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Working Party on Nuclear Emergency Matters (WPNEM)

**Expert Group on non-radiological public health aspects of
radiological or nuclear emergencies**

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including psycho-social and other societal impacts of Evacuation, Sheltering and Relocation

- **Objective:** to improve consideration of non-radiological health aspects in the preparedness and response of nuclear accidents through the development of practical solutions for mitigation of these aspects
- **Deliverable:** practical guidance and tools to integrate MHPSS into EPR
- **Based on**
 - The **WHO report** describing “a framework for mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) in radiological and nuclear emergencies”
 - The outcomes of the **international workshop jointly organized by OECD/NEA, WHO and BfS in Munich, Germany, 18-20 March 2020**. The content will be based on the challenging issues outcoming from the WHO policy framework

The workshop in a nutshell

- **Title:** “Toward a better integration of Non-Radiological Public Health Aspects of Protection Strategies during Radiation Emergency Planning, Response and Recovery”
- **Type:** International workshop co-organised by BfS, OECD-NEA and WHO
- **Location:** campus of Helmholtz Gesellschaft in Neuherberg near Munich, Germany
- **Date:** 18-20 March 2020
- **Audience:** mental health experts, emergency responders, and crisis responders in any sectors, policy-makers, governmental and non-governmental organisations, scientists, and any other stakeholders from related fields and civil society interested in the topic.

Main sessions

- Pre-work : background notes to help participants being ready for this multidisciplinary workshop
 - E.g., explain simply the phases of an nuclear/radiological emergency, the protective actions which would compose the strategy, their potential consequences
 - E.g., explain simply the meaning of mental health, the principles and concepts for psychosocial effects support
- Session 1. Setting the scene and framing the objectives of the workshop
 - Key notes on Mental issues and disasters ; the Fukushima case ; The mental health legacy of the Chernobyl disaster
 - Brief note on MHPPS ; Brief note on the ICRP TG93
- Session 2. Fukushima mental health and psychological consequences from the Japanese perspective
- Session 3. Psychological impact management – experience from non-nuclear disasters
- Session 4. Social mobilization and Community Engagement for preparedness and response to radiation emergencies
- Session 5 – Experiences with psychological support and care: approaches, methods and tools

Two interactive sessions

- Write the scenario for a panel discussion to capture comments from the audience on the WHO framework
- Prepare two dedicated break out sessions:
 - one dealing with a check list of issues to tackle to enhance preparedness and propose practical solutions for mitigation of psychosocial impacts
 - Another dealing with Q&A prepared in advance to leverage the understanding of stakeholders and build and disseminate RP culture and underlying values

Timeline

- Website <https://www.oecd-neo.org/download/wpnem/Munich2020JointWorkshop/>
- Registration 15 November 2019 - 15 February 2020 – extended to End of February
- Final programme: 1st of March 2020
- Workshop: 18-20 March 2020

Thank you for your attention

