



WELCOME TO OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER!

The Young Generation (YG) brings together early-career professionals involved in the EURAD-2 programme, creating a platform for networking, knowledge exchange, and collaboration across disciplines and countries. With this newsletter, we aim to keep you informed about our activities, highlight opportunities, and strengthen connections within the EURAD-2 community.

ABOUT US

The EURAD-2 Young Generation is composed of MSc and PhD students, postdoctoral researchers, interns, and early-career professionals contributing to the EURAD-2 programme. **Our goal is** to foster professional development, encourage interdisciplinary dialogue, and provide a space where young professionals can actively engage and make their voices heard.

Do you have ideas for future events?

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UPCOMING EVENTS



26 March 2026 - YG Bi-monthly colloquium #2

Would you like to share your research topic and results with our YG community? Register to be a speaker at our next colloquium by filling out the following form: [click here](#).



16 April 2026 - Site visit to the Bukov Underground Research Facility

The EURAD-2 YG invites you to participate in a site visit to the Bukov Underground Research Facility in the Czech Republic operated by the Czech Radioactive Waste Repository Authority (SÚRAO).

To support participation in this event, you may apply for the EURAD-2 mobility grant to cover expenses related to this visit. Application guidelines can be found here: <https://euradschool.eu/application-guidelines/>

To register, please complete the registration form ([click here](#)) before Sunday, 15 February at 23:59.

* Please note that although the site visit takes place during the same week as the WP7 L'OPERA Annual Event in Prague, it is a separate activity organized by the EURAD-2 YG and is not directly related to the WP7 workshop. The date was selected purely for the convenience of YG members interested in attending both events.



Preparing the EURAD-2 Young Generation Charter

The Charter defines the identity, mission, vision, and core principles of the Young Generation community within the EURAD-2 programme. It outlines who can join the community, its organisational structure, roles and responsibilities, as well as the rights, obligations, and ethical foundations that guide the engagement of MSc and PhD students, postdoctoral researchers, interns, and early-career professionals working within EURAD-2 partner institutions.

The charter will first be prepared by the organisation team and shared with the YG members for a review.

PAST EVENTS



30 October 2025 - First online meeting of the YG community

The first EURAD-2 YG meeting brought together 16 participants and focused on introducing and getting to know our YG members, presenting WP2 activities supporting early-career researchers by Niels Belmans, and kickstarting the discussion on future community priorities.

The feedback gathered during the meeting laid the foundation for many of the activities we're planning today, like the bi-monthly colloquium and site visit, shaped around the key interests and ideas shared by YG members. For more details about the meeting, you can refer to the Minutes of the Meeting, [available here](#).



17 December 2025 - Lunch & Learn presentation of the YG community

Simona and Hanna, the leader and vice-leader of the YG have presented the YG community during a Lunch & Learn presentation together with the representatives of the NEA Integration Group for the Safety Case Next Generation Network (IGSC NGN). This presentation focused on explaining the main focus of the community, and sharing our past and future activities. The event was attended by over 100 participants and well-received. You can learn more about the event and watch the recording [here](#).



28 January 2026 - First YG Bi-monthly colloquium

The YG community held its first colloquium, organised by our vice-leader Hanna and attended by 11 of our members.

During the colloquium two presentations were shared:

- “Investigation of new materials like geopolymers for immobilization of radioactive wastes” by Cleah Minayo Masolia (Institute of Nuclear Chemistry and Technology, Poland, involved in WP7 L’OPERA)
- “Study of novel conditioning matrices for the pre-disposal management of challenging radioactive waste” by Simona Šandalová (Polimi, Italy, involved in WP6 STREAM and WP7 L’OPERA)

A big thank you to the presenters for kicking-off this wonderful event as well to the participants for creating a warm and nice atmosphere during the meeting!

UPCOMING EURAD SCHOOL EVENTS

Upcoming training opportunities offered through EURADSchool. Participation is free of charge for selected applicants, subject to registration.


ICP Training Course:

-  **Where:** TBS Education, Barcelona, Spain
-  **When:** 21-23 April 2026
-  **Registration deadline:** 06 March 2026
-  **Registration link:** <https://euradschool.eu/event/icp-training-course/>

The in-person course is aimed at instructing the participants in the basics of reactive transport, Comsol, PhreeqC and iCP through theoretical sessions and hands-on exercises.

Course on Geopolymers:

-  **Where:** SCK CEN, Mol, Belgium
-  **When:** 18–20 May 2026
-  **Registration deadline:** 20 April 2026
-  **Registration link:** <https://euradschool.eu/event/course-on-geopolymers/>

 Lectures on geopolymer chemistry, synthesis, microstructure, and waste immobilisation.

 Hands-on lab sessions focusing on fresh properties, calorimetry, and mechanical performance.


 Case studies and upscaling workshops addressing drum-scale performance, QA/QC, and non-destructive testing.

Treatment of contaminated metals and radioactive waste – 50 years of practical experience:

Webinar

 **When:** 11 February 2026, 17.00-19.00h CET

 **Registration deadline:** 04 February 2026

 **Registration link:** <https://ida.dk/arrangementer-og-kurser/arrangementer/treatment-of-contaminated-metals-and-radioactive-waste-50-years-of-practical-experience-364314>

The webinar will give an overview of 50 years of practical work and innovation in treating contaminated metals and radioactive waste, with an emphasis on safe, sustainable and cost-efficient solutions.

Leadership for Safety and Decomplex Executive Training Programmes:

 **When:** June 2026 - June 2027

 **Registration deadline:** 28 February 2026

 **Registration link:** <https://senssett.eu/apply-to-our-executive-training-programmes/>

"Leadership for Safety" and "Decomplex" are innovative Master-level Executive Training Programmes, each with a corresponding University Côte d'Azur Diploma.

(1) Leadership for Safety is designed and structured to develop capabilities and gain the perspectives essential to lead in high-risk, highly regulated industries, particularly in nuclear operations. The training aims to provide participants with a deep understanding of safety leadership mechanisms and to enhance best practices in nuclear safety.

(2) Decomplex is designed specifically to address the challenges of managing complexity in Nuclear Decommissioning Projects (NDPs). The programme aims to provide participants with a deeper understanding of the multifaceted aspects of decommissioning and equip them with the tools to enhance safety and efficiency throughout the project lifecycle.

"Leadership for Safety" & "Decomplex" Executive Training Programmes are aimed at professionals in the nuclear sector, particularly those in junior to middle management positions within nuclear operating organisations, regulatory authorities, as well as technical support organisations (TSOs). Participants from outside Europe may benefit from INSC grants covering tuition and travel costs, subject to compliance with INSC criteria. For participants from Europe there is a tuition fee of €8,000. A reduced fee may be granted based on specific eligibility criteria. These participants may also apply for an ENEN grant, also subject to compliance with attribution criteria.