



International Workshop on Cross-functional Coordination Between Computer Security Operations Centre and Central Alarm Station Operators

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Information Sheet

Introduction

The International Workshop on Cross-functional Coordination Between Computer Security Operations Centre (CSOC) and Central Alarm Station (CAS) Operators is a comprehensive training event designed to address the challenges of effective communication and coordination during blended attacks. As the threat landscape evolves, nuclear facilities face an increasing risk of complex, multi-faceted security incidents requiring a well-coordinated response from physical protection and computer security teams.

Recent large-scale exercises simulating blended attacks have highlighted significant terminological differences between CSOC and CAS incident response procedures. These differences can lead to confusion, delays, and miscommunication during critical moments when swift, coordinated action is essential. For example, the terms used to describe the severity or priority of an incident may vary between CSOC and CAS, leading to misaligned responses or a lack of shared situational awareness.

To ensure effective detection and response to blended attack incidents, it is crucial to bridge these terminological gaps and establish a common language and understanding between CSOC and CAS operators. This workshop aims to address this challenge by providing a platform for CSOC and CAS operators to come together, share their experiences, and develop a unified approach to incident response.

Through a combination of expert presentations, interactive discussions, and hands-on exercises, the workshop will provide participants with practical experience in detecting, assessing, and responding to simulated blended attack scenarios. Participants will learn about the nature and characteristics of blended attacks, the importance of cross-functional communication and coordination in nuclear security, and the roles and responsibilities of CSOC and CAS operators during such incidents.

Additionally, the workshop will dedicate significant attention to identifying and resolving terminological differences between CSOC and CAS incident response procedures, which may vary regionally and nationally. Participants will work together to develop a standardized vocabulary and a set of common definitions for key terms related to incident severity, prioritization, and response actions.

By establishing this shared language, the workshop aims to enhance the ability of CSOC and CAS operators to communicate effectively and coordinate their efforts seamlessly during high-pressure, time-sensitive situations. As this is the first iteration it will be conducted as a pilot workshop.

Objectives

The objective of the International Workshop on Cross-functional Coordination Between Computer Security Operations Centre and Central Alarm Station Operators is to enhance the skills and knowledge of CSOC and CAS operators in effectively communicating and coordinating their efforts during blended attacks involving both kinetic and cyber adversarial actions. The workshop will give participants a deep understanding of the challenges and best practices associated with cross-functional communication and coordination during a blended attack.

Target Audience

The International Workshop on Cross-functional Coordination Between CSOC and CAS Operators is designed for CSOC and CAS operators and other professionals involved in nuclear security, physical protection, and computer security. This may include CSOC and CAS supervisors and managers, physical protection specialists, computer security analysts and incident responders, regulatory body representatives, law enforcement and emergency response personnel with responsibilities related to nuclear facility security.

Working Language(s)

English

Participation and Registration

All persons wishing to participate in the event have to be designated by an IAEA Member State or should be members of organizations that have been invited to attend.

In order to be designated by an IAEA Member State or invited organization, participants are requested to submit their application via the InTouch+ platform (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>) to the competent national authority (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission to the IAEA or National Atomic Energy Authority) or organization for onward transmission to the IAEA by **11 October 2026** following the registration procedure in InTouch+:

1. Access the InTouch+ platform (<https://intouchplus.iaea.org>):
 - Persons with an existing NUCLEUS account can sign in to the platform with their username and password;
 - Persons without an existing NUCLEUS account can register [here](#).
2. Once signed in, prospective participants can use the InTouch+ platform to:
 - Complete or update their personal details under 'Complete Profile' and upload the relevant supporting documents;
 - Search for the relevant event under the 'My Eligible Events' tab;

- Select the Member State or invited organization they want to represent from the drop-down menu entitled 'Designating Authority' (if an invited organization is not listed, please contact InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org);
- If applicable, indicate whether a paper is being submitted and complete the relevant information;
- If applicable, indicate whether financial support is requested and complete the relevant information (this is not applicable to participants from invited organizations);
- Based on the data input, the InTouch+ platform will automatically generate the Participation Form (Form A) and/or the Grant Application Form (Form C);
- Submit their application.

Once submitted through the InTouch+ platform, the application, together with the auto-generated form(s), will be transmitted automatically to the required authority for approval. If approved, the application, together with the applicable form(s), will automatically be sent to the IAEA through the online platform.

NOTE: The application for financial support should be made, together with the submission of the application, by **11 October 2026**.

For additional information on how to apply for an event, please refer to the [InTouch+ Help](#) page. Any other issues or queries related to InTouch+ can be sent to InTouchPlus.Contact-Point@iaea.org.

Selected participants will be informed in due course on the procedures to be followed with regard to administrative and financial matters.

Participants are hereby informed that the personal data they submit will be processed in line with the [Agency's Personal Data and Privacy Policy](#) and is collected solely for the purpose(s) of reviewing and assessing the application and to complete logistical arrangements where required. The IAEA may also use the contact details of Applicants to inform them of the IAEA's scientific and technical publications, or the latest employment opportunities and current open vacancies at the IAEA. These secondary purposes are consistent with the IAEA's mandate. Further information can be found in the [Data Processing Notice](#) concerning IAEA InTouch+ platform.

Expenditures and Grants

No registration fee is charged to participants.

The IAEA is generally not in a position to bear the travel and other costs of participants in the event. The IAEA has, however, limited funds at its disposal to help meet the cost of attendance of certain participants. Upon specific request, such assistance may be offered to normally one participant per country, provided that, in the IAEA's view, the participant will make an important contribution to the event.

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Visas

Participants who require a visa to enter Austria should submit the necessary application to the nearest diplomatic or consular representative of Austria at least four weeks before they travel to Austria. Since Austria is a Schengen State, persons requiring a visa will have to apply for a Schengen visa. In States where Austria has no diplomatic mission, visas can be obtained from the consular authority of a Schengen Partner State representing Austria in the country in question.

Additional Information

Six or more months after completion of training events, participants will be required to complete a short survey on the use of acquired knowledge and skills or a change in attitudes. This will assist the Division of Nuclear Security in understanding the impact of its work and will guide future assistance.

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Subsequent correspondence on scientific matters should be sent to the Scientific Secretary/Secretaries and correspondence on other matters related to the event to the Administrative Secretary.