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# IAEA activities related to QE and RPO

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## IAEA framework for QE and RPO

- *Requirements, Definitions*

## Activities

- *Monitoring MSs legal and regulatory framework*
- *Providing training courses*

## Way forward

# IAEA framework for QE and RPO

- Qualified Expert

*An individual who,  
by virtue of **certification** by appropriate boards  
or societies, professional licence or academic  
qualifications and experience,  
is duly **recognized** as having **expertise** in a  
relevant field of specialization, e.g. medical  
physics, **radiation protection**, occupational  
health, fire safety, quality management or any  
relevant engineering or safety specialty.*

*The government shall ensure that  
requirements are established for the **formal  
recognition** of qualified experts*



## IAEA Safety Standards

for protecting people and the environment

### Radiation Protection and Safety of Radiation Sources: International Basic Safety Standards

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General Safety Requirements Part 3  
No. GSR Part 3



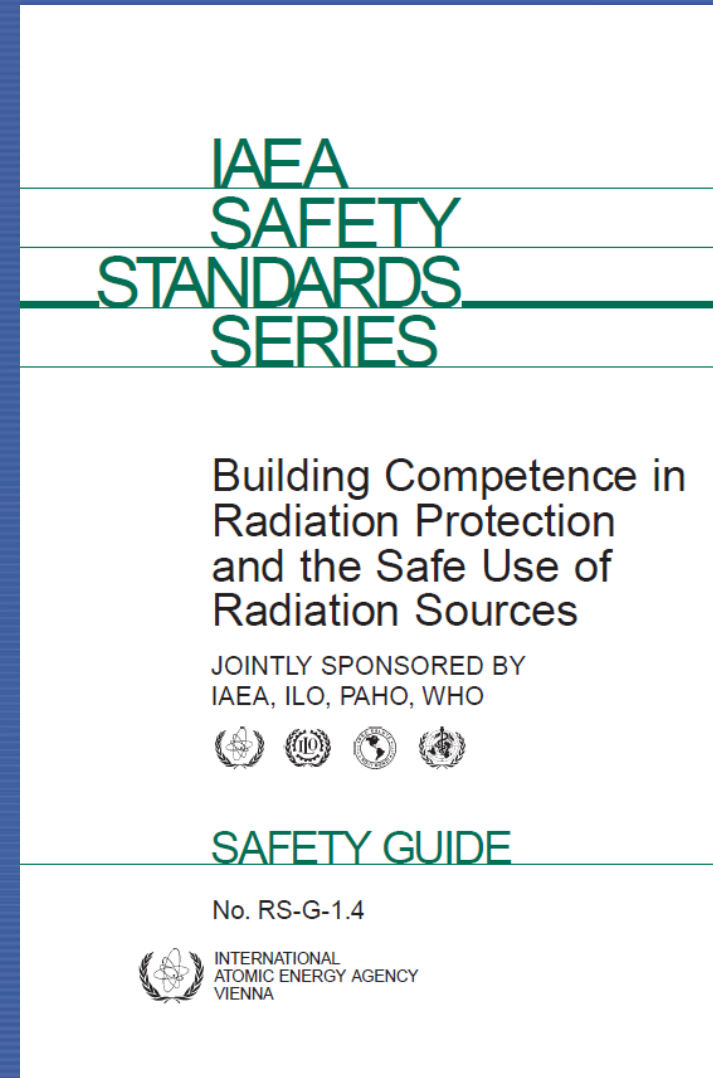
# IAEA framework for QE and RPO

- Qualified Expert

*Qualified experts should provide **advice** on and/or conduct activities in their field of specialization and should promote safety culture.*

*Whenever necessary, users of radiation sources should seek advice from a qualified expert.*

*Individual qualified experts are unlikely to have expertise in all areas but will probably be specialized in specific topics.*



# IAEA framework for QE and RPO

- Radiation Protection Officer

*A person technically competent in radiation protection matters*

*relevant for a given **type of practice***

*who is **designated** by the registrant, licensee or employer*

*to **oversee** the application of regulatory requirements.*

*Employers, registrants and licensees, ... shall designate, as appropriate, a radiation protection officer in accordance with **criteria established by the regulatory body***



