

## **NERIS:**

**The European Platform on Preparedness for Nuclear and  
Radiological Emergency Response and Recovery**

***SRA and synergy with STAR-ALLIANCE***

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- Created in 2010
  - Financial support from the European Commission to structure the Platform
  - Adoption of legal statutes in May, 15, 2012 in Glasgow
  - Legal registration under the French Law: August, 28, 2012
  - Self-sustainable since 2014
- ***28 supporting organizations***
  - ***55 members***
  - ***25 countries***

- **Improving the effectiveness** of current European, national and local approaches for preparedness
- **Promoting more coherent approaches**
- **Identifying gaps** and needs for further developments
- **Addressing new and emerging challenges** in the field of preparedness
- **Maintaining and improving know-how** and technical expertise in preparedness among all interested stakeholders in Europe

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***Three research areas have been identified with 7 topics:***

- 1. New challenges in atmospheric and aquatic modeling**
- 2. New challenges for better dose assessments and decision support based on improved knowledge**
- 3. New challenges in stakeholder involvement and local preparedness and communication strategies**

- **Key Topic 1: Atmospheric dispersion modelling**
  - To make more reliable and precise forecasts on atmospheric dispersion of radioactive materials in different environments:
    - *Urban, confined spaces*
    - *Models for non-conventional emissions*
    - *Simulation of (very) long-duration releases to air*
    - ...
- **Key Topic 2: Aquatic dispersion modelling**
  - To improve forecasts on aquatic dispersion of radioactive materials in different environments
    - *Urban hydrology systems*
    - *Coastal waters*

- **Key Topic 3: Improvement of existing Decision Support System**
  - To obtain a better analysis of the radiological situation (source-term, scenarios, etc.),
  - To support the decision-making processes during emergency and recovery phases
- **Key Topic 4: Data mining, information gathering and providing information to stakeholders and mass media**
  - To foster the information exchange between all interested stakeholder
  - To provide means for a more transparent decision-making process
- **Key Topic 5: Improvement of the decision-making processes**
  - Better structured processes at national, regional and local levels
  - Improvement of the efficiency of protective strategies

- **key Topic 6: Stakeholder engagement and dialogue**
  - To improve the acceptability and social robustness of emergency response, ensuring that stakeholders are involved in decisions impacting their lives
- **Key Topic 7: Use of social media & networking**
  - To better understand the ways in which social media and other media are used in the flow of information and communication



- *Two topics to be addressed within the 2<sup>nd</sup> OPERRA Call*
- *Common projects within COMET*
- *Proposal to reinforce the cooperation:*
  - *To derive, from the scientific research in radioecology, approaches and models operationally applicable in Decision Support Systems*
  - *To share the lessons from the management of the consequences of the Fukushima accident in Japan*

- *Operationally applicable in Decision Support Systems:*
  - *Applicable to most regions in Europe,*
  - *Cover the most important (in terms of ingestion doses) food chain pathways,*
  - *Easy to run, and do not require sophisticated background knowledge*
  - *Deliver results in a way that this can be used within existing DSS*

- *To share the lessons from the management of the consequences of the Fukushima accident in Japan*
  - *Decontamination actions and efficiency,*
  - *Waste management,*
  - *Food contamination,*
  - *Individual exposure (shielding factors, habits,...)*
  - *Conditions and means for the return of populations,*
  - *...*

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