



Radiation Protection Commission

OHSA Building
17 Edgar Ferro Street,
Pietà, MSD 1533 Malta
Tel: 21247677, Fax: 21232909
email: ohsa.rpb@gov.mt

12th April 2019

Annual report of the Commission for the Protection from Ionising and Non-Ionising Radiation for 2018

Pursuant to Article 11(6) of the Nuclear Safety and Radiation Protection Act (CAP 585) The Commission for the Protection from Ionising and Non-Ionising Radiation hereinafter referred to as the Commission, is presenting this report for the attention of the Minister responsible for Equality and European Affairs, under which the Commission is working.

This report covers the period from when the Commission was officially launched, on 29th October 2018 until the 31st December 2018

The Commission convened twice in the report period (on the 9th November and 12th December, 2018).

The Commission gave priority to discussing and finding solutions to:

1. Ensuring compliance with Malta's obligations under the European Union Directive on the management of radioactive waste (Council Directive 2011/70/Euratom of establishing a Community framework for the responsible and safe management of spent fuel and radioactive waste.)
2. Facilitating the process of setting up a centralised radioactive waste storage facility for Malta.
3. The recognition of pending applications for Medical Physics Experts.
4. Addressing recommendations of the 2015 IRRS mission, in preparation for the follow-up mission to be held in March 2020.
5. Issues pertaining to the setting up of the Secretariat of the COMMISSION, in particular the development of a human resource plan, budget and premises.

Currently, the Secretariat of the Commission is formed by officially only one member, the Executive Secretary, Mr Paul Brejza. Along with the latter there is also Mr Joseph Cremona who is still officially employed by OHSA but works along with the Secretariat, even though he has no formal position within the Secretariat. Since appointment of the new COMMISSION the secretariat has been struggling to keep on top of the work load. In addition to the routine regulatory work, during the report period the Secretariat:

1. Drafted new legal notice to transpose requirements under radioactive waste directive.
2. Updated national framework for radioactive waste management.
3. Drafted report to European Commission on Radioactive waste management.
4. Received hands-on training on the management of radioactive waste from overseas expert here in Malta.
5. Performed initial preparation work for the follow-up IRRS mission to be held in 2020.
6. Developed a human resource plan.



Dr Lourdes Farrugia

Chairperson

15th April, 2019



Mr Paul Brejza

Executive Secretary

15th April, 2019