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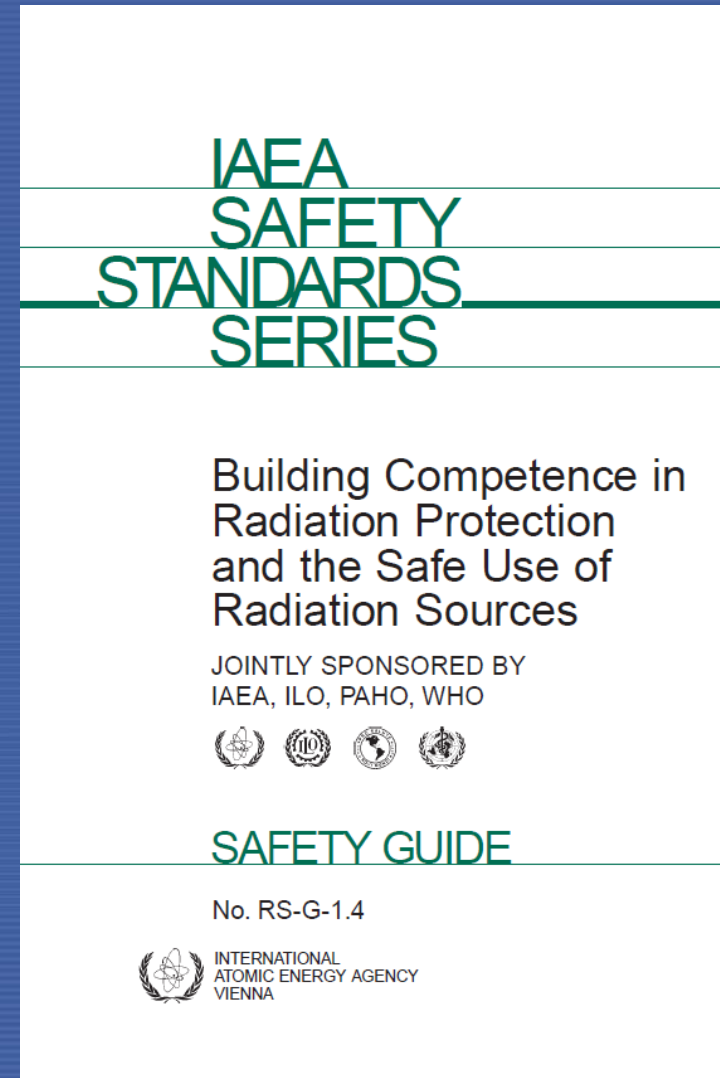
# IAEA framework for QE and RPO

- Radiation Protection Officer

*Radiation protection officers are employees who should be designated by the registrant or licensee*

*to **supervise** radiation safety within a facility and*

*to ensure that work is carried out safely and in accordance with the relevant national requirements*



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# Monitoring MSs legal and reg. framework

- RASIMS (Radiation Information Management System)

The screenshot displays the RASIMS (Radiation Safety Information Management System) interface. At the top, the IAEA logo and 'RASIMS Radiation Safety Information Management System' are visible. The navigation bar includes links for Home, Region, Country, TSA, Source of Information, Report, Safety Standards & Feedback, Search, Help, and Admin Settings. The main content area is titled 'Demo Country Latin America' and shows the 'TSA6 - Education and Training in Radiological Protection' section. A blue callout box on the right side of the screenshot contains the text 'Graded approach'. The interface includes a sidebar with a tree view of the TSA6 structure, a main content area with tabs for Draft, Official Profile, History, and Comments & Actions, and a 'Download TSA6 Template' button. The main content area displays sections for '1 - National Requirements for Education and Training in Radiation Protection and Safety', '2 - Education and Training of Workers', and '3 - Recognition of Qualified Experts and Designation of Radiation Protection Officers', each with fields for Findings, Conclusions, Recommendation, Suggestion, Good Practice, and Performance Indicator.



