

# 2nd HERCA Workshop on National Radon Action Plans

29th Sep – 1st Oct 2020, Bucharest, Romania

## FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT

Radon and its short-life progeny are classified as type 1 human carcinogen (IARC, 1988) and, in many countries, represent the second leading cause of lung cancer after smoking (WHO, 2009). The new European Basic Safety Standards (Directive 2013/59/Euratom) require Member States to implement National Radon Action Plans (NRAP) aimed at reducing both the burden of lung cancer in the population as well as the individual risk for the people exposed to high radon levels. Consistently, WHO (WHO, 2009) and IAEA (GSR Part 3, 2014) advocate for national radon programmes to reduce population exposures.

In order to support HERCA members in developing their national action plans, ASN and DSA organised the first HERCA Workshop on National Action Plans in 2014 to gather best international practices. Six years later, a follow-up Workshop will be organised by the HERCA Working Group on Natural Radiation, aimed at exploring the progress made in each country and at promoting continuous improvement by sharing successes and weaknesses. 'What reference levels have been adopted in different countries and on which basis?' 'What are the best metrics to monitor the impact and effectiveness of the NRAP?' 'How to achieve an optimized radon exposure at workplaces?' 'What roles different stakeholders should play?' These are some of the questions that will be discussed in presentations and breakout sessions.

The Workshop is open not only for HERCA Members but for other authorities involved in NRAP. Keynote speakers from EC and WHO will also contribute to this event.

**Call for Abstracts:** You are invited to submit an abstract on any topics related to the workshop's theme, including: Overview on NRAP; Radon at the workplace; Radon in buildings; Communication and stakeholder engagement. All abstracts together with the main Workshop Conclusions will be included in the HERCA Workshop Report.

**Local Organizer:** National Commission for Nuclear Activities Control (CNCAN)



### Important Dates

- **21 Jan 2020** – First announcement
- **2 Mar 2020** – Registration and abstract submission (*by e-mail to your national contact point*)
- **15 May 2020** – Second announcement
- **29 Sept 2020** – Welcome Ceremony

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