



NEWSLETTER

EUROPEAN TRAINING AND EDUCATION IN RADIATION PROTECTION FOUNDATION

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Radiation protection training in Europe – the next steps

March 28-30, 2011

Atlantica Aeneas Resort & Spa, Ayia Napa, Cyprus

This EUTERP Workshop aims at bringing together all stakeholders in radiation protection training. After the introduction of the new definitions on RPE, RPO and MPE in the recast of the BSS, this workshop will concentrate on the next steps to be taken on national and international level.



It will, amongst others, give an overview on the implementation of training programs in the different member states, discuss multi-lateral arrangements that are recently set up, and will report on the state of the art of EUTERP and the ENETRAP project, and will learn from EFOMP about the experiences in MPE training.

Your input will steer the EUTERP working program.

More information on www.sckcen.be/euterp_workshop



Changes to the EUTERP website

The EUTERP Foundation website is an important resource for the exchange of information and the posting of materials on national training requirements, forthcoming events etc. The current website, which was created as part of the EUTERP Platform project, is now showing its age and is in need of an urgent update.

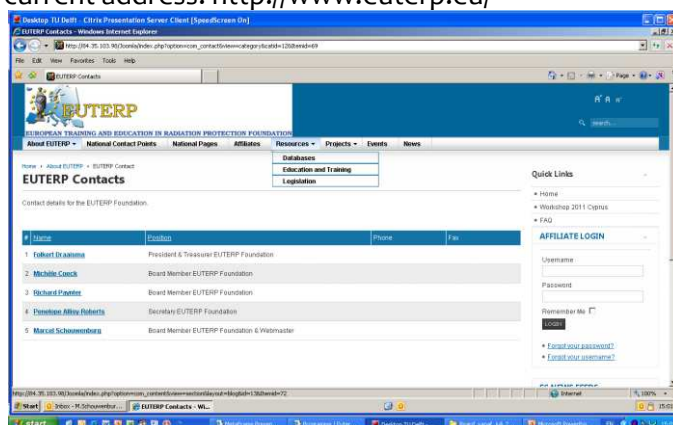
The Foundation Board members are currently working on this and the improvements will be implemented over the next few months.

One of the major technical improvements will be the use of a new content management system (CMS). This new CMS allows easier maintenance and updating of the website. Hosting of the website for the coming years is kindly offered by the Delft University of Technology in the Netherlands.

Furthermore, the intention is to retain some of the overall look of the website, but make it considerably more user friendly by the addition of links and new pages, which will be frequently updated.

The renewed website will go live on Thursday, January 6, 2011.

Please check the site on a regular basis to see the changes that are being made. The site will continue to be accessed via the current address: <http://www.euterp.eu/>



The revision of the Euratom Basic Safety Standards Directive

The final draft of the recast Euratom Basic Safety Standards Directive was issued in February together with a comprehensive statement by the Article 31 Group describing the various key changes (the Opinion of the Article 31 Group). The European Commission is now drafting an impact assessment of the revision prior to moving on to the next stages of the implementation process. You will be pleased to know that the proposals developed in the EUTERP workshops for the introduction of the concepts and definitions for the Radiation Protection Expert (RPE) and the Radiation Protection Officer (RPO) have been fully adopted in the draft Directive, which also contains the guidance we submitted on the roles of the RPE and RPO.

A new Title (Title V: *Requirements for Radiation Protection Education, Training and Information*) has been added to highlight the importance of education and training in radiation protection. This title contains general requirements on the provision of information and training of exposed workers, apprentices and students, the information and training needs of emergency workers and those who may be potentially exposed to orphan sources (eg workers in metal scrap recycling plants). The training framework for practitioners and others working in the field of medical exposure is also specified.

The draft still needs to go through a number of stages before it is finalised as a Directive, and it is possible that the content will be further amended during this process. However, we now have a good understanding of the likely final content and this will enable us to further develop our views on the harmonisation of training and qualification activities over Europe.

I look forward to participating in a good discussion on the implications of the new Directive at the EUTERP Foundation Workshop!

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The new ECVET system – an opportunity for radiation protection training

The European Credit system for Vocational Education and Training (ECVET) is the new European instrument to promote mutual trust and mobility in vocational education and training.

The development of ECVET began in 2002 after the Copenhagen Process emphasised the need for a credit transfer system for vocational training. ECVET has now been adopted by the European Parliament and the Council on 18 June 2009.

ECVET aims to give people greater control over their individual learning experiences and make it more attractive to move between different countries and different learning environments.

ECVET is based on concepts and processes which are used in a systematic way to establish a common and user-friendly language for transparency, transfer and recognition of learning outcomes. Some of these concepts and processes are already embedded in many qualifications systems across Europe.

The adoption of the Recommendation by the European Parliament and the Council in 2009 creates the conditions for the implementation of ECVET. By 2012 ECVET will be tested and piloted in different contexts and systems: European, national and sectorial. In 2012 Member States are expected to have created the necessary conditions and measures for the gradual implementation of ECVET. In 2014 the European Parliament and the Council will review and evaluate the first stage of ECVET implementation and, if required, they will readjust the text of the Recommendation. The quality of ECVET testing initiatives is crucial. All stakeholders, such as awarding bodies, providers, social partners, companies, are encouraged to engage in ECVET testing through projects and networks, in particular under the Lifelong Learning Program.

More information can be found on:

http://ec.europa.eu/education/lifelong-learning-policy/doc50_en.htm