



International Workshop on the INEX 5 Exercises

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This is a preliminary announcement for the upcoming International Workshop on the International Exercise (INEX) 5 on notification, communication and interfaces related to catastrophic events involving radiation or radiological materials, organised by the OECD Nuclear Energy Agency through its Working Party on Nuclear Emergency Matters (WPNEM).

Background

Twenty-two¹ countries have conducted the INEX 5 exercise. Each participating country has performed its own assessment of the exercise using the standard INEX 5 evaluation questionnaire with the intent to share, as appropriate, its experience internationally. During the WPNEM-41 topical session on INEX 5 held in January 2017, key results and lessons learnt during conduction of the INEX 5 exercises were presented by eighteen countries. Additionally, the Secretariat presented a preliminary analysis of the questionnaires. The topical session allowed identifying several lessons and issues which would benefit from further analysis and exchange and that should be taken into account in the programme of the INEX 5 International workshop to be held in October 2017. International coordination and communication was identified as deserving major focus.

Objectives

The international workshop will allow identifying recommendations, key needs and common gaps for future work. The outcomes of the exercise and workshop will be published as proceedings or as a strategy-level summary.

The main objectives of the INEX 5 international Workshop are:

- i) to allow participating countries to identify elements for improving their arrangements for notification, communication and interfaces related to catastrophic events involving radiation or radiological materials, and
- ii) to exchange experience with other countries that have conducted and evaluated an INEX 5 exercise and other relevant international actors.

¹ Austria, Belgium, Chinese Taipei, Croatia, Czech Republic, France, Ireland, Italy, Germany, Hungary, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and the United States.

Programme

The observations, lessons and issues captured through the preliminary analysis of the INEX 5 Evaluation questionnaires conducted by the Secretariat and during the Topical session in January 2017 are the basis for the programme of the INEX 5 International Workshop. The workshop programme will mainly focus on international communication and coordination, considering a broad range of issues including:

- Approaches and mechanisms for discussing and coordinating protective action decisions, particularly among neighbouring countries. For example, the countries participating in regional INEX 5 exercises used the HERCA-WENRA approach (HWA).
- Use of real-time communications platforms.
- Adequacy of national arrangements and resources to respond to requests for information.
- Different countermeasure approaches.
- Intermediate and longer term aspects.
- Organisation of regional exercises.

In order to enhance collaboration and coordination with other international fora, hence avoiding duplication efforts, the programme will include also a session on ongoing and future activities of other international organisations, platforms and networks related to the programme of the workshop.

Programme outline

- Workshop Opening
- Summary of the INEX 5 evaluation analysis
- Session 1.- Communication and information sharing with other countries and international partners. Focus on real-time communication platforms
- Session 2.- Cross-border and international coordination of protective measures
- Session 3.- Long-term aspects: how to integrate them in exercises
- Session 4.- Connection to the work of other international organisations, platforms, networks
- Session 5.- Key issues in international coordination and communications and ways forward
- Workshop Closing

Target Audience

This workshop is mainly addressed to radiation protection / emergency preparedness experts and specialists looking for approaches to more efficiently and effectively share emergency management information, and improve coordination of protective action decisions. Countries that have conducted the INEX 5 exercise are a prime target, but the workshop is also of interest to emergency preparedness specialists from countries and international organisations interested in emergency management. The workshop's results will be of particular value for those countries and international organisations having already conducted similar national, regional or international exercises investigating aspects such as notification, communication and interfaces related to catastrophic events involving radiation or radiological materials. Whilst the

workshop will be based on INEX 5 exercise outcomes, there is no requirement to have held/played an INEX 5 exercise, nor to have a nuclear power programme.

Format

The workshop will be held over 2 days, starting at 9h00 on 24 October and ending around 18h00 on 25 October 2017. It will be an interactive experience for participants with two distinct session formats:

- **Plenary Sessions:** participants will be invited to attend plenary sessions on specific topics, consisting of specifically prepared presentations from countries that have conducted an INEX 5 exercise or invited speakers and subsequent moderated analysis designed to initiate discussions and identify areas of international interest;
- **Breakout Sessions:** participants will be invited to join two or more groups that will breakout to focus on more detailed international aspects of the key objectives. One of the breakout sessions will include a simple exercise which will require preparation by the participants. Information to prepare the session will be sent in due course.

The workshop will be moderated by an experienced facilitator.

The working language of the workshop is English.

Programme committee

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Registration

Participation will be limited to approximately 100 people. There is no registration fee, but pre-registration is required. Registration opening will be notified and information about registration process will be provided in due course.

The organisers reserve the right to limit attendance if registration exceeds the capacity of the meeting halls. Please feel free to contact the Secretariat, as noted below, if you have further questions.

Venue

Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA)
46, quai Alphonse Le Gallo
92100 Boulogne-Billancourt
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Accommodation and transport

Participants are responsible for all travel arrangements and hotel booking.
A list of hotel close to the NEA premises is available here: <https://www.oecd-nea.org/general/practical/>.

The building is located between the Paris Metro line 9 near Pont de Sèvres station and on Metro line 10 near Pont de Saint-Cloud station. For more details concerning the transport in the Paris region, you can consult the RATP website (www.ratp.fr).

Citymapper (mobile app and web interface) also provides good information for getting around Paris and the surrounding region using public transport.

Further details about the workshop venue and logistics arrangements will be provided together with the workshop agenda in September 2017.

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