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Implementing Training and Mobility in EU Projects EURAD and PREDIS

Abstract:

In 2019, The European Commission asked the European Joint Programme on Radioactive Waste Management (EURAD - grant agreement N°847593) to achieve a step change in European collaboration towards safe radioactive waste management (RWM). In that frame, EURAD's Training & Mobility work package (WP) has set up a 'School of RWM', which was launched in 2020. In addition, in September 2021, the 'Pre-disposal of radioactive waste' project (PREDIS), dedicated to pre-disposal treatment of radioactive waste was launched. PREDIS also integrates a training and mobility WP that is closely interlinked to that of EURAD. As such, both WPs complement each other, which has been directly reinforced through the EURAD-PREDIS Joint Statement on knowledge management [1].

Currently, the School of RWM's end-user-driven activities focus on four pillars: organization of courses, hosting of webinars, coordination of a mobility programme, and actions to support the EURAD PhD community. The methodology followed in EURAD and the experience gained from the first School of RWM activities provided a template for the PREDIS training and mobility programme which was launched in December 2021.

To establish a portfolio of training courses, currently existing training initiatives in the field of RWM were mapped. PREDIS focused on predisposal activities and EURAD on RWM in general. The mapping was published on the School's website in November 2021. The School of RWM has organized two training courses. In addition, the School of RWM and PREDIS organized 23 webinars between October 2020 and March 2022. The average audience size was 85. These webinars covered RWM- & Predisposal-related themes, either specialized or more general themes. Webinars as well as recorded lectures on relevant topics for both projects are published online.

Both projects launched a dedicated mobility programme, which allows their beneficiaries and linked third parties to perform technical visits to infrastructures, undertake internships and set up exchange

programmes between institutions within EURAD/PREDIS. PREDIS also supports the participation to training courses and events. To date, eight mobility applications were approved within EURAD and seven within PREDIS.

Finally, both projects support their respective student communities, including master students, PhD students, and postdocs. As potential future key figures in the field of RWM, students benefit from the possibilities of networking with their colleagues, peers as well as with RWM established experts early in their careers.

This presentation describes the driving forces behind the School of RWM, the PREDIS training and mobility programme and the results obtained so far.

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