



Technical Meeting on Advancing Collaboration through the Global Partnership of Municipalities with Nuclear Facilities

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Information Sheet

Introduction

Effective stakeholder engagement, including public communication, is an important element of complete and sustainable nuclear programme. From early planning and decision-making to construction, operation, decommissioning and radioactive waste management, meaningful engagement fosters trust, mutual understanding and collaboration between stakeholders and organizations responsible to establishing and operating a nuclear facility. It also supports informed decision-making, strengthens public confidence and contributes to the success of a nuclear power programme.

Host communities play a particularly important role in stakeholder engagement processes given the proximity to and long-term relationship with nuclear power related facilities. Their perspectives, concerns, expectations, and experiences should be carefully considered. Host communities provide valuable insights into how stakeholder engagement approaches evolve throughout different stages of a nuclear programme and how engagement activities can be adapted to local contexts and changing community needs.

As the intergovernmental forum for scientific and technical cooperation in the nuclear field, the IAEA supports Member States in strengthening their stakeholder engagement activities. By facilitating the exchange of experiences among communities hosting nuclear facilities and those considering becoming hosts, the IAEA supports the sharing of good practices and contributes to the continued development of stakeholder engagement approaches across different national and local contexts.

Building on these efforts, the Global Partnership of Nuclear Communities (GP) was established to support cooperation among communities hosting nuclear facilities and those considering becoming hosts. Following discussions initiated during an IAEA Technical Meeting in 2022, the GP was formally

established as a legal entity in 2025. The GP serves as an international platform for dialogue, peer learning, and the sharing of practical experience among municipalities, associations, and local communities involved in nuclear programmes.

In support of these efforts, the IAEA is organizing a Technical Meeting to provide a forum for dialogue and knowledge exchange among representatives of host communities and other relevant stakeholders.

Objectives

The purpose of the event is to provide a platform for engagement among the members of the GP and to foster dialogue among representatives of municipalities with nuclear facilities as well as those considering hosting opportunities. This will also provide a forum for the GP to engage with their peers from other parts of the world, as well as government authorities, nuclear operators and regulatory bodies, in order to broaden the dialogue to all regions of the world.

Furthermore, this forum will explore how the GP operates as a global partnership and contributes to local municipalities by transferring experiences.

Target Audience

The event is open to representatives of host communities and communities considering the hosting of nuclear facilities, including municipal authorities (mayors and councillors), particularly those interested in joining the GP in the future. The meeting is also open to representatives of facility operators, regulatory and safety authorities, and government officials involved in stakeholder engagement activities related to nuclear programmes.

Working Language

English.

Topics

The event will be conducted as a workshop including guided discussions and Q&A sessions. The prospective themes for contributions and discussions will be structured under the following sequence of topics:

- Opportunities and priorities for the continued development of the GP;
- Practical approaches to cooperation and stakeholder engagement among local communities, governments, operators and other relevant stakeholders;
- Community perspectives and practical experience related to stakeholder engagement throughout the lifecycle of nuclear programmes.

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 **27 July 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 **27 July 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 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.

The application for financial support should be made, together with the submission of the application,

by **28 August 2026**.

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

Event Web Page

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