# Monitoring MSs legal and reg. framework

## 1.1.4 Qualified Experts\*

	Description of requirements/guidance	Reference document & paragraph no. (e.g.: Law, regulations, decree etc)
<b>Education</b>		
<b>Training</b>		
<b>Qualification</b>		
<b>Competence</b>		

\* If there are requirements/guidance for qualified experts for different areas, such as for design, shielding, dosimetry, etc these should be detailed separately

## 1.1.2 Radiation Protection Officers\*

	Description of requirements/guidance	Reference document & paragraph no. (e.g.: Law, regulations, decree etc)
<b>Education</b>		
<b>Training</b>		
<b>Qualification</b>		
<b>Competence</b>		

\* If there are requirements/guidance for RPOs for different areas, such as in medicine, industry, research etc these should be detailed separately

Education | “.. Graduate level.... Master in .... “  
 Training | “... training of... weeks ... on... attending ... “  
 Qualification| “... experience ..(other attributes to perform the job... Examinaiton .. (System of recognition if the qualifications “  
 Competence | “... Knowledge.. Skills .. Attitudes (role, responsibilities) ... “

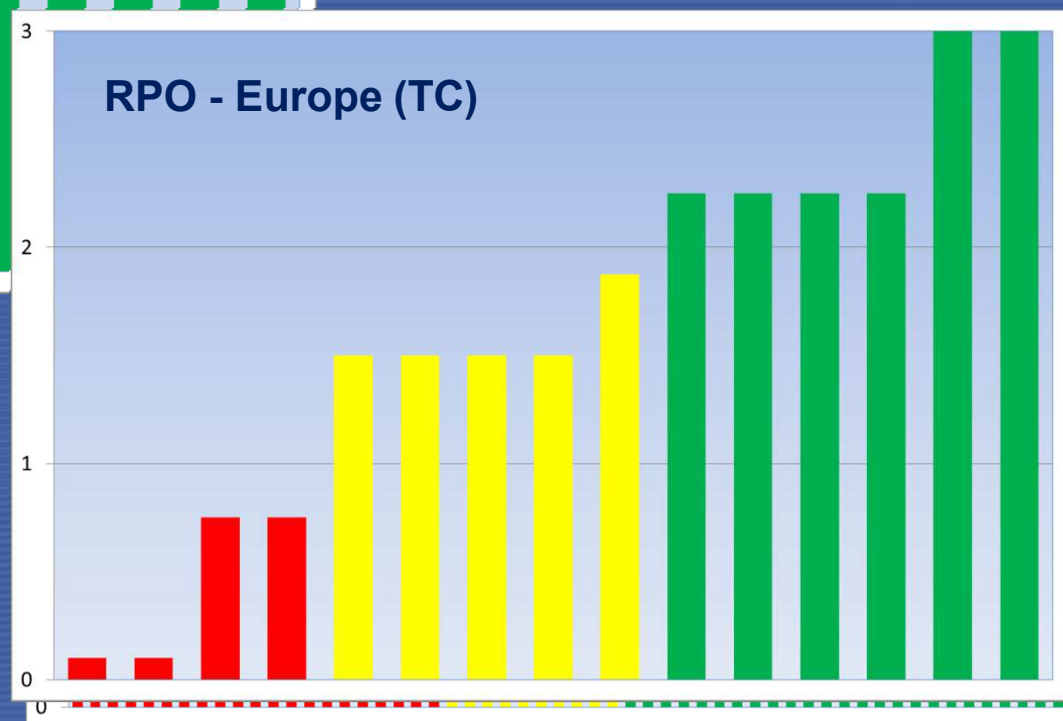
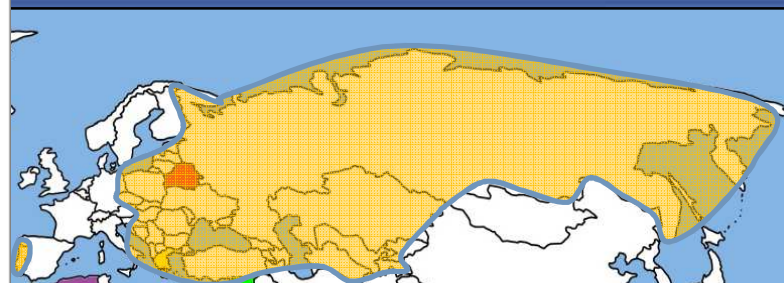
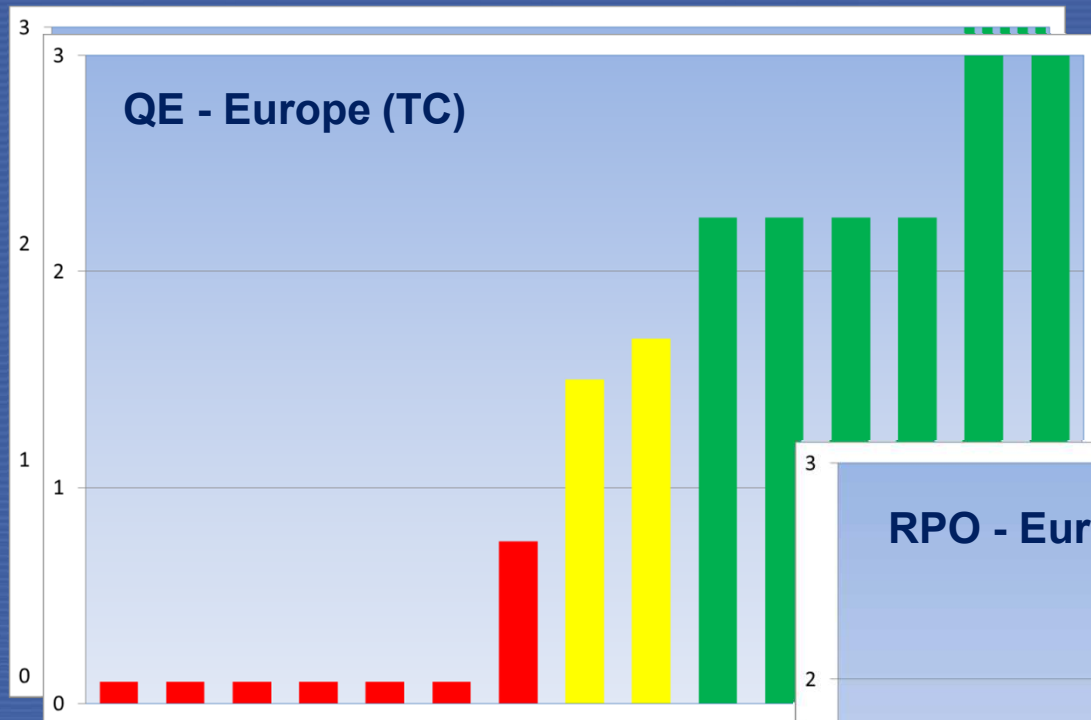
Education | “Regulation No. XX, Art.yy“  
 Training | “Regulation No. XX, Art.yy  
 Qualification| “Regulation No. XX, Art..yy  
 Competence | “Regulation No. XX, Art.yy

