

33rd Meeting of the INPRO Steering Committee

IAEA Headquarters, Vienna, Austria and virtual participation via Cisco Webex

29 October – 1 November 2024

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Information Sheet

Introduction

The International Project on Innovative Nuclear Reactors and Fuel Cycles (INPRO) was launched in 2000, in accordance with resolution GC (44)/RES/21, adopted in that year by the General Conference of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). The project's objectives are to help ensure that nuclear energy remains available in the twenty-first century and is developed in a sustainable manner. Moreover, INPRO seeks to bring together all interested Member States, including technology holders and users, so that they can jointly consider the actions necessary to achieve desired innovations in nuclear energy. The current membership of INPRO comprises 43 IAEA Member States and the European Commission. In 2014, the INPRO Group became a Section within the Division of Nuclear Power in the IAEA's Department of Nuclear Energy.

At present, INPRO is implementing activities identified in its Subprogramme Plan for 2024-2025, as previously endorsed by the INPRO Steering Committee. Four tasks are reflected in the INPRO Subprogramme Plan for 2024-2025. Task 1: Global Scenarios; Task 2: Innovations; Task 3: Sustainability Assessment and Strategies; and Task 4: Dialogue and Outreach.

Additional INPRO key programme details are available at the website: https://nucleus.iaea.org/sites/inpro.

Objectives

The purpose of the event is for International Project on Innovative Nuclear Reactors and Fuel Cycles (INPRO) members to endorse the INPRO Subprogramme Plan and to present activity progress, resource reports and proposals for new activities.

The following are the objectives of this meeting.

- Present high-level update on INPRO programme including financial report.
- Review the year's progress on INPRO tasks and advisory service, along with plans for 2025.
- Endorse INPRO Strategic Plan 2024-2029.
- Recognize Member State contributions and acknowledge plans for future contributions.
- Present 2025 update to INPRO Subprogramme Plan 2024-2025
- Collect new activities (projects) for INPRO and ideas for Dialogue Forums

Target Audience

The INPRO Steering Committee (SC), comprising *members* and *observers*. *Members* are senior officials from INPRO Member States, nominated by their State as a point of contract (POC), and they participate through provision of resources and extrabudgetary considerations. *Observers* are representatives from interested States and international organizations. Additionally, representatives of IAEA and INPRO project management and staff will attend.

Working Language(s)

English is the working language of the meeting.

Expected Outputs

The expected outputs are the endorsement of the INPRO Strategic Plan 2024-2029. Collection of proposed activities for INPRO Subprogramme Plan 2026-2027. Gathering and recording of ideas for future Dialogue Forums, along with dates and venues. A draft meeting report. Issuance of NPRO Subprogramme Plan 2024-2025 Rev 1 (update of 2025 activities). Identification of participants for upcoming INPRO collaborative projects and activities.

Structure

The meeting will be in person with a link for participants that cannot travel. The INPRO Steering Committee Meeting will be all day, 29 October and the morning of 30 October. There will be presentations

by INPRO Staff, with additional time for discussions with all participants. The INPRO Dialogue Forum on Nuclear Energy Innovations to Support Net-Zero Transition, EVT2103426 will begin the afternoon of 30 October and run through 1 November 2024. Presentations by INPRO members and observers will mainly take place during the Dialogue Forum.

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 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 (<u>https://intouchplus.iaea.org</u>) 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 (6 September 2024), following the registration procedure in InTouch+:

1. Access the InTouch+ platform (<u>https://intouchplus.iaea.org</u>):

- 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 6 September 2024.

For additional information on how to apply for an event, please refer to the <u>InTouch+ Help</u> page. Any other issues or queries related to InTouch+ can be sent to <u>InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org</u>.

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 <u>Agency's Personal Data and Privacy Policy</u> 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 <u>Data Processing Notice</u> concerning 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 wanting to give INPRO update reports should notify the Scientific Secretary, C. Scherer at <u>c.scherer@iaea.org</u>, by 6 September 2024, to allow time for planning.

As this INPRO Steering Committee Meeting is only 1.5 days, there will be limited time for presentations by all participants. The INPRO Secretariat will compile and present an overview of contributions from INPRO members for discussion and adjustments. INPRO Donors may give presentations indicating how their contributions should be used during the Steering Committee Meeting. INPRO members may also present their country reports as part of their presentations during the INPRO Dialogue Forum being held the same week (30 October – 1 November 2024).

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 and his or her State's participation in INPRO activities.

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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: <u>www.iaea.org/events</u>.

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 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.

Additional Information

Information on the 23rd INPRO Dialogue Forum on Nuclear Energy Innovations to Support Net-Zero Transition, 30 October – 1 November 2024 may be found in Ref. No.: EVT2103426. This event will begin after the close of the INPRO Steering Committee Meeting, on the afternoon of 30 October 2024.

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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

Please visit the following IAEA web page regularly for new information regarding this event:

www.iaea.org/events/EVT2304018