



# **International Training Course on Operational and Performance Testing of Physical Protection Systems**

**Nuclear Security Training and Demonstration Centre (NSTDC)**

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## **Information Sheet**

### **Introduction**

The IAEA has established the Nuclear Security Training and Demonstration Centre (NSTDC) at Seibersdorf to provide optimal support to countries in certain areas through the use of state-of-the-art technical infrastructure and equipment. In the area of physical protection of nuclear and other radioactive material and facilities, the NSTDC offers hands-on training for States, in support of complex projects that require specialized technical infrastructure and for capacity building of States developing new facilities or expanding facilities using nuclear and other radioactive material. The International Training Course on Operational and Performance Testing of Physical Protection System will assist Member States in building competence in physical protection by utilizing training infrastructure available at NSTDC.

### **Objectives**

The objective of the event is to support learning and development for the participants about testing techniques and methodologies for assessment of the performance of physical protection system elements.

## Target Audience

Staff from the operating organizations, regulatory bodies, other competent authorities or organizations responsible for design, establishment, operation and evaluation of effectiveness of the physical protection system. Participants should have equivalent 2-years minimum work experience for design, establishment, operation and evaluation of effectiveness of the physical protection systems. Participant should possess educational background suitable for discharging the responsibilities related to physical protection of nuclear material and nuclear facilities.

## Additional Information

Six or more months after completion of training events, participants will be required to complete a short survey on the use of acquired knowledge and skills or a change in attitudes. This will assist the Division of Nuclear Security in understanding the impact of its work and will guide future assistance.

## Working Language(s)

English

## 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 **15 May 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](mailto: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 **15 May 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](mailto: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.

## 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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## 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/Secretaries and correspondence on other matters related to the event to the Administrative Secretary.