



International Workshop on Considerations for Preparedness and Response for Nuclear and Radiological Emergencies, Triggered by Nuclear Security Events

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Information Sheet

Introduction

Nuclear or radiological emergencies may arise from a range of initiating events, including accidents, natural hazards, human errors or nuclear security events. Emergency preparedness and response (EPR) arrangements are established to ensure an effective response irrespective of the initiating cause, providing the framework for protecting people, property and the environment and mitigating the consequences of an emergency.

Effective preparedness requires clearly defined roles and responsibilities, appropriate plans and procedures, adequate capabilities, effective coordination among relevant organizations, and arrangements for timely decision making and implementation of response actions. Where a nuclear security event triggers, or may trigger, a nuclear or radiological emergency, these arrangements should enable an integrated and coordinated response among relevant emergency response and nuclear security organizations.

The IAEA safety standards, in particular Preparedness and Response for a Nuclear or Radiological Emergency (IAEA Safety Standards Series No. GSR Part 7), establish requirements for preparedness and response to nuclear or radiological emergencies irrespective of the initiating event. These are complemented by the IAEA Nuclear Security Series, which provides guidance for preparedness for and response to nuclear security events.

The workshop focuses on the EPR arrangements needed to effectively manage nuclear or radiological emergencies triggered by nuclear security events, with particular emphasis on preparedness, roles and responsibilities, coordination, assessment of radiological consequences, protection of emergency workers and the public, and implementation of an effective and coordinated response.

Objectives

The primary objective of the workshop is to strengthen Member States' capabilities to prepare for and respond effectively to nuclear or radiological emergencies triggered by nuclear security events, with emphasis on coordinated and integrated arrangements among relevant authorities and response organizations.

Specifically, the workshop aims to:

- Strengthen understanding of the interface between EPR and nuclear security, considering GSR Part 7 and relevant IAEA Nuclear Security Series publications.
- Examine roles, responsibilities and coordination mechanisms among organizations involved in preparedness and response.
- Identify key considerations for developing and integrating appropriate plans, procedures and response capabilities.
- Enable participants to identify gaps and areas for strengthening national arrangements.
- Apply the concepts discussed through interactive working sessions and scenario based on understanding of nuclear or radiological emergencies that may trigger by nuclear security events and their implications for preparedness and response.

The workshop will combine technical presentations, discussions and practical working sessions to support the application of coordinated preparedness and response arrangements.

Target Audience

The workshop is open to 35 participants from invited Member States, the workshop is intended for qualified professionals from Member States who are directly involved in the **planning, coordination and management of preparedness and response arrangements for nuclear or radiological emergencies triggered by nuclear security events**.

Participants should preferably represent competent authorities or organizations with responsibilities for **emergency preparedness and response, nuclear security, or coordination between these areas**, and should have sufficient authority or technical responsibility to contribute to the development or implementation of national arrangements.

Candidates should have relevant professional experience in EPR, nuclear security or a closely related field. Preference will be given to nominees whose current functions involve **national-level planning, coordination or decision-making** related to such events.

As the workshop will be conducted in English, participants should have sufficient proficiency to participate effectively in presentations, discussions and working sessions.

Working Language(s)

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 **24 October 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 **24 October 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.

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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Visas

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

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