



INFORMATION SHEET

ON

**Regional Conference on Norwegian funded
Regional Excellence Programmes for
Safe Nuclear Energy in Romania and Bulgaria**

**Organized by the
Government of Romania
National Commission for Nuclear Activities Control (CNCAN)**

**in cooperation with the
International Atomic Energy Agency**

28 March - 1 April 2011

Brasov, Romania

ORGANIZERS

The Regional Conference on the Safe Nuclear Energy-Regional Excellence Programmes in Romania and in Bulgaria will be held from 28 March to 1 April 2011 at the Piatra Mare Hotel, Poiana Brasov, Romania and organized by the Government of Romania, National Commission for Nuclear Activities Control (CNCAN) in cooperation with International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

BACKGROUND

The IAEA Extra-budgetary Programmes for Safe Nuclear Energy in Romania and Bulgaria were initiated in September 2009. The Programmes are funded by a grant from the Norwegian grant organization Innovation Norway on the behalf of the Norwegian Government.

The Bulgarian, Romanian and Norwegian parties have asked the IAEA to undertake the implementation of the two programmes to include best practises and to facilitate a balanced approach between improved safety at the nuclear installation and improved safety review by the regulators. As the programme implementation agent, the IAEA has been directly involved in programme development and management. The expected completion date for programme activities is April 2011.

The overall objective of the programmes is to enhance nuclear safety in both countries. The Programmes aim to develop the regulator and operator to a level of sustainable excellence that will be recognized as a model for others to follow. A parallel outcome expected by the IAEA in its implementation efforts is to establish nuclear safety project frameworks and content that will be directly applicable to other IAEA Member States developing nuclear power capacity. This programme will, therefore, serve as a pilot for future excellence programmes for other IAEA Member States.

The Safe Nuclear Energy-Regional Excellence Programmes in Romania and in Bulgaria are being implemented by the IAEA Safety Assessment Section (SAS) in the Nuclear Safety Installation Division (NSNI). The topics include

- Safety assessment methodology
- Safety culture
- Emergency preparedness and response
- Integrated management systems
- Enterprise risk management
- Knowledge management capacity building
- Site evaluation

The conference will highlight lessons learned and provide insights on both the Bulgarian and Romanian programmes.

CONFERENCE TOPICS

The objective of this conference is to share the results from both programmes in upgrading nuclear safety competencies and capacities, and to explore possibilities of application of similar methodologies in other Member States. Invited speakers from the Norwegian Government, Romanian and Bulgarian representatives, as well as representatives from the IAEA will familiarize delegates with the programmes' concepts, objectives and implementation methods.

Session 1: Programme Background

- Why and how is Norway funding the project for Romania and Bulgaria?
- NRPA's Role: Representing Norway and Technical Support
- The EBP Programmes as Models for Subsequent IAEA Nuclear Safety Capacity Building Efforts
- Programme Structure and Partnering Concept with Innovation Norway
- Enhancing the IAEA Safety Standards and Promoting their Application
- Roundtable on Roles of Programme Promoters and Project Partners – Pulling Together to Implement and Achieve Results
- Presentation of the teams and recognition of their efforts
- Photo Show

Session 2: Panel discussions on the Two Main Programme Projects

- Safety Culture - Project Overview (CNCAN, SNN, BNRA, KNPP)
- Safety Culture – Enhancement in the Operator, Assessment of Licensee by the Regulator
- Emergency Preparedness and Response - Project Overview (CNCAN, SNN, BNRA, KNPP)
- Emergency Preparedness and Response – National Programmes of Enhancement
- The Upcoming Joint Exercise for Emergency Preparedness and Response

Session 3: Roundtable and Presentation of Two Unique Romanian Projects

- Nuclear Safety Assessment and Risk-Informed Regulation – Project Overview (CNCAN)
- Roundtable on Nuclear Safety Assessment and Risk-Informed Regulation
- Capacity Building and Knowledge Management, Training and Staff Retention – Project Overview (CNCAN)
- Roundtable on Capacity Building and Knowledge Management, Training and Staff Retention

Session 4: Roundtable and Presentation of Two Unique Romanian Projects

- Integrated Management Systems – Project Overview (CNCAN and SNN)
- Roundtable on Integrated Management Systems
- Enterprise Risk Management – Project Overview (SNN)
- Roundtable on Enterprise Risk Management
- Support for Updating the Site Evaluation for Cernavoda NPP – Project Overview (SNN)
- Roundtable on Support for Updating the Site Evaluation for Cernavoda NPP

Session 5: Safe Nuclear Energy – Regional Excellence Programmes

- What we have achieved
- Lessons Learned
- Closure

STRUCTURE OF THE CONFERENCE

The Conference will consist of an opening plenary session, panel discussions on main Programme Projects and a closing plenary session. In the closing plenary session, there will be a summary of the discussions in Sessions 1 to 5. All participants are encouraged to take part in the discussions and formulation of conclusions in the final session.

LOGISTICS AND PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE

Open Participation

Participation is open to all parties interested in nuclear safety.

Registration

Registration should be made through the Secretariat of the Conference. Please contact the Registration office as follows:

National Commission for Nuclear Activities Control

Contact: Ms. Anca RUSU

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Deadline for registration: **Thursday, 24 March 2011**

Financial Note: There is no registration fee for participation in this conference. However, participants will be expected to cover their own travel and subsistence expenses.

Venue of the Conference

The Conference will be held at the **Piatra Mare Hotel, Poiana Brasov, Romania**

Accommodations

The host organization will assist registered participants in making hotel room reservations. Accommodation is offered at Piatra Mare Hotel at a special rate of 130 Euro per single room per night including breakfast, lunch and dinner. The hotel reservation form is attached to this announcement. Information on the hotel can be found on:

<http://www.southtravels.com/europe/romania/piatramarehotel/index.html>

Visas

Participants who require a visa to enter Romania should submit the necessary application to the nearest diplomatic or consular representative of Romania within the appropriate timeframe. A formal invitation letter from the host organization is available through fax or mail.

Official Language

All presentations and discussions will be in English. Presentations and speeches should not exceed the specified time in the Agenda of the Conference.

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IMPORTANT DATES

Deadline for registration:

Thursday, 24 March 2011

Opening of conference registration desk:

Sunday, 27 March 2011 from 17:00 to 19:00

Monday, 28 March 2011 from 08:00 to 09:00