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The European Metrology Network for Radiation Protection: Benefits and Challenges

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Abstract

The European regulation on ionizing radiation is essentially laid down in the Council DIRECTIVE 2013/59/EURATOM. This Directive implements the basic safety standards for the protection of humans and the environment against the dangers arising from exposure to ionizing radiation.

However, the practical implementation of the European basic safety standards has become more complex due to the lack of consideration of the metrological implications and the adaptation to new technological developments, which lead to new standards, technological innovations, and improved capabilities.

It is therefore of vital importance to create a network that acts as a focal point between the metrology communities and the relevant radiation protection stakeholders, including regulators, standardization bodies, manufacturers, users of radiation sources and international organizations and platforms dealing with radiation protection such as HERCA, IAEA and EURADOS.

The development of such a metrology network under the umbrella of EURAMET was planned by the consortium of the JNP EMPIR project 19NET03 supportBSS. The plan was successfully evaluated by EURAMET and the European Metrology Network (EMN) for Radiation Protection was approved by the EURAMET General Assembly in June 2021.

The EMN for radiation protection will interact with innovative technological developments and has set itself the goal of being the central point of contact in order to cover the metrological needs in radiation protection and to find metrological solutions on a European level.

The main challenges for this goal are in the first step the implementation of a long-term ongoing dialogue between the metrology communities and relevant stakeholder groups and, on the other hand, the development of a joint and sustainable European metrology infrastructure that underpins radiation protection regulation. The first step is visualized in this work.

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