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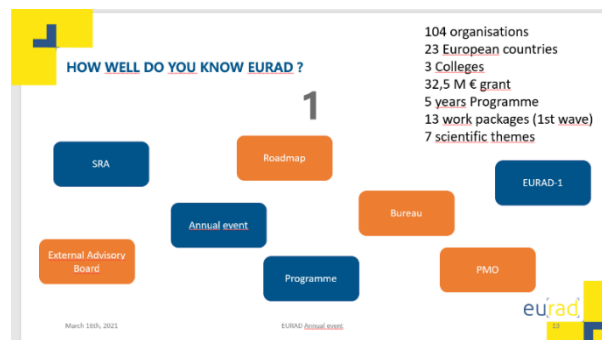
We are out there

## BREAKING NEWS



### Results of the warm-up quiz!

A warm thank to the 58 members who took part in the quiz and who gave almost exclusively correct answers.



HZDR, PSI and SCK-CEN with 3 participants each have the honor of standing on the podium of EURAD first quiz!

See you for the next quiz!

### Second wave

All second wave work-packages have been approved by the last General Assembly. The amendment to include the 3 new RD&D WPs and the two expanded Strategic Studies in the EURAD programme is in preparation to allow all of them to start on June 1st, 2021.

## A LOOK BACK

### GENERAL ASSEMBLY n°4

On January 18<sup>th</sup>, the fourth GA was held by videoconference. After a presentation of all of the second wave work-packages and various interactions taking place within EURAD, the items requiring approval by the GA members were put to vote. All of them have been approved:

- the 5 second wave work-packages and related budget allocation,
- the annual programme for the third year,
- the interim report n°2,
- the Knowledge Management programme,
- the appointment of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the External Advisory Board,
- the deliverable 1.6 Data Management Plan
- the WP Guidance work-package Demonstration cases.



### FIRST SotAs OUT

Last February, in less than two weeks, five different publications have been posted on the EURAD website, including the first two initial State-of-the-Art (SotA) documents.

HITEC and DONUT SotAs are available to all in the publication section of the website. As in each RD&D WP, these SotAs documents will be updated at the end of the program, to integrate the results of EURAD.

Two technical reports from the ACED WP on "Modelling of the steel-clay interface - approaches, first results and model refinements" and on "First results on the thermodynamic databases and reactive transport models for steel-cement interfaces at high temperature" and a milestone of ROUTES WP on "Current use of Waste Acceptance Criteria in European Union Members States and some Associated Countries" have also been published and are now accessible in the same section.

## DID YOU KNOW...?

...That two new pages were recently added to the 'PhD' section of the School of Radioactive Waste Management's website?

- Under 'Publications' an overview of scientific publications made by EURAD PhD students can be consulted
- Under 'PhD vacancies' a list of some available PhD positions in the field of RWM are now being shared

The EURAD community is encouraged to provide input for these two pages to WP13 so that they can keep them up-to-date.

Additionally, the 'Webinar archive' is updated, containing recordings of all previous Lunch & Learn sessions.

... And there are more to come!

In the coming weeks, a new page will be published in the 'Mobility' section with a list of available infrastructures at EURAD partner institutes. Detailed information on the infrastructure and the name of the contact person should help with setting up mobility actions for PhD students, post-docs and young professionals who want to increase their knowledge and skills in a specific field.

School of RWM website: [euradschool.eu](http://euradschool.eu)



## DIGEST



### ICS workshop n°2

On March 25-26<sup>th</sup>, the second ICS workshop was organized by the Civil Society (CS) expert group in EURAD, mainly represented by Nuclear Transparency Watch.

This meeting, which takes place once a year, gathers the CS experts and the members of the CS larger group interested in EURAD, plus some EURAD participants who have a specific interaction with the ICS activities (e.g. because they are involved in the same Work Packages). The aim is that the CS experts and the CS larger group members exchange on the work performed in EURAD, bringing their views, comments and suggestions.

During the workshop, there were some initial presentations made by Elisabeth Salat (PMO member) and Piet Zuidema (Chief Scientific Officer) on the work achieved in EURAD for the last 1,5 year. Then, CS experts shared summaries of the work they carried out in the different activities that they are involved in: follow up of the technical WPs, ICS evaluation process, ROUTES and UMAN strategic studies WP. CS experts and CS larger group members gathered in small groups in order to discuss questions arising from concrete and hypothetical case studies that were elaborated by the CS experts in the frame of the WP ROUTES on the disposal routes for the waste and the WP UMAN on the management of uncertainties along the RWM process.

The interactions between all participants were very vivid and proactive. Important suggestions and feedback have been received which will be proposed to be included in the future activities linked with ICS.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### April

24<sup>th</sup> Lunch-and-learn session EURADSCIENCE

### May

26<sup>th</sup> Lunch-and-learn session – ERDO: Steps for sharing



### Do you want to share your activities / results within your work-package?

We have a few different ways of disseminating this type of information, the first one is to contact the PMO to get an article in the next newsletter (published every quarter) or you might preferred to volunteer for a lunch-and-learn (L&L) session.

