



EURAD-2: 2ND WAVE DEVELOPMENT EURADSCIENCE INPUTS

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STATUS FROM EURADSCIENCE

- EuradScience is the network of European Research Organisations, which currently comprises 30 organisations and represents 13 countries in the field of Radioactive Waste Management (RWM).
- EuradScience aims at
 - Gathering the views of the Research Entities on European Radioactive Waste Management topics
 - Representing the College of Research Entities in EURAD-2 in accordance with Governance arrangements set out in the Grant Agreement
 - Fostering joint collaboration through exchanges and discussions, and
 - Preserving the interests of Research Entities at the EU level (in relation to EU projects).
- EuradScience is an independent, cross-disciplinary, inclusive network with the aim of ensuring long-term scientific excellence and credibility in all aspects of radioactive waste management. EuradScience will provide, improve and further develop the scientific foundations for the sustainable and safe management of radioactive waste.



EURADSCIENCE'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE SECOND-WAVE

Outline for <u>EuradScience's</u> contribution to the second-wave selection process of EURAD-2

EuradScience activities in 2nd wave selection process – five step approach schedule

Step 1

Feb 2025

Initiation phase - Key Topics

GA representatives

Step 3

April to May 2025

Consolidation of Key Topics

Steering Committee

Step 5

Sept 2025

Position Paper EuradScience for 2nd wave

Steering Committee
- GA approval













Feb to March 2025

Identification of Key Topics

GA representatives

Step 4

June 2025

Selection of Key Topics

GA representatives





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- **4 RD&D topics selected** to be and submitted as EuradScience proposals for the second wave of EURAD-2 through template #1 were:
- Materials (EBS): Materials for enhancing passive safety and robustness of Engineered Barrier Systems
- **Conditioning:** Development of robust and versatile conditioning matrices for challenging waste streams
- **Monitoring:** Advanced Monitoring Systems and Data Management
- **Siting:** Developing site screening strategies and procedures for integrated site descriptive models
- **2 Strategic Studies topics selected** submitted as EuradScience proposals for the second wave of EURAD-2 through template #1 were:
- **Natural Analogues:** Strategic review of holistic utilisation of NAs in radioactive waste disposal
- **THMC Host Rocks:** Assessing the end user gaps and needs on THMC(B) properties of HR defining a common strategy





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- Selection of WPs includes evaluation of the genuine scientific value and expected scientific excellence of the proposed workplan.
- Emphasis on engaging young researchers (PhD and early career researchers) whenever possible. => contribution to education and ensuring future availability of qualified experts.