

Towards Optimized Use of Research Reactors in Europe

TOURR Workshop AGENDA

Date: 10.10.2022

Venue: Centro de Congressos do Estoril
Av. Amaral 2765-192 Estoril (Portugal)

This workshop is scheduled as an ancillary meeting to the ERPW2022 – European Radiation Protection Week 2022

10.10.2022		
10.00 – 10.10	Welcome participants	Roberta CIRILLO (ENEN)
10.10 – 10.30	Introduction to the TOURR project and its general objectives Introduction of TOURR project partners	Roberta CIRILLO (ENEN) TOURR representatives present
10.30 – 10.45	TOURR project and RadioIsotopes – how the project addresses issues related to this topic	Renata MIKOLAJCZAK (NCBJ)
10.45 – 11.00	COFFEE BREAK	
11.00 – 11.30	Radio Isotopes – what are the challenges?	Csilla PESZNYAK (BME)
11.30 – 11.45	Workshop work presentation SWOT analysis 'Desiderata' to input Participants split into groups	Roberta CIRILLO
11.45 – 12.15	Group work – In parallel	ALL
12.15 – 12.45	Group work findings and presentation	ALL
12.45 – 13.00	Wrap-up and Conclusion	Roberta CIRILLO (ENEN)

WORKSHOP AIM

At this stage, the target is to start drafting the “RR utilization Optimization Strategy”. In order to do so in the best way possible, we wish to collect the end users input in terms of needs from the medical radioisotopes producers. Our end users are represented (among others) by: medical physicists and radiation protection experts. They are the most suitable communities to provide TOURR with useful insights on how to optimize the RR resources when it comes to medical applications.

The idea behind the workshop is to make the TOURR project known, to present a very preliminary draft of the ‘Optimization Strategy’ (most likely in the form of a SWOT analysis) and ask the present attendees to give their suggestions, express their wishes, share their ideas and recommendation that according to them should ideally be added in the report.

BACKGROUND

TOURR is the acronym of “Towards Optimized Use of Research Reactors in Europe” project. It is a EURATOM funded coordination action among 9 partners across the European Union (EU) out of which 6 are EU research reactors operators. It is coordinated by ENEN: European Nuclear Education Network (www.enen.eu) the largest network in Europe for Education and Training.

The TOURR project is an answer to the challenge to assess the impact of the decreasing number of RRs, identify future needs (including new neutron sources), in terms of: education and training, technology and medical applications; draw a roadmap for the upgrade of the existing RR fleet, and a model for harmonized resource management. Another aim of the project it is to evaluate the current and future need for neutron sources and for medical radioisotopes in Europe.

TOURR primary objective is to develop a strategy for RR utilisation in Europe and prepare the ground for its implementation. The ambition of TOURR project is to secure access and availability of RRs as a vital part of the European Research Area and to provide support to a stable supply of medical radioisotopes.

In the following months, a Strategy for the optimized use of European RR will be published and an online platform will be built to allow achieving this optimization.

TOURR webpage under the ENEN website: <https://enen.eu/index.php/portfolio/tourr-project/>

TOURR project website : <https://www.tourr.eu/>



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