



School on Nuclear Decommissioning Technologies

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through

Jadrová a vyrad'ovacia spoločnosť, a.s. (JAVYS)

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Information Sheet

Introduction

It is expected that the number of nuclear facilities that require decommissioning will increase globally over the coming decades. Ensuring the competence of personnel involved in decommissioning activities is a key prerequisite for the safe and smooth implementation of decommissioning.

Useful lessons learned are continuously being accumulated from advanced or ongoing nuclear decommissioning projects, the exchange of which facilitates understanding of the complex nature of nuclear decommissioning. Obtaining a comprehensive overview of the major decommissioning aspects, such as organizational, managerial, technical and stakeholder engagement, plays a crucial role in developing an adequate decommissioning strategy and its implementation.

The IAEA is organizing various workshops and training courses in the domain of nuclear decommissioning to support Member States in preparing for and implementing decommissioning programmes. The IAEA has also developed e-learning materials to cover fundamental aspects of decommissioning, that are available for all Member States.

Alongside existing learning formats, the IAEA D&ER is launching a series of decommissioning schools to address the emerging needs of Member States. The school offers a well-structured overview of nuclear decommissioning at an appropriate level of detail. Participants will have the opportunity to strengthen their theoretical and practical skills for carrying out various decommissioning tasks.

Objectives

The aim of the event is to strengthen both theoretical and practical abilities for professionals beginning careers in nuclear decommissioning. The school's programme will address a range of decommissioning subjects, including dismantling technologies, characterization and inventory development, material and waste management, and completion of decommissioning. A thorough understanding of decommissioning tasks can significantly improve participants' performance in their daily work.

In addition, the school facilitates networking between participants and experienced lecturers. It functions as a networking platform for dialogue, enabling participants, lecturers and observers from the hosting organisation to exchange insights related to decommissioning projects, address practical challenges, and foster international collaboration within the decommissioning community.

Target Audience

The event targets professionals with technical backgrounds in implementing organizations and regulatory bodies, who have 1 to 5 years of experience or will soon work in decommissioning and need to quickly build expertise for their roles. The participants are required to attend the full two-week programme to complete the training.

The participants are required to complete IAEA e-learning courses on decommissioning in advance. Upon completion of the e-learning, each participant should submit the obtained electronic certificate from the e-learning system to Mr Akira Izumo, the Scientific Secretary of the event (see contact details below) not later than **17 July 2026**. Nominations submitted without confirmation of e-learning course completion may not be taken into consideration.

The e-Learning courses are accessible via the following links.

- (1) Course on Preparation for Decommissioning <<https://www.iaea.org/online-learning/courses/04/course-on-preparation-for-decommissioning>>
- (2) Course on Decommissioning Implementation <<https://www.iaea.org/online-learning/courses/518/course-on-decommissioning-implementation>>

Working Language(s)

English.

Expected Outputs

The event offers participants the chance to learn about different areas of nuclear decommissioning and apply theoretical knowledge through hands-on exercises. Attendees will deepen their understanding of the following topics:

- nuclear facility characterization,
- development of inventory for decommissioning planning,
- technology selection,
- cost estimation of decommissioning tasks,
- material and waste management,
- completion of decommissioning.

Structure

The event is organized in a two-week format, the first week in Vienna, Austria on 24 - 28 August 2026 and the second week in Trnava, Slovakia on 31 August - 4 September 2026.

During the event participants will attend lectures, participate in interactive exercises, and take part in technical visits to IAEA nuclear applications laboratories in Seibersdorf, Austria as well as a nuclear power plant under decommissioning and a radioactive waste repository in Slovakia.

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 **17 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 **17 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.

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Venue

During the week from 24 August to 28 August, the event will be held at the Vienna International Centre (VIC), where the IAEA's Headquarters are located, and will start at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, 24 August 2026 in Room M6 in M-building of the VIC. 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.

During the week from 31 August to 4 September, the event will be held by Jadrová a vyrad'ovacia spoločnosť, a.s. (JAVYS), at the Holiday Inn Trnava, Hornopotocna Street 5, Trnava, 91701, Slovakia, and will start at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, 31 August 2026. Participants must make their own travel and accommodation arrangements. Once the event participants have been selected and formally invited, information will be provided on where to make hotel reservations. It is important that the recommended hotels are used to ensure public transport can be accessed between the hotel and the event venue.

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.

Participants who require a visa to enter Slovakia should submit the necessary application as soon as possible to the nearest diplomatic or consular representative of Slovakia.

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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:

<https://www.iaea.org/events/evt2503701>