

Chair's summary report

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**EGIRM Workshop
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The workshop objectives

- This workshop aimed to support all interested parties in implementation of the methodology through the wide discussion, demonstration and training in practical application.
- To give detailed explanations and examples on how the methodology can be implemented;
- To discuss possible ways of implementation and benefits from the implementation;
- To convince SF and RW management community in usage of the methodology as a tool of communication;
- To collect the feedbacks from the participants and use them to make the implementation process more efficient.

The workshop format

- Widely open for all interested experts, countries and organisations;
- More than 40 participants registered;
- 18 countries; IAEA, EC, NEA and WNA;
- Chair of the workshop – Geert VOLCKAERT (EGIRM Chair);
- EGIRM members led the workshop;
- Four sessions:
 - Three sessions to present and discuss the methodology;
 - Fourth session to do the practical exercises.

The session N1(i)

RW/SF inventory, management strategy and disposal routes.
Need to harmonise reporting and presenting.

Chair of session – Mario DIONISI

- Objective:
 - providing an understanding why the methodology development and other relevant activities were started and what is the status of international efforts.
- Participants discussed:
 - the reporting process to international programmes;
 - the experience and lessons learnt after the 1st Status and Trends report publication;
 - needs and anticipations with regards to the joint reporting tool;
 - benefits for countries from harmonisation process and their concerns regarding such a harmonisation.

The session N1(ii)

- Main outcomes:
 - Participants briefly introduced their national approaches to data collection and reporting for international purpose (JC, EC and S&T);
 - Participants discussed and recognised the importance of a common approach to SF/RW inventory data understanding and presenting;
 - There is a need in provision of consistency in interpretation of national inventory data. However, the scope and level of details should be justified and adequate to given issue;
 - Each country has its system of data collection and aggregation based on its needs; and for international communication, a common tool for data presenting is recognised useful.

The session N2(i)

EGIRM methodology – history of development, background, EGIRM objectives, requirements to the methodology.

Chair of session – Bengt HEDBERG

- Objective:
 - providing an overview of the process of methodology development, objectives achieved and requirements addressed.
- Participants discussed:
 - variety of national approaches to RM classification development;
 - some difficulties in understanding between representatives of different countries appear during discussion of RW inventories;
 - how the methodology may facilitate understanding and comparing of data by different types of experts and others;.

The session N2(ii)

- Main outcomes:
 - Participants discussed possible benefits from the methodology implementation and recognised that some benefits are achievable for the countries, institutions, organisations, experts and non-technical people;
 - The methodology is developed to present the national situations in SF/RW management, and the EGIRM proposed the reasonably minimal size of table to present a general overview picture. However, when necessary, the table can be extended as needed, and presentation format is up to the implementer;
 - The EGIRM gave justification that its methodology is capable to address different needs and be useful on different levels.

The session N3(i)

The methodology in details.

Chair of session – Mike GARAMSZE GHY

- Objective:
 - focussing on the all details of the developed methodology, to explain the role of each element of the presenting scheme with wide provision of examples.
- Discussion was planned in the fourth session after the testing exercises.

The session N4(i)

Practical exercises on the methodology application on proposed examples.

Chair of session – Geert Volckaert

- Objective:
 - practical exercises on the methodology application with examples of hypothetical RW/SF inventories proposed by EGIRM
 - testing the methodology on real national SF/RW inventories (when available);
 - discussion of results and analysis of performance to be held in second part of session.
- Participants discussed:
 - the groups' observations and findings from the session;
 - their exercises results;
 - conclusions made by groups on the methodology potential.

The session N4(ii)

- Main outcomes:
 - Participants in five groups performed proposed tasks;
 - The next points were noted after the exercises:
 - Groups concluded that the methodology can present different national situations;
 - Groups have not met serious difficulties with understanding of the tasks and the process of table filling;
 - Groups found that some additional clarification is needed for cases:
 - Several facilities of the same type are in a country;
 - C1 is for SF/RW “at home”, and C2 is for “abroad”;
 - Presenting of correlation between national RW classifications and GSG-1 should be better clarified.

The main Chair's conclusions

- Participants recognised the need in consistency of national data presenting on international level; such a consistency considered to be clearly justified and of high added value;
- Participants found the EGIRM methodology workable and beneficial tool in context of international dialogue, some benefits might also be obtained on state level;
- Discussing the presenting table, participants concluded that the meaning of “no strategy” (column B) should be explained in more clear and unambiguous manner to avoid any misunderstanding amongst different users.

Thank you for your attention!