

ANNUAL EVENT N°2

Draft agenda

Date: 8-10 September 2026

Venue: Dublin, Ireland

There is no registration fee for this event which is open to every EURAD-2 participants and registered end-users and stakeholders.

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This event is primarily an in-person event. In case of reaching the maximum capacity of attendance, priority will be given to Consortium members. It is a 1-star event in terms of hybridisation: online participants can only listen to the session. They will not be able to interact in any manner and will not hear audience questions.

The EURAD-2 General Assembly will take place on Monday 7 September afternoon (attendance restricted to GA representatives, WP Leaders, PMO and Bureau members, Civil Society Observer, Chief Scientific Officers, Colleges Chairs and EC representative).



Tuesday 8 September 2026

Introduction		
08.30-09.00	Welcome and opening remarks	Seifallah Ben-Hadj-Hassine (EC) Louise Théodon (Andra)
Plenary Session		
09.00-10.00	Stakeholders panel discussion on needs of small inventory programmes	David Fenton (Environmental Protection Agency), Felicia Dragolici (IAEA), Gianfranco Brunetti (EC DG ENER), Dr. Geraldine O'Reilly (St James's hospital), Dr. Ruairi O'Donnell (Univ. College Dublin)
10.00-11.00	Lessons learned and Insights from Strategic Studies (ASTRA, FORSAFF, CLIMATE, OPTI, DITOCO and DITUSC)	Elke Jacobs (SCK CEN), Marja Vuorio (COVRA), Timothy Schatz (VTT), Alexis Geisler-Roblin (NTW), Philipp Herold (BGE), Réka Szoke (HUN-REN EK), Stéphane Brassinnes (NIRAS)
11.00-11.30	Coffee break	
11.30-12.00	Reflections from the External Advisory Board	Simon Morgan (EAB Chair representing WENRA), and Ali Awada (representing CONNECT-NM Partnership)
12.00-12.40	Spotlight on cutting-edge science • Studtite Stability in Aqueous Suspension: Effects of Boronic Species and Bicarbonate on Dissolution • Specific anion effects on the swelling pressure of compacted MX80 bentonite: experiments and modelling • Development and Optimization of ⁴¹Ca Determination with AMS MILEA	• Zoe Emory (KTH) • Zhangrong Liu (CNRS/NAVIER) • Filip Babicky (CVUT)
12.40-14.00	Lunch break	
14.00-14.40	Spotlight on cutting-edge science • Interplay of physicochemical and microbial processes under repository-relevant conditions: uncovering their impact on the corrosion of candidate materials for metal canisters • Conditioning of surrogate ion exchange resins and Fenton residues in geopolymers • Guidance on the long-term performance assessment of MKPC Waste Forms: Study of Aluminium Corrosion and Its Implications for Hydrogen Generation in LILW Repositories	• Lidia Generelo Casajus (UGR) • Fabio Fattori (POLIMI) • Carla Garcia (CSIC)
14.40-15.40	EURAD-2 through its governance bodies: Next-generation perspectives	Jimena de Hita (ENRESA), Abhishek Mishra (GSL), Sami Naumer (VTT), Georges Matta (ASNR), Gauthier Fontaine (NTW)
15.40-16.10	Coffee break	
16.10-17.00	From ideation to action: year-one outcomes and next steps	Alexis Geisler-Roblin (NTW), Christophe Debayle (ASNR), Elke Jacobs (SCK CEN) and Sabrina Dollinger (AGES)

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Parallel breakout sessions		
09.00-10.00	Climate change on nuclear waste facilities	Didier Paillard (LSCE), Álvaro Sáinz García (Amphos 21), Berta Picamal (Nucleareurope)
10.00-12.30	Climate change impacts on society: How may it influence RWM policy and governance? - Session 1	Yves Lheureux (ANCCLI)
	Climate change impacts on existing facilities - Session 2	Anne Kontula (TVO)
	Climate change impacts on operation: What technologies, monitoring and modelling innovations are needed? - Session 3	Frank Lemy (ONDRAF/NIRAS)
	Climate change impacts on post-closure safety: What are the potential long-term implications over centuries to millennia? - Session 4	Johan Liakka (SKB)
12.30-14.00	Lunch break	
Parallel topical sessions – Technical results / projects		
14.00-15.30	CLIMATE, SUDOKU and OPTI: Optimising Radioactive Waste Disposal Facilities under a Changing Climate - Topical session 1	Crina Bucur (RATEN), Álvaro Sáinz García (Amphos21), Philipp Herold (BGE)
	InCoManD and ANCHORS: Optimisation of engineered barrier systems and waste containers of a GDF – Topical session 2	Xavier Pintado (ClayTech), Jiri Svoboda (CVUT), Ursula Alonso (CIEMAT), Mirjam Kiczka (UBern)
	SAREC and CSFD: Deep Geological Disposal of Spent Nuclear Fuel: Radionuclide Release and Criticality Safety Considerations - Topical session 3	Lena Zetterström Evins (SKB), Madalina Wittel (NAGRA)
	ASTRA and FORSAFF: Perspectives on the Management of Small and Emerging Inventories. – Topical session 4	Timothy Schatz (VTT), Marja Vuorio (COVRA), Gabriele Magugliani (POLIMI), David Garcia (Amphos21), James Begg (EGIS), Sami Naumer (VTT), Alexis Geisler-Roblin (NTW), Meritxell Martell (MERIENCE), Muhammad Maladoh Bah (SEAI)
15.30-16.00	Coffee break	
16.00-17.30	ICARUS, STREAM and L’OPERA: Predisposal – Topical session 5	Eros Mossini (POLIMI), Federica Pancotti (SOGIN, Thierry Mennecart (SCK CEN), Elena Torres (CIEMAT), Yevheniia Kudriashova (SSTC NRS)
	RAMPEC and DITUSC: Sorption modelling: status and challenges – Topical session 6	Stéphane Brassinnes (NIRAS), Norbert Maes (SCK CEN), Pierre Henocq (Andra), Jean-Charles Robinet (Andra)
	DITOCO2030 and HERMES: Repository Digital Twin concepts and model developments - Topical session 7	Réka Szőke (HUN-REN EK), Sergey Churakov (PSI), Xavier Pintado (ClayTech), Pablo Cayon (INGECID), Gabriela Roman (Amphos21), Nikolaos Prasianakis (PSI)
19.00-23.00	Social dinner	

Thursday 10 September 2026

Plenary Session		
09.00-12.00	Closing the Fuel Cycle and Enabling Circular Economy: Myth or Opportunity?" Side event EESC – EURAD-2	Co-organised by the European Economic and Social Committee and EURAD-2
12.00-13.30	Lunch break	
13.30-14.15	Spotlight on cutting-edge science - Galvanic corrosion of magnesium in geopolymers - CSFD WP - Reactive Transport Models and Metamodels for the geochemical evolution of HLW repositories	- Marwa Rima (CEA) - TBD - Alba Mon (UDC)
14.15-15.15	Knowledge Management and Young Generation network	Alexandru Tatomir (BGE), Liz Harvey Galson), Niels Belmans (SCK CEN), Christophe Debayle (ASNR), Kateryna Fuzik (SSTC NRS)
15.15-15.45	Coffee break	
15.45-16.20	Concluding session of the breakouts – including Q&A	Rapporteurs
16.20-17.00	Concluding session of the topical sessions – including Q&A	Rapporteurs
17.00-17.30	Closing remarks	Chief Scientific Officers Seifallah Ben-Hadj-Hassine (European Commission)