

JOPRAD Final Workshop Flyer



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Background

The 'Towards a Joint Programme on Radioactive Waste Disposal - JOPRAD' Project was established in 2015 with the objective of carrying out initial preparatory work for setting up a Joint Programme on radioactive waste management and disposal

The overall aim of Joint Programming is to pool national research efforts in the domain, which are formalized in national policies. The setting up of national policies under the Directive 2011/70/EURATOM, which aims to establish a Community framework for the responsible and safe management of spent fuel and radioactive waste, led to the formalization of National Programmes and associated national research programmes.

The ultimate goal of the Joint programming is to bring together, at the European level, those aspects of RD&D activities required within national research programmes where synergy from Joint Programming has been identified. A "mandate" given by a Member State authority would formalize the link between the research actors and the National Programmes.

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Towards a Joint programming

The scope of a Joint Programme on Radioactive Waste Disposal has been broadened to cover radioactive waste management and disposal so that it also captures related pre-disposal activities. Such Joint Programming would bring together a sub-set of organisations called "nationally mandated actors" in research: (i) Waste Management organisations ("WMOs"), (ii) Regulatory Technical Support Organisations ("TSOs") and (iii) Research Entities.

To-date the three steps of the JOPRAD project have been to:

1. Inform, engage and involve Member States on Joint Programming by contacting the governmental bodies in charge of following up the implementation of the Council

Directive (2011/70/Euratom), and in collaboration with the European Commission (EC), to engage discussion with Member States' Fission committee representatives.

2. Identify key activities of WMOs, TSOs and Research Entities that could be implemented within a Joint programme at EU level.
3. Agree a Long-term Common Vision, Strategic Research Agenda and Roadmap. This has included drafting of a "Programme Document" providing the scientific and technical basis for the development of programmes taking into account expectations from stakeholders and Civil Society.

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Aim of the Final Workshop

Following the "Regional Meeting" held in Bucharest in February 2016, the "Mid-Term Workshop" held in Prague September 2016, and the "Programme Document Workshop" held in London April 2017, the Final Workshop is the last aim of the JOPRAD Project. During the Final Workshop the JOPRAD participants will present the main outcomes and achievements of the project including: how the community can be involved in future Joint Programming; what are the common research priorities for the next decade; and what are the implementation principles for a successful initiative.

In order to prepare the actual setting up of a Joint Programming and a proposal for the first implementation phases that could be submitted within Euratom WP 2018 call, a "Core Group team" has been established. Based on the JOPRAD project's outcomes, the Core Group's main task is to facilitate the preparation of this proposal comprising activities that could be launched in the first implementation phase.

The Final Workshop will provide a forum for discussion among the decision-makers of national research programmes across Member States and the EC on the different options for establishing and implementing future Joint Programming.

Specifically:

- The Final Workshop will enable "programme owners", "programme managers" in EU Member States to decide on their interest in participating in a Joint programme at the end of the JOPRAD project.
- The JOPRAD Project team will present the work carried out within the JOPRAD project and in particular:
 - The breath of the community, its diversity and the ways to be involved in a Joint programming;
 - The development of the Programme Document and;
 - The implementation principles.
- The "Core Group team" will present the "way forward" taking into account the actual content of the call and the overall scheme of a proposal and in particular:
 - It will give an overview on the development of the proposal,
 - It will present the Joint Programme which would be the legal EC instrument and the governance structure to manage it,
 - It will present a set of technical and horizontal activities that could be launched in the first years of the Joint Programme.

Feedback of the Workshop will be taken into account to develop the proposal.

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The “Vision for Joint Programming”

A Vision statement for Joint Programming on radioactive waste management and disposal has been developed by JOPRAD participants:

“A step change in European collaboration towards safe radioactive waste management and disposal through a credible and sustained science and technology programme fostering mutual understanding and trust”, which includes:

- A consensus programme between regulatory technical support organisations, implementers and researchers throughout the decades covering the development and operation of radioactive waste management and disposal facilities;
- Enhancing the understanding of the risks and uncertainties and;
- Ensuring societal visibility and transparency of research, development and demonstration.

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Targeted audience

The Final Workshop is intended for actors that have contributed to JOPRAD Project and those willing to participate to the EJP1 proposal.

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Workshop Agenda

- **16th November 2017: 9:00 – 17:30**
- **Registration 8:30 – 9:00**

Morning

- Session 1: Welcome address
- Session 2: Achievements of the JOPRAD Project
- Session 3: Transition to Joint Programming: the overall scheme of the proposal

Afternoon

- Session 4: Transition to Joint Programming: Projects and activities planned
- Session 5: Conclusion

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Important dates

- Registration Open 30th June 2017
- Second announcement and programme 30st September 2017
- Registration dead line 31st October 2017

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Administrative information

- Date: 16th November 2017
- Meeting Venue: Marriott Hotel
<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/prgdt-prague-marriott-hotel/>
- Registration via email: JOPRAD-FW@joprad.eu
- Meeting fees: Free of charge (**but advance registration required**)
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