



Virtual Regional Coordination Meeting on Supporting Member States in Enhancing Agrifood Systems

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Information Sheet

Purpose

The purpose of this meeting is to inform the Member States about the project and to review and agree on the workplan, with a focus on 2026 and 2027.

Working Language(s)

The working language(s) of the event will be **English**.

Deadline for Nominations

Nominations received after **6 February 2026** will not be considered.

Project Background

This regional project brings together Member States across Europe and Central Asia in a coordinated effort to strengthen food security, agricultural sustainability, and climate resilience through the strategic application of nuclear and isotopic technologies. It addresses key regional challenges, including climate change, soil degradation, emerging animal and zoonotic diseases, and foodborne microbiological and

chemical hazards, while promoting science-based solutions aligned with regional and national priorities. The project integrates four thematic areas, namely crop production; agriculture, water and soil management; livestock production; and food safety, using approaches such as mutation breeding, isotopic analysis, advanced molecular diagnostics, and reliable food safety protocols or standard operating procedures. Through a phased and regionally harmonized implementation approach, the project will strengthen national technical capacities, enhance agrifood systems, and improve food safety and quality. Capacity building, regional knowledge-sharing networks, and coordinated planning will support long-term sustainability, evidence-based policymaking, and the integration of innovative practices, ultimately contributing to resilient, safe, and sustainable food systems across the region.

Scope and Nature

This meeting includes the presentation of the overall project framework and planned activities, as well as a review of and agreement on the workplan, with particular focus on 2026 and 2027. It will provide a platform for Member States to exchange views, clarify expectations, and ensure alignment with national priorities and regional strategies. Through interactive discussions, the meeting will help set the stage for effective and harmonized project implementation across participating countries.

The meeting will encompass a general information session on the project and four breakout sessions focusing on crop production, agricultural water and soil management, livestock production, and food safety. The food safety breakout session will take place on 23 January, while all other sessions will be held on 20 January.

Participation

The event is open to all Member States in the Europe and Central Asia region that will participate in the regional project RER5030.

Participants' Qualifications and Experience

Participants should be the designated counterparts of the project.

Application Procedure

Candidates wishing to apply for this event should follow the steps below:

1. Access the InTouch+ home page (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>) using the candidate's existing Nucleus username and password. If the candidate is not a registered Nucleus user, she/he must create a Nucleus account (<https://websso.iaea.org/IM/UserRegistrationPage.aspx>) before proceeding with the event application process below.
2. On the InTouch + platform, the candidate must:
 - a. Finalize or update her/his personal details, provide sufficient information to establish the required qualifications regarding education, language skills and work experience ('Profile' tab) and upload relevant supporting documents;
 - b. Download and complete the [Designation of Beneficiary and Emergency Contact Form](#), and

upload to InTouch+ ('Profile' tab under the personal section) specifying the document name. If already provided, kindly discard this step; and

- c. Search for the relevant technical cooperation event (EVTXXX) under the 'My Eligible Events' tab, answer the mandatory questions and lastly submit the application to the required authority.

NOTE: Completed applications need to be approved by the relevant national authority, i.e. the National Liaison Office, and submitted to the IAEA through the established official channels by the provided designation deadline.

For additional support on how to apply for an event, please refer to the [InTouch+ Help page](#). Any issues or queries related to InTouch+ can be addressed to InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org.

Should online application submission not be possible, candidates may download the nomination form for the training course from the [IAEA website](#).

NOTE: A medical certificate signed by a registered medical practitioner dated not more than four months prior to starting date of the event must be submitted by candidates when applying for a) events with a duration exceeding one month, and/or b) all candidates over the age of 65 regardless of the event duration.

Administrative and Financial Arrangements

Nominating authorities will be informed in due course of the names of the candidates who have been selected, and will at that time be informed of the procedure to be followed with regard to administrative and financial matters.

Selected participants will receive an allowance from the IAEA sufficient to cover their costs of lodging, daily subsistence and miscellaneous expenses. They will also receive either a round-trip air ticket based on the most direct and economical route between the airport nearest their residence and the airport nearest the duty station through the IAEA's travel agency AX Travel Management, or a travel allowance, or they will be reimbursed travel by car/bus/train in accordance with IAEA rules for non-staff travel.

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.

Note for female participants

Any woman engaged by the IAEA for work or training should notify the IAEA on becoming aware that she is pregnant.

The Board of Governors of the IAEA approved new International Basic Safety Standards for Protection against Ionizing Radiation and for the Safety of Radiation Sources. The Standards deal specifically with the occupational exposure conditions of female workers by requiring, inter alia, that a female worker should, on becoming aware that she is pregnant, notify her employer in order that her working conditions may be modified, if necessary. This notification shall not be considered a reason to exclude her from work; however, her working conditions, with respect to occupational exposure shall be adapted with a view to ensuring that her embryo or foetus be afforded the same broad level of protection as required for members of the public.

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