Date and location

The workshop will take place on 18-20 October 2017 at the conference facility of the Holiday Inn Hotel, Bratislava, Slovak Republic.

Social events

Various social events are planned throughout the workshop to foster relationships among the participants.

Registration and practical information

The workshop is open to NEA member countries representatives and other participants upon invitation. The number of participants is limited to 140. Registration at the earliest possible convenience is therefore strongly encouraged. We invite you to register as soon as possible by sending an email to bratislava2017@oecd-nea.org.

Information regarding accommodation and other practical issues will be available soon online for those registered.

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The Third International Workshop on the Indemnification of Damage in the Event of a Nuclear Accident is co-organised by the OECD Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA) and the Nuclear Regulatory Authority of the Slovak Republic. This workshop is a unique opportunity to explore the practical application of international nuclear liability instruments and the potential consequences with regard to non-convention states in the case of a nuclear incident.

Organisers

The NEA is an intergovernmental agency that facilitates co-operation among countries with advanced nuclear technology infrastructures to seek excellence in nuclear safety, technology, science, environment and law. The current membership of the NEA consists of 31 countries from North America, Europe and the Asia-Pacific region, accounting for approximately 83% of the world's installed nuclear capacity.

The Nuclear Regulatory Authority of the Slovak Republic is a central government authority of the Slovak Republic for nuclear regulation. It exercises state supervision over the safety of nuclear installations (in all stages of the fuel cycle including radioactive waste management and spent fuel management), nuclear materials and the physical protection of nuclear installations; performs assessments of plans for use of nuclear energy, the quality of classified equipment and nuclear technology devices, and the commitments of the Slovak Republic arising from international treaties on nuclear safety of nuclear installations and nuclear materials management.

Workshop background

The First International Workshop on the Indemnification of Damage in the Event of a Nuclear Accident was organised by the NEA in co-operation with the French authorities and held in November 2001 in Paris, France. Its purpose was to integrate third party liability and compensation issues into an essentially technical emergency exercise (INEX-2000, a simulated nuclear accident at the Gravelines nuclear power plant in France). The emphasis of the workshop was placed on the manner in which the Paris Convention on Third Party Liability in the Field of Nuclear Energy and the Brussels Supplementary Convention, both as amended by the 2004 Protocols; ii) the Vienna Convention on Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage and the 1997 Protocol to amend the Vienna Convention; iii) the Joint Protocol relating to the application of the Vienna Convention and the Paris Convention; and iv) the Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage.

The Second International Workshop on the Indemnification of Damage in the Event of a Nuclear Accident was held in Bratislava, Slovak Republic, in May 2005. This workshop, co-organised by the NEA and the Nuclear Regulatory Authority of the Slovak Republic, was based on two fictitious scenarios aimed to test the implementation of various third party liability regimes with a special focus on an assessment of the indemnification measures that would be taken if a nuclear accident occurred in a state party to the Vienna Convention on Civil Liability for Nuclear Damage, and more specifically a state party to both the Vienna Convention and the Joint Protocol Relating to the Application of the Vienna Convention and the Paris Convention.

Programme of the Third Workshop

The Third Workshop will focus on an assessment of the implementation of currently applicable international nuclear liability conventions in conjunction with, inter alia, non-convention states regimes, assuming all the modernised international instruments have come into force. The exercise will therefore assess the implementation of the following instruments: i) the Paris Convention on Third Party Liability in the Field of Nuclear

View of Bratislava, Slovak Republic.