

ENGAGE final workshop Second 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 recognized as essential in the governance of radiological risk. But **how is stakeholder engagement achieved? Whom does it include and why? How can it inform radiation protection practices and decision making?**

This workshop will tap into participants' expertise and experiences on 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 co-develop recommendations for enhanced stakeholder participation in the aforementioned three fields.

Workshop Format:

The workshop will consist of presentations, panels and facilitated group discussions, addressing:

- The connection between stakeholder engagement prescriptions and practice;
- The conditions for meaningful participation and commitment of institutional and non-institutional stakeholders;
- Bridging risk assessment, risk management and risk communication approaches and stakeholders;
- Alignment of different decision levels: local, regional, national and international;
- Informed decision-making (role of communication, access to information, informed consent);
- Radiation protection cultures, including objectives, target stakeholders, content, tools, evaluation processes;
- Broadening the scope of 'participation' in radiation protection beyond formal institutional approaches;
- Education, training and capacity building.

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 until September 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>).

The workshop will start with registration and welcome lunch on September 11 at 12:00, and will conclude on September 13 at 12:30.

Accommodation:

We recommend accommodation at the Lindner Hotel Gallery Central. The Lindner Hotel offers rooms for a reduced price for workshop participants until the end of June 2019. To reserve a room, please fill in the [hotel booking form](#), with 'ENGAGE Workshop' as subject and send it to the hotel (reservations.bratislava@lindnerhotels.com).

Working language:

All sessions will be held in English.

Registration:

The workshop receives funding from the European Union's Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under the CONCERT project 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, **registration is required by filling out the online registration form** on the ENGAGE website at: [ENGAGE final workshop registration](#)

Further information:

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

Important dates:

Registration deadline:

August 10, 2019

Final project workshop:

September 11-13, 2019