



Regional Workshop on the Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage (CSC)

**Hosted by the
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through the Ministry of Energy of the Republic of Lithuania**

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Information Sheet

Purpose

The purpose of the event is to provide information on the Convention on Supplementary Compensation for Nuclear Damage (CSC), its role in establishing a Global Nuclear Liability Regime as called for by the IAEA General Conference and its relevance and benefits to the Member States proposed to be invited to the event. The event will address the needs of decision-makers, policy-makers and senior officials (from Member States with and without nuclear installations), as well as other officials including those engaged in the regulation and implementation of nuclear activities. The topics to be addressed include:

- why there is a special international legal framework on nuclear liability and a discussion of the basic principles underlying that framework;
- why there is a need for a global nuclear liability regime based on the CSC;
- policy and other considerations in deciding whether to join the CSC;
- main features and benefits of the CSC, including the compensation amounts under the CSC;
- relationship of the CSC to other international nuclear liability instruments;
- the CSC and EU procedures on treaty participation;
- applicability of the CSC to SMRs and floating NPPs; and
- applicability of the CSC to maritime shipments of nuclear material.

The event will also examine some of the legal and practical aspects of CSC membership. The topics to be addressed include:

- whether national implementing legislation for the CSC is necessary;
- development of national implementing legislation to implement the CSC;
- role of insurance; and
- operation of the CSC international fund.

Finally, the event will provide a forum in which participants can exchange information on possible difficulties, concerns or legal and policy issues that their countries may have with the CSC and existing international nuclear liability instruments, and how best to address them.

Working Language(s)

The working language of the event will be English.

Deadline for Nominations

Nominations received after **11 November 2024** will not be considered.

Project Background

Of the nine Member States invited to participate in the event, three have nuclear power plants in operation and two have expressed interest in introducing nuclear power for the first time. In the case of a major nuclear incident, Member States (those with and without nuclear installations) may be affected by transboundary nuclear damage to people, property and the environment, including actual economic loss. The risk of a nuclear incident can also arise from the international transport of nuclear material to, from and through a region.

Therefore, there is a need to ensure prompt, adequate and equitable compensation with minimal litigation for transboundary nuclear damage. Legal certainty over the potential liability of suppliers, investors, lenders and insurers is also necessary for commercial participation in nuclear projects.

Some of the Member States have expressed interest in better understanding the rights, obligations and benefits of joining the CSC.

All Member States continue to be encouraged by the IAEA General Conference to work towards establishing a Global Nuclear Liability Regime, which provides a common system of liability and compensation for transboundary nuclear damage. Adopted under the auspices of the IAEA in 1997, the CSC provides a mechanism to achieve treaty relations with as many States as practical, with the goal of universal participation in this Global Regime.

Target Audience

The event is being organized for the following Member States: Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Iceland, Latvia, Norway, Poland and Sweden.

Expected Outputs

The event will cover all areas of nuclear liability under the CSC, including the geographical scope of application, the definition of nuclear damage and heads of compensation, jurisdictional competence, different tiers of compensation funds, and contributions and access to the international fund, as well as the benefits of a Global Nuclear Liability Regime and elements of a national legal framework on nuclear liability.

The event will comprise lectures on nuclear liability by IAEA staff and experts on the CSC, country presentations by participants on the status of their respective national legal frameworks with respect to nuclear liability and practical case studies, as well as group discussions on specific topics of interest pertaining to the afore-mentioned matters.

In addition, with the objective of strengthening and enhancing national nuclear legal frameworks, the participating officials may request bilateral meetings with the IAEA Office of Legal Affairs with the aim of discussing and scheduling bilateral activities which can be conducted to raise awareness of decision-makers, policy-makers and senior officials on the CSC and nuclear liability, national workshops on the CSC and nuclear liability, as well as reviews of existing and draft national nuclear legislation including on nuclear liability.