# Monitoring MSs legal and reg. framework



19 Regional workshops; More than 300 participants from about 90 Member States

# Monitoring MSs legal and reg. framework



# Providing training courses

## Postgraduate Educational Course on Radiation Protection and the Safety of Radiation Sources

- **Aim**

To meet the initial education & training needs of young professionals in radiation protection and the safety of radiation sources



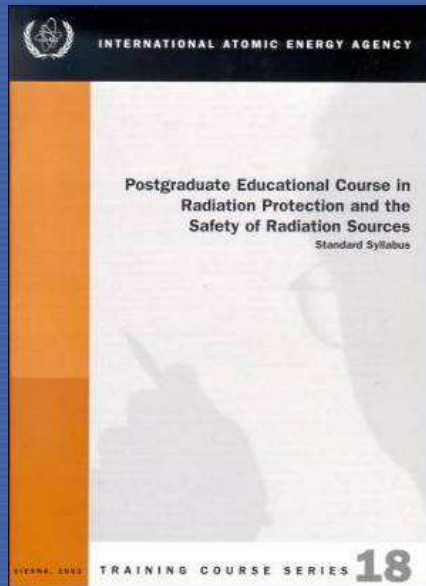
- **Participants**

Science/engineering graduates and have been selected to work in the field of radiation protection and safety of radiation sources



