Activities of EUTERP, the European Training and Education in Radiation Protection Foundation

Background
European Commission concerns prompted the formation of the EUTERP Foundation:
- Lack of mobility of radiation protection experts (RPEs) across the European Union
- Differing interpretations of both the knowledge and training requirements for RPEs in different member states

EUTERP aims
- A common understanding of the role of the RPE
- Consistent education and training requirements for RPEs
- Mutual recognition for RPEs
- Appropriate training for RPOs and all radiation workers
- Liaison with all stakeholders that have education and training in their activities

EUTERP activities
- Encouraging National Contact Points in all states
- Reference syllabus for training of RPEs
- Development and testing of modular training courses
- Stakeholder participation in training developments
- Liaison with HERCA on the recognition of RPEs
- Partner in the ENETRAP III project

Main achievements
- Self-sustainable entity since June 2010 with a dynamic web site and a growing number of EUTERP Associates
- Advice to the EU on the definitions, roles and duties of the RPE and RPO for the EU BSS 2013
- 3 Workshops: Cyprus autumn 2011; Croatia, spring 2014; Greece, autumn 2015; the next is scheduled for 2019
- European RP course and opportunities database under beta-testing for the EUTERP web site

Conclusion
EUTERP provides a portal for radiation protection education and training activities in Europe. It liaises with other European organizations, participating in projects and events to develop and enhance training activities, and promote a common understanding of training requirements for all persons involved in activities using ionising radiation.

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