

# **Working Group 8 Environmental Sensitivities Progress Report**

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# 16 Participants

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- **Canada**
- **Finland**
- **Germany**
- **Greece**
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- **Italy**
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# Environmental sensitivity WG

## **Objective:**

Explore the concept of environmental sensitivity in rural and semi-natural environments in the framework of assessments after an emergency situation

## **Main tasks:**

- Clarify the concept of environmental sensitivity
- Compile a list of sensitivity factors
- Design scenarios
- Carry out modelling exercises

# Non-urban Scenarios

- **Agricultural (Europe and Canada)**
- **Alpine (Central Europe)**
- **Temperate forest (Europe and Canada)**
- **Arctic (Europe and Canada)**
- **Freshwater aquatic**
- **Coastal marine**

## Modelling exercise for each environment

- **Deposition of 1000 Bq/m<sup>2</sup> for each of <sup>137</sup>Cs, <sup>90</sup>Sr, and <sup>131</sup>I**
- **Calculate concentrations in environmental media and food chain products leading to humans**
- **Calculate radiation doses to humans during first year after deposition.**

# CHERPAC Results for the Agricultural Scenario

Presentation for IAEA Environmental Modelling for Radiation Safety (EMRAS-II), Environmental Sensitivity Working Group Meeting, Vienna

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# **Calculations for Agricultural Scenario with JRODOS**

**EMRAS II Meeting,  
24-28 January 2011, Vienna**

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# **Sustainable management of food production**

## **Guideline levels**

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**EMRAS WORKING GROUP 8**  
**VIENNA, 24-28.01.2011**

**COASTAL MARINE REGIONS**  
**PRELIMINARY RESULTS**

Mikhail Iosjpe

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# **ARCTIC AND FOREST SCENARIOS**

**Presentation for:**

**Working Group 8 on Environmental Sensitivity  
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Vienna, 24-28 January 2011**

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# **Freshwater aquatic environment using MOIRA PLUS**

**Luigi Monte, ENEA Italy**



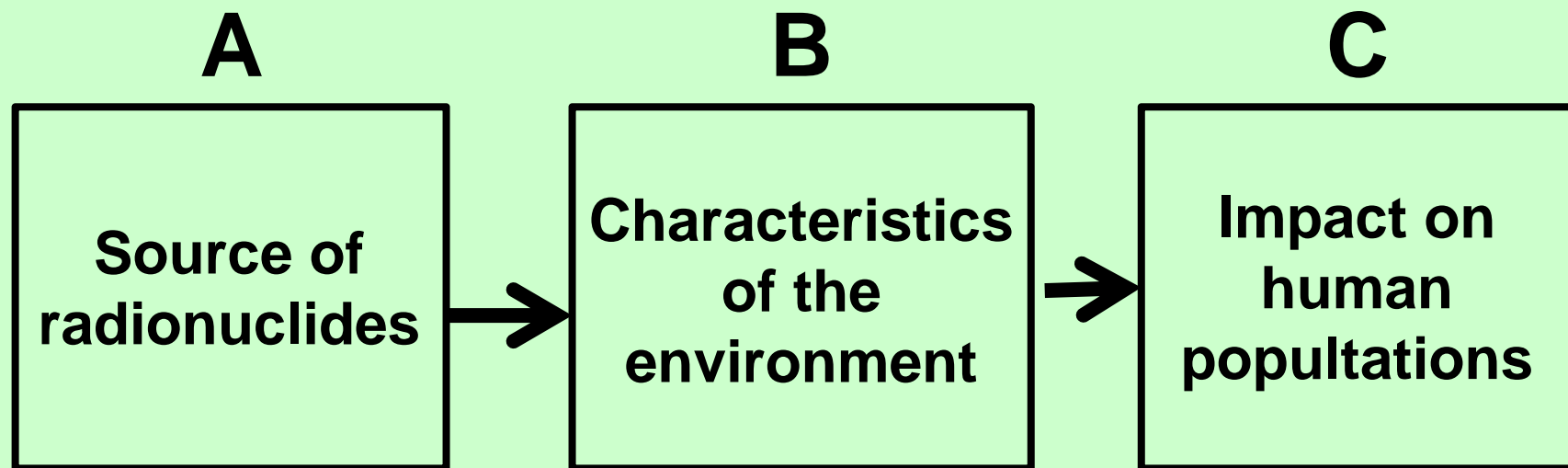
**Considerations on the Definition of the  
Concept of Environmental Sensitivity**

*Luigi Monte, Italy*

**Thoughts on Radioecological Sensitivity  
Concept Document,**

*Sohan Chouhan, Canada*

# Meaning of environmental sensitivity



**“Sensitivity of C to B”**

# Measures of environmental sensitivity

4. Collective dose to human population per unit area of production from one year of exposure



3. Dose to an adult member of the critical group from one year of exposure



2. Radionuclide concentrations in the biotic environment



1. Radionuclide concentrations in the abiotic environment

# Adult dose during first year ( $\mu\text{Sv}/\text{year}$ )

Environment	Cs-137	Sr-90	I-131
Agricultural	*****	*****	*****
Alpine	-----	-----	-----
Arctic	*****	*****	*****
Forest (terrestrial)	*****	*****	*****
Aquatic	*****	*****	-----
Marine (coastal)	*****	*****	*****

# Average concentration in meat or fish (Bq/kg)

Environment	Cs-137	Sr-90	I-131
Agricultural	*****	*****	*****
Alpine	-----	-----	-----
Arctic	*****	*****	*****
Forest (terrestrial)	*****	*****	*****
Aquatic	*****	*****	-----
Marine (coastal)	*****	*****	*****



# Collective dose per unit area of production (person-Sieverts/year)

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# **Plans for the year ahead**

- **Finalization of exercises**
- **Preparation of WG8 report**
- **ICRER presentations in Hamilton**
  - **An overview presentation from WG8**
  - **6 presentations from individual members**
- **Interim WG meeting (Fall? Europe?)**
- **Expected completion of report by January 2012**

## **Ideas for future work**

- **Broaden concept of environmental sensitivity to include impact on biota**
- **Consider direct releases to aquatic environments**