



Technical Meeting on Decommissioning Cost Estimation for Nuclear Facilities

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and virtual participation via Microsoft Teams

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Information Sheet

Introduction

Significant experience in the development of decommissioning plans and associated cost estimates has been accumulated in recent years, such that an opportunity now exists for an exchange between Member States on current good practice in this domain, and for discussion on how further progress might be achieved. The growing list of countries considering embarking on nuclear programmes (NPPs, RRs, SMRs) gives further impetus to effective information exchange.

The IAEA Workshop on ‘Funding for Long-term Nuclear Liabilities’ was organized on 16-19 December 2024 to exchange experience on costing and funding for decommissioning, spent fuel and radioactive waste management. Discussions at this workshop highlighted the necessity of developing further guidance and tools to support decommissioning cost estimation, especially for preliminary or scoping estimates.

Following the outcomes of the Workshop mentioned above, the Consultancy Meetings were organized in May and October 2025 to brainstorm IAEA activities to assist Member States in cost estimation for decommissioning nuclear facilities, draft the terms of reference together with the project workplan, draft and discuss the technical specifications for an online software application (the so called “open-source, user-friendly software tool”) to enable users to prepare preliminary decommissioning cost estimates of nuclear facilities (“PREDECO”) including associated guidance. During the Consultancy Meetings in February and June 2026, the “model costing template” was developed as well as the “costing model examples” have been created by the international team of experts using the information and data from

the IAEA DACCORD project addressing research reactors decommissioning cost estimation. The “costing model examples” will be part of the PREDECO software tool and will support the training of future users in the preliminary cost estimation for the decommissioning of facilities.

Objectives

The main objective of this event is to present and discuss the methodologies for decommissioning costing, the technical specifications and the beta version of the IAEA web-based software tool to support preliminary cost estimation of decommissioning of nuclear facilities, to share experience among Member States regarding methods and tools for decommissioning costing focusing on Member States with limited decommissioning experience, as well as to present and discuss decommissioning funding schemes.

Target Audience

The meeting is open to participants from IAEA Member States with nuclear power programs, participants from Member States that are planning or implementing a nuclear power programme for the first time and representatives from international organizations.

The designated participants should be professionals from national institutions, technical support organisations, companies and/or academia who are knowledgeable about the details of their country’s national decommissioning and radioactive waste management strategies, decommissioning plans for nuclear facilities, and willing to share their experience and lessons learned in addressing the related decommissioning costing and funding issues.

Working Language(s)

English.

Expected Outputs

Exchanges and sharing of experience, lessons learnt, and increased appreciation of the associated challenges.

Feedback and suggestions for further development of the IAEA “PREDECO” software-based tool.

Proposals for future IAEA activities on decommissioning costing and funding based on the current needs of Member States.

Structure

The meeting will be structured as set of national and international presentations to cover the topics mentioned below, panel discussion and practical exercises (online questionnaires and in the working groups).

Topics

The meeting's agenda will include the following topics addressed to decommissioning:

- International projects and activities on decommissioning costing methodologies;
- Status and progress of decommissioning costing and funding as part of the decommissioning planning and implementation in the Member States;
- IAEA project to support preliminary decommissioning cost estimation of nuclear facilities ("PREDECO" software-based tool);
- Decommissioning financing schemes and funding approaches.

The meeting will cover the experience and lessons learned about decommissioning costing and funding of different nuclear facilities, existing and new e.g. industrial and research reactors, fuel cycle facilities, fusion facilities, new advances reactors (e.g. SMRs) and other facilities using nuclear and radiation technologies.

In addition, the panel discussions and exercises will be organised to highlight and discuss the remaining issues and challenges addressed to the topics mentioned above and to discuss the details of the PREDECO software-based tool.

Participation and Registration

All persons wishing to participate in the event have to 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 **21 August 2026**, 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 a paper is being submitted and complete the relevant information;
- 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 **21 August 2026**.

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 the IAEA InTouch+ platform.

Papers and Presentations

The IAEA encourages participants to give presentations on the work of their respective institutions that falls under the topics listed above.

Participants who wish to give presentations are requested to submit an abstract of their work. The abstract will be reviewed as part of the selection process for presentations. The abstract should be in A4 page format, should extend to no more than one page and should not exceed 200 words. It should be sent electronically to Ms Tetiana Kilochytska, the Scientific Secretary of the event (see contact details below), not later than **21 August 2026**. Authors will be notified of the acceptance of their proposed presentations by **11 September 2026**.

Submission of a paper should be confirmed, together with the submission of the main application via the InTouch+ platform, by **21 August 2026**.

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 normally one participant per country, provided that, in the IAEA's view, the participant will make an important contribution to the event.

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Venue

The event will be held at the Vienna International Centre (VIC), where the IAEA's Headquarters are located. Participants must make their own travel and accommodation arrangements.

General information on the VIC and other practical details, such as a list of hotels offering a reduced rate for IAEA participants, are listed on the following IAEA web page:

www.iaea.org/events.

Participants are advised to arrive at Checkpoint 1/Gate 1 of the VIC one hour before the start of the event on the first day in order to allow for timely registration. Participants will need to present an official photo identification document in order to be admitted to the VIC premises.

Visas

Participants who require a visa to enter Austria should submit the necessary application to the nearest diplomatic or consular representative of Austria at least four weeks before they travel to Austria. Since Austria is a Schengen State, persons requiring a visa will have to apply for a Schengen visa. In States where Austria has no diplomatic mission, visas can be obtained from the consular authority of a Schengen Partner State representing Austria in the country in question.

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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.

Event Web Page

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