

ENGAGE final workshop First announcement

Enhancing stakeholder participation in the governance of radiological risks for improved radiation protection and informed decision making

DATE & PLACE: 11-13 SEPTEMBER 2019, Bratislava, Slovak Republic

Stakeholder engagement is now recognized as an essential ingredient in the governance of radiological risk. But how is stakeholder engagement achieved? Whom should it include and why? How can it inform radiation protection practices and decision making?

This workshop provides an opportunity to discuss these and related questions, with the aim of stimulating more effective and democratic governance of radiological risks. Three fields will be examined in detail: medical exposures to ionizing radiation, post-accident exposures, and exposure to indoor radon.

Workshop Aims:

- To share findings from the ENGAGE project and stimulate mutual learning;
- To collect feedback on recommendations for enhanced stakeholder participation in the abovementioned three fields.

Workshop Format:

The workshop will consist of presentations and facilitated discussions. The ENGAGE team and invited representatives will present the following topics:

- Rationales and frameworks for stakeholder engagement in radiation protection,
- Stakeholder engagement in practice, illustrated with case studies related to medical exposures, post-accident exposures, and exposure to indoor radon,
- Building radiation protection cultures in view of supporting stakeholder engagement in the governance of radiological risk, and
- Recommendations for stakeholder engagement in radiation protection, according to the three exposure situations.

Participants:

The workshop is open to policy-makers, responsible authorities, non-governmental organizations, researchers, members of the radiation protection platforms, journalists, and any other stakeholders from related fields and civil society that in any form have a stake in radiation protection decision making.

Background Information:

ENGAGE is part of CONCERT, funded under the H2020 CONCERT European Joint Programme. It aims at developing theory, practice and guidelines for stakeholder engagement in relation to **medical** exposures to ionizing radiation, **post-accident** exposures, and exposure to **indoor radon**.

The ENGAGE project objectives are to i) answer the questions **why**, **when** and **how** are stakeholders engaged in radiation protection issues; ii) develop **novel approaches** to analyzing stakeholder interaction and engagement; iii) investigate processes for **enhancing radiation protection culture** and their role in facilitating stakeholder engagement; and iv) provide **recommendations and build a knowledge base** for stakeholder engagement in radiation protection.

For more information about the project please visit the ENGAGE web page <http://www.engage-concert.eu/>.

Dates and venue:

The workshop will take place from September 11-13, 2019 on the premises of Lindner Hotel Gallery Central in Bratislava, Metodova 4, Slovak Republic.

(<https://www.lindner.de/en/bratislava-hotel-gallery-central/welcome.html>) .

Accommodation:

Lindner Hotel Gallery Central offers rooms for a reduced price for workshop participants until the end of May 2019. You can use other hotels offers in Bratislava as well.

Working language:

All sessions will be held in English.

Registration:

The workshop has received funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme within the CONCERT- ENGAGE project under grant agreement No 662287 and thus it is free of charge. Participants are expected to cover their own travel and subsistence costs.

While there is no registration fee, workshop participation is limited to a **maximum of 100 participants and registration is required by filling out the online registration form** on the ENGAGE website (<http://www.engage-concert.eu/>) before the registration deadline.

Further information:

For further information, please contact the host coordinator Tatiana Duranova (tatiana.duranova@vuje.sk) or the ENGAGE Project (engage@sckcen.be).

Important dates:

Second announcement/Programme:	May 31, 2019
Registration deadline:	June 30, 2019
Final project workshop:	September 11-13, 2019