

HERCA – The association of the **H**eads of the **E**uropean **R**adiological protection **C**ompetent **A**uthorities

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Short introduction

Heads of the European Radiological protection Competent Authorities

- Voluntary association created in 2007
- Brings together 56 competent authorities from 32 European countries

Chairmanship

Chair: Jean-Luc Lachaume since May 2023 (ASN, France)

Two vice-chairs: Pilar Lucio Carrasco (CSN, Spain) and Patrick Majerus (Ministry of Health of Luxembourg)



HERCA's ambition

The goal of HERCA is to contribute to a high level of radiological protection throughout Europe. In order to achieve this goal, the association:

- Builds and maintains a **European network of chief radiation protection regulatory authorities**, with the definite wish to involve ALL such regulatory authorities, throughout Europe;
- Promotes the exchange of ideas and experiences, **avoiding unnecessary duplication of work** and learning from one another's best practices;
- Develops a **common approach** to radiation protection and the way it is transposed into regulation;
- Discusses and, where appropriate, expresses its **consensus opinion on significant regulatory issues**.

HERCA's Workshop on on EU-BSS Directive implementation



- HERCA members have been discussing for 10 years about:



- Possible gaps and ambiguities in the European BSS Directive (2013/59/EURATOM) that need to be addressed,
- Difficulties encountered in the process of its implementation,
- Room for improving the common approach of regulations stemming from the EU-BSSD in the different European countries.

- HERCA has organised a [workshop](#) to analyse and share experiences on the practical implementation of the EU-BSSD in national regulatory frameworks in Madrid, from the 20th to the 22nd of May 2024 with the participation of the [European Commission](#).
- Main outcomes have been shared during the HERCA Board of Heads meeting (22nd of May).
 - Very successful workshop, gathering more than 70 experts in person and another 60 joining online.
 - Presentations will be put on the public website if and once approved by all speakers



Thank you for your attention