14 June 2024**.

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.

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.

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:

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.

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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.