Participants' Qualifications and Experience

The workshop is open to Government officials and other stakeholders with a legal background and with the following profiles:

1. senior level Government officials including policy-makers and decision makers who will have a role in the consideration of the country's adherence to international nuclear instruments adopted under the IAEA's auspices, including in particular, the CSC; or

2. Government officials including legal advisors or a legal expert of a regulatory body or another institution who have been or will be involved in the consideration of joining the nuclear instruments, including, in particular, the CSC and/or assessing, drafting, and/or advising on legislation on nuclear liability; or
3. senior level representatives from relevant stakeholders (e.g. operators of nuclear installations) who have been or will be involved in the consideration of joining the CSC and/or assessing, drafting, and/or advising on legislation on nuclear liability.

Participation and Registration

All persons wishing to participate in the event must be designated by an IAEA Member State or should be members of organizations that have been invited to attend.

In order to be designated by an IAEA Member State or invited organization, participants are requested to submit their application via the InTouch+ platform (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>) to the competent national authority (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA or National Atomic Energy Authority) or organization for onward transmission to the IAEA by **11 November 2024**, following the registration procedure in InTouch+:

1. Access the InTouch+ platform (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>):
 - Persons with an existing NUCLEUS account can sign in to the platform with their username and password;
 - Persons without an existing NUCLEUS account can register [here](#).
2. Once signed in, prospective participants can use the InTouch+ platform to:
 - Complete or update their personal details under ‘Complete Profile’ and upload the relevant supporting documents;
 - Search for the relevant event under the ‘My Eligible Events’ tab;
 - Select the Member State or invited organization they want to represent from the drop-down menu entitled ‘Designating Authority’ (if an invited organization is not listed, please contact InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org);
 - If applicable, indicate whether financial support is requested and complete the relevant information (this is not applicable to participants from invited organizations);
 - Based on the data input, the InTouch+ platform will automatically generate the Participation Form (Form A) and/or the Grant Application Form (Form C);
 - Submit their application.

Once submitted through the InTouch+ platform, the application, together with the auto-generated form(s), will be transmitted automatically to the required authority for approval. If approved, the application, together with the applicable form(s), will automatically be sent to the IAEA through the online platform.

NOTE: The application for financial support should be made, together with the submission of the application, by **11 November 2024**. For additional information on how to apply for an event, please refer to the [InTouch+ Help](#) page. Any other issues or queries related to InTouch+ can be sent to InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org

Selected participants will be informed in due course on the procedures to be followed with regard to administrative and financial matters.

Participants are hereby informed that the personal data they submit will be processed in line with the [Agency's Personal Data and Privacy Policy](#) and is collected solely for the purpose(s) of reviewing and assessing the application and to complete logistical arrangements where required. The IAEA may also use the contact details of Applicants to inform them of the IAEA's scientific and technical publications, or the latest employment opportunities and current open vacancies at the IAEA. These secondary purposes are consistent with the IAEA's mandate. Further information can be found in the [Data Processing Notice](#) concerning IAEA InTouch+ platform.

Expenditures and Grants

No registration fee is charged to participants.

The IAEA is generally not in a position to bear the travel and other costs of participants in the event. The IAEA has, however, limited funds at its disposal to help meet the cost of attendance of certain participants. Upon specific request, such assistance may be offered to up to two participants per country, provided that, in the IAEA's view, the participant will make an important contribution to the event.

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Disclaimer of Liability

The organizers of the event do not accept liability for the payment of any cost or compensation that may arise from damage to or loss of personal property, or from illness, injury, disability or death of a participant while he/she is travelling to and from or attending the course, and it is clearly understood that each Government, in approving his/her participation, undertakes responsibility for such coverage. Governments would be well advised to take out insurance against these risks.

Visas

Participants who require a visa to enter Lithuania should submit the necessary application as soon as possible to the nearest diplomatic or consular representative of the Republic of Lithuania.

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Subsequent correspondence on scientific matters should be sent to the Scientific Secretary and correspondence on other matters related to the event to the Administrative Secretary.