# Providing training courses

## Postgraduate Educational Course on Radiation Protection and the Safety of Radiation Sources



- *Review of Fundamentals*
- *Quantities and Measurements*
- *Biological Effects of Ionizing Radiation*
- *The International System of Radiation Protection*
- *Assessment of Doses due to External and Internal Exposures*
- *General Requirements for Radiation Protection and Safety*
- *Planned Exposure Situations (requirements for occupational, public, and medical exposure)*
- *Emergency and Existing Exposure Situations.*
- *Train the Trainers (TTT)*
- *Work Project* ←

### • Evaluations

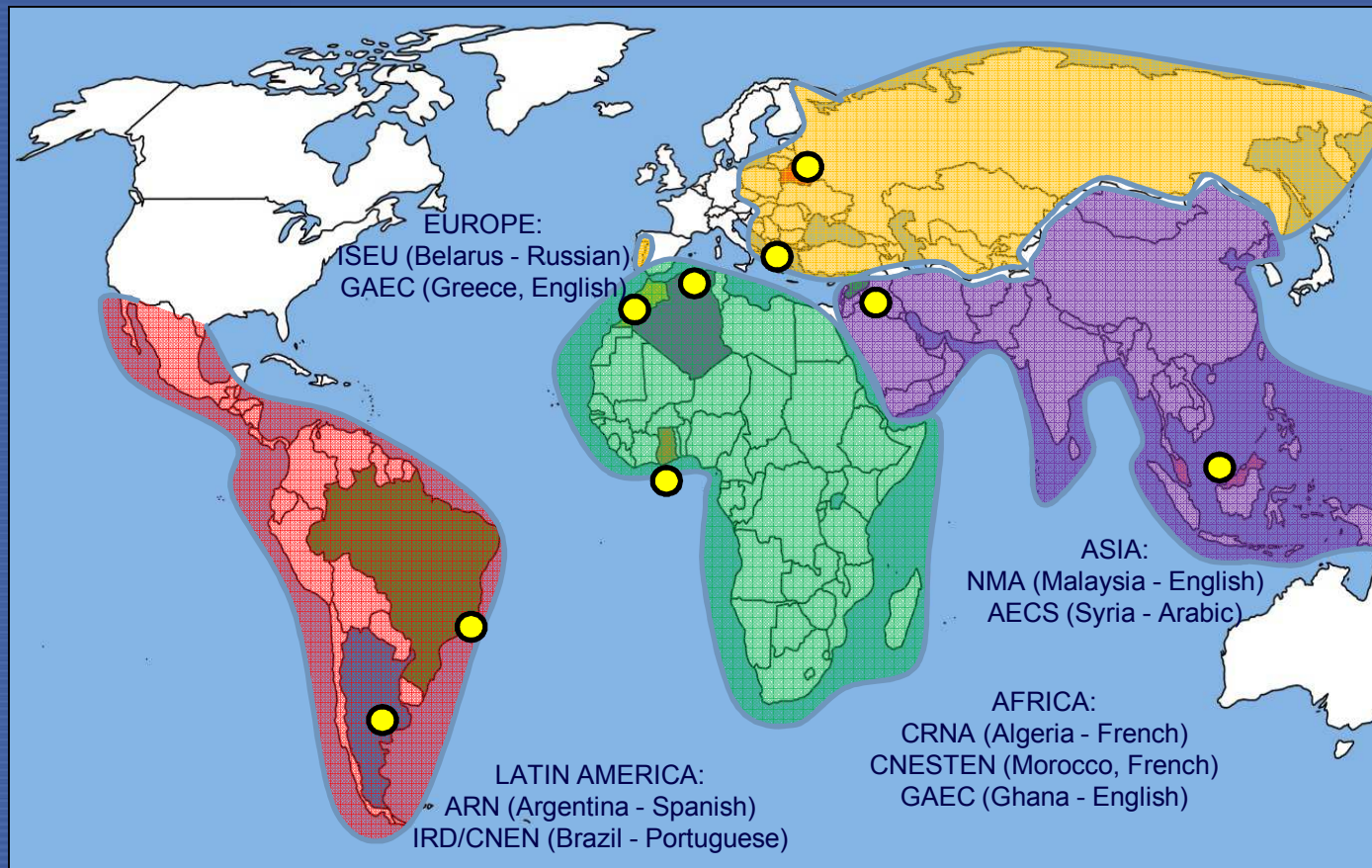
- ✓ Examinations at the end of each module
- ✓ Preparation of a Work Project
- ✓ Defence of the Work Project

