CRPPH
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 a 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


- Registration 15 November 2019 - 15 February 2020 – extended to End of February

- Final programme: 1\(^{st}\) of March 2020

- Workshop: 18-20 March 2020
Thank you for your attention