

OPERRA



Open Project for European Radiation Research Area

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The OPERRA project aims to build up a coordination structure that has the legal and logistical capacity to administer future calls for research proposals in radiation protection. Among OPERRA's initiatives are the set-up of a sustainable organization to manage radiation protection research in Europe; the involvement of key partners in radiation protection as well as national and international funding agencies; and the enrollment of universities and academic partners, notably from new EU Member States, major stakeholders and authorities as well as other technical platforms inside and outside Euratom. OPERRA will exploit the synergies of EURATOM and other EC programmes considering the most relevant joint program areas and mechanisms for funding joint activities. The project will also strengthen the links with national funding programs as well as the European education and training structures. Also, it will take steps towards a greater involvement of those new Member States who could benefit from increased participation in the radiation research programmes. Finally, OPERRA will take steps to further integrate the joint use of infrastructures in European countries, and to develop and facilitate an easier access to research infrastructures. The final objective of this project is to build up an umbrella coordination structure that has the capacity in a legal and logistical sense to administer future calls for research in radiation protection as a whole (including low-dose risk, radioecology, nuclear emergency management, and also research activities related to the medical uses of ionizing radiation) on behalf of the European Commission.

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