### • QMS

- ✓ Pre- and Post-training test
- ✓ Participants' feedback on Lectures and Lecturers
- ✓ Impact analysis (*cold assessment*)

# Providing training courses

## Postgraduate Educational Course on Radiation Protection Safety of Radiation Sources



### PGEC Greece 2014-2015

Armenia  
Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Georgia  
Greece  
Hungary  
Lithuania  
Republic of Moldova  
Slovenia  
Uzbekistan

### PGEC Belarus 2012-2013

Armenia  
Azerbaijan  
Bulgaria  
Kazakhstan  
Latvia  
Lithuania  
Moldova  
Russian Federation  
Tajikistan  
Uzbekistan

- about 24 Weeks duration
- Hosted by IAEA Regional Training Centres (Learning materials available in Arabic, English, French, Russian & Spanish)



# Providing training courses

## Train-the-Trainers course for Radiation Protection Officers

- **Aim**

To build a core of national trainers in radiation protection to support the establishment of sustainable national infrastructures to train radiation protection officers.

- **Topics**

### Soft Skills

- Learning factors (motivation, perception, memorization, understanding)
- Training rules and techniques
- Designing a training programme
- Tools and teaching aids

### Notions

- Radiation protection principles and source safety
- The general requirements of the IAEA BSS
- The role and duties of the RPO
- The training needs of the RPO

# Providing training courses

## Train-the-Trainers course for Radiation Protection Officers

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#### Core module / Learning Objectives

- have a basic understanding of radiation protection principles and source safety;
- have a basic understanding of the requirements of the IAEA BSS;
- understand the role and duties of the RPO

