

## Invitation to become a registered member of the European Partnership PIANOFORTE stakeholders

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Dear Madam/Sir,

**The newly established European partnership within radiation protection, PIANOFORTE, would like to invite you to become a member of the foreseen stakeholders' network that will be regularly and proactively informed about the partnership & its research activities and engaged in related activities.**

'The Partnership for European research in radiation protection and detection of ionising radiation: towards a safer use and improved protection of the environment and human health' partnership (2022-2027) will contribute to improving the protection of the public, workers, patients and the environment from medical, occupational and environmental exposure to ionising radiation. It brings together 58 partners representing 22 European Union countries, as well as the United Kingdom and Norway.

The partnership will contribute to prioritize European policies, such as the fight against cancer (European Cancer Action Plan), the protection of health from environmental risks (Green Pact for Growth), and finally the improvement of anticipation and resilience in disaster situations (implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction). To this end, this European partnership promotes multidisciplinary research activities and innovations in a collaborative approach bringing together scientists, authorities and all relevant stakeholders including civil society. Research projects, focused on clearly identified priorities, will be selected through three competitive calls, open to the entire European radiation protection research community, planned in the following years.

**Particular attention in the partnership will be paid to the involvement of all relevant stakeholders in the priority setting of the scientific topics that will be the subject of calls for proposals and with respect to the question of translating this research into actual impact for strengthened radiation protection through dissemination of projects' results into a wide network of various stakeholders.**

**Our objective is thus to meet and integrate the expectations of the wide set of radiation protection stakeholders as best as possible.**

Therefore, to assure communication, dissemination and engagement activities, the following stakeholders' networks groups have been identified:

- International organisations - European policy makers (EC, Article 31 Group of Experts, HERCA, WENRA and others).
- International organisations and associations - Experts in radiation protection and other related disciplines (IAEA, ICRP, UNSCEAR, IRPA, ENA, ERA and others).
- National policy makers and regulatory authorities – ministries, regulatory bodies, including those at regional and municipality levels - from the different European countries.
- Implementers – national representatives from nuclear and non-nuclear industries, medical professional associations in hospitals, waste disposal sites, etc.
- Education & Training Community - academia (universities, research centres, institutes).
- Civil society and affected communities: national, regional, local public organizations gathering impacted public groups, such as but not limited:
  - medical patients' organisations,
  - citizens (e.g. citizens science networks; representatives of communities living in areas near legacy sites and of municipalities with nuclear facilities),
  - NGOs.

- Media – journalists or other persons in media interested and/or working with radiation protection or wider issues.

The given groups obviously may have different interests and needs, therefore, to acknowledge all these, the PIANOFORTE partnership would like to actively involve different representatives in the project's activities, such as:

- Surveys that will help disseminate specific information on PIANOFORTE, roles and benefits of stakeholders and evaluate certain knowledge gaps related to radiation protection general issues.
- Participation at topical online meetings to jointly discuss the research priorities for open calls to co-fund research projects that will be selected and financed by PIANOFORTE.
- Sharing the outcomes of the projects and discussion of their practical values and common societal benefits.
- Sharing other information that may be of relevance (e.g., on existing infrastructure, organised education and training courses, events etc.).

For this purpose, **we are establishing the PIANOFORTE stakeholder database that will be confidentially managed and data stored according to the EU and PIANOFORTE data protection rules. Data obtained in activities such as electronic surveys will be processed anonymously, by the PIANOFORTE WP3 researchers and only for the PIANOFORTE project purposes, kept and finally deleted in accordance with well respected rules for personal information protection.**

**On contrary, all analysed results and important outcomes, coming from consideration of obtained data on general population level, will be shared with stakeholders in form of reports (deliverables).**

**You are kindly invited to get more information and register yourself in an easy online registration scheme at the following link:**

<https://pianoforte-partnership.eu/stakeholders>

After registration we will inform you about the activities so that you can get involved in the ones you consider convenient. Your involvement will be voluntary, free, unconditional and with no obligations, but will be though highly appreciated by the PIANOFORTE partnership members.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Sincerely yours,

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