

Subject: Invitation to participate in the European Platform on Training and Education in Radiation Protection (EUTERP Platform)

Arnhem, The Netherlands, 11 July 2006

Dear Madam, Sir,

The European Commission has launched recently the following project:

“Creation of a European Platform on Training and Education in Radiation Protection”

The project can be considered as a follow-up of two earlier projects, namely a survey of the status of the Radiation Protection Experts in the Member and Candidate States of the European Union, carried out in 2002, and a feasibility study for a work programme and structure of the EUTERP Platform, carried out in 2004. Both projects recommended the establishment of the EUTERP Platform to address a number of issues related to education, training, recognition and mutual acceptance of Radiation Protection Experts.

Both the survey and the feasibility study showed a great interest of Member and Candidate States to participate in such a Platform, aiming to facilitate mutual recognition of diplomas and qualifications in the radiation protection field. Therefore, the Commission has now launched the above-mentioned project to create the EUTERP Platform. The objectives of the Platform can be summarised as:

- to remove obstacles for the mobility of RPEs within the European Union through harmonisation of criteria and qualifications for and mutual recognition of such experts;
- to facilitate the transnational access to vocational education and training;
- to better integrate education and training into occupational radiation protection infrastructures in the Member, Candidate and Associated States of the European Union.

At this stage, at the beginning of this third project, it is necessary to identify in each of the European Member States, the Candidate States Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania and Turkey, and the Associated States Norway and Switzerland possible **Platform participants**.

We are sure that you will understand the importance of this project, and we would like to ask your co-operation. In the attached Explanatory Note you will find more detailed information about the project and its objectives. The Explanatory Note also includes the requirements and qualifications for the participants in the Platform. This could be you, but also other people that you consider as being competent. I, therefore, would kindly ask you to provide us with nominations of suitable persons to participate in the EUTERP Platform.

Please note in the e-mail addresses that this invitation may be sent to more than one person in your country. If so, it may be more efficient if you co-ordinate the response of your country by contacting the other addressees. This specifically refers to the nomination of a **national contact point** (see the Explanatory Note for the explanation of this term). It should be made clear that acting as a national contact point implicates an active co-operation with the Platform and that it will take time to undertake co-ordination actions between the national participants. To divide the work there may be more than one national contact point, depending on the sector of work, but the number of national contact points should normally be restricted to two.

To summarize, we would like you to respond on the following three questions:

- Are you interested in participating in the Platform?
- Could you provide us with a list of names, addresses and affiliations of other people in your country that may be interested?
- Are you interested to serve as a national contact point for your country?

I am sure that you appreciate the importance of a broad and eligible representation of your country in this important initiative of the European Commission. We would like to assemble the names of potential participants at the 31st of August 2006 at the latest.

If you need further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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