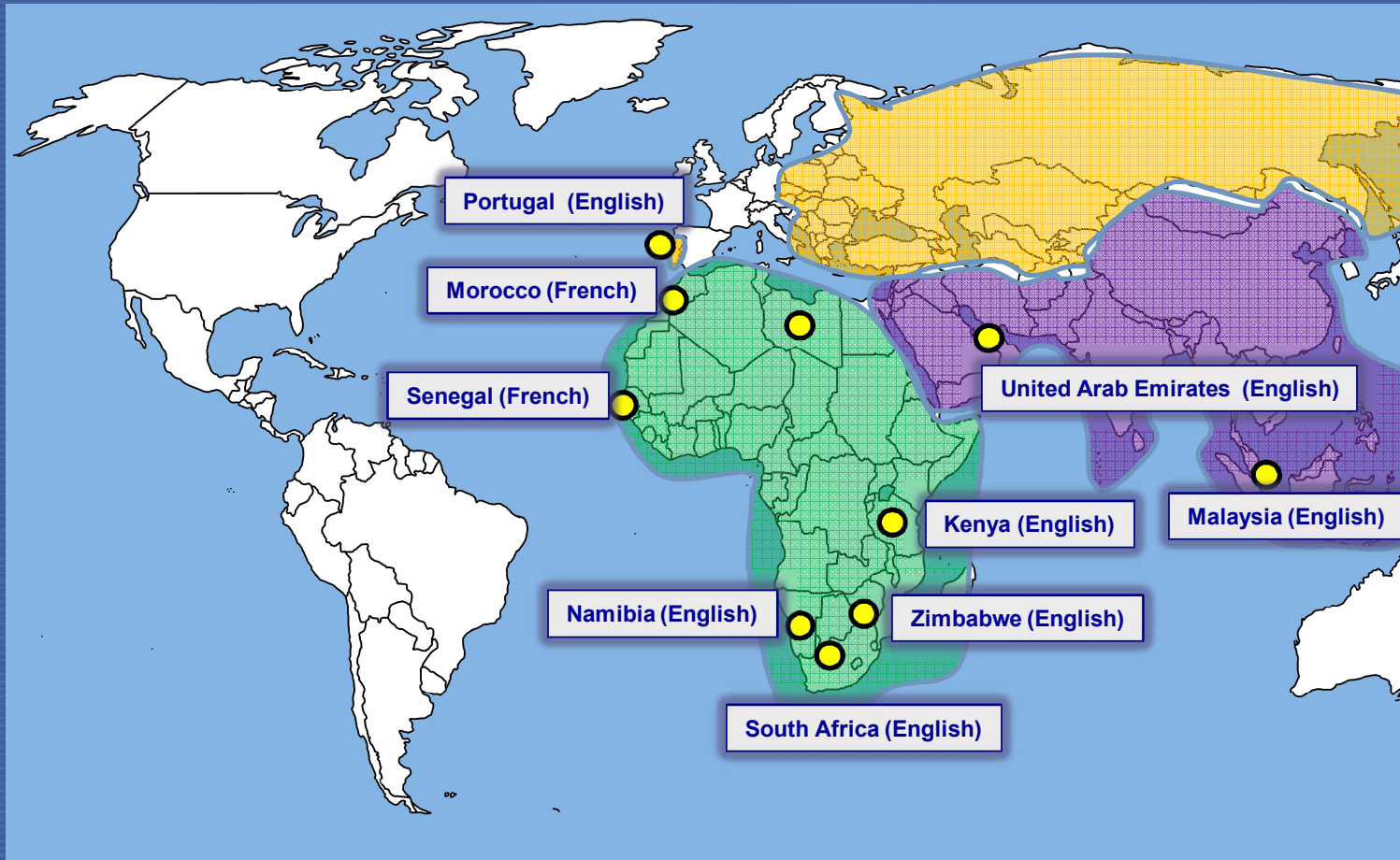
#### Practice-Specific modules / Learning Objectives

- have a more detailed understanding of the radiation protection and source safety principles associated with the specific practice; and
- will better understand the role and duties of the RPO for the specific practice



# Providing training courses

## Train-the-Trainers course for Radiation Protection



TTT RPO Portugal 2014
Albania
Armenia
Azerbaijan
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Bulgaria
Croatia
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Estonia
Hungary
Kazakhstan
Lithuania
The Frmr.Yug.Rep. of Macedonia
Montenegro
Portugal
Romania
Slovenia
Slovakia
Serbia
Turkey
Ukraine

- 1 week duration
- Hosted by several IAEA Member States
- Courses conducted in English and French



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- Continuing to monitor MSs legal and regulatory framework for E&T in respect to compliance with IAEA safety standards
- Providing training courses addressing:
  - regional needs (*effective*)
  - sustainability (*efficient*)
- Supporting MSs to establish a National Strategy for E&T in radiation, transport and waste safety

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## Education and Training in Radiation, Transport and Waste Safety



Building competence through education and training in radiation safety is fundamental to the establishment of a comprehensive and sustainable national infrastructure for radiation safety, which in turn is essential for protecting people from the harmful effects of radiation. In order to establish a sustainable education and training infrastructure in radiation, transport and waste safety, Member States should develop a national strategy for building competence through education and training, based on the approach provided in the Safety Guide "Building Competence in Radiation Protection and the Safe Use of Radiation Sources".



The national strategy is based on 4 interlinked phases, where the outcome of one phase is the starting point for the next phase. The design and development of an education and training programme for a national strategy requires the organization of training courses in radiation protection. IAEA Safety Reports Series No. 20 "Training in radiation protection and the safe use of radiation sources" provides trainers and training organization with information on and examples of training methods and materials that have proven to be effective in use with appropriate target audiences.



- Resources
- Educational and training material
  - Education and Training Appraisals (EduTA)
  - Newsletters

<http://goto.iaea.org/rtws-E&T>



The Strategic Approach to Education and Training in Radiation, Transport