We organize, with WP 13, L&L sessions every last Wednesday of the month between 1 and 2 p.m CET (see opposite the program for the next ones) but ad-hoc sessions to coincide with a recent news item from your Programme can also be set up.

The format is 30 mins presentation + 30 mins Q&A.

## FOCUS



### EURAD's FIRST ANNUAL EVENT



446  
participants



3 days



30+ presentations



3 breakouts and  
6 sub-breakouts

Organising the first annual event was an important milestone for EURAD. It has allowed all the participants to share and present the last two years of work that has been achieved within EURAD. Despite conditions that clearly did not ease exchanges and the normal informal conversations, interactions between participants, the different workpackages and organisations were numerous and of high-quality.

This first annual event provided a platform for interactions and integration between PhDs students, researchers and KM enthusiasts to enhance all future types of cooperation.

The results of the breakout sessions were shared during the last day, showing a strong interdependency and interfaces between the different workpackages.



Rosalinde van der Vlies @RosalindeEU · 16 mars

Glad to have presented today @EJP\_EURAD how @EU\_Commission supports research & sharing best-practices among Member States in the field of radioactive waste management & geological disposal through the #Euratom Research & Training Programme. 🇪🇺 🇪🇺 #HorizonEU #ResearchImpactEU



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Multiple activities, improvements and actions were identified in the scope of the actual EURAD but also for the 2<sup>nd</sup> wave and a possible future EURAD-2 and beyond on a long-term perspective.

The next steps are now to integrate those conclusions to the scope of work and to implement them in a timely manner.

The next annual event will take place in the first quarter of 2022, hopefully (fingers-crossed) with a face-to-face meeting – Stay tuned !

In the meantime we encourage you to provide your feedback on this first annual event to the secretariat : [secretariat@ejp-eurad.eu](mailto:secretariat@ejp-eurad.eu)



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435 abonnés

1 sem. •



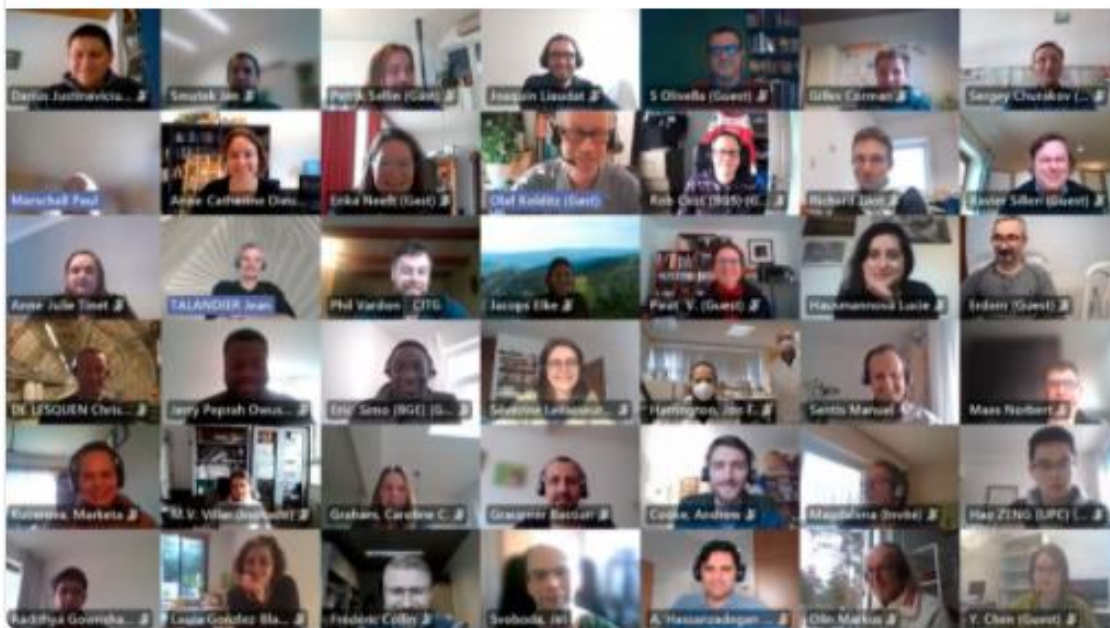
Anne-Catherine Dieudonné • 2e

Assistant Professor of Engineering Geology

1 sem. • Modifié •

Great to meet everyone again on the occasion of our #EURAD WP GAS annual meeting! Impressed by the amazing progressed made by all groups in spite of Covid, and happy to see so many fruitful collaborations! ...voir plus

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Editorial board : EURAD's PMO, Niels Belmans (WP13), Julien Dewoghélaère (WP1 – Task 8) and Honorine Rey (WP1 – Task 8).