

First Announcement

IGD-TP Exchange Forum

R&D challenges from siting to industrialisation

25-27 November 2025, Prague, Czech Republic

We are delighted to announce that the IGD-TP will hold its 10th international Exchange Forum on research and development (R&D) challenges in geological disposal programmes for radioactive waste. Hosted by SÚRAO in November 2025, the event is open to all IGD-TP members and stakeholders interested in geological disposal of radioactive waste.

Geological disposal projects are first-of-a-kind projects, span several decades, and are multi-billion endeavours. National waste management organisations (WMOs) are at different stages on the path to implementing geological disposal and each stage (site selection and investigation, licensing, construction and operation) has particular challenges. The national WMOs will share R&D challenges that each is facing in their current activities and how these are being approached. The Exchange Forum is an opportunity to share lessons learnt and to discuss future research plans.

Our 10th Exchange Forum provides an excellent opportunity to:

- Discuss new issues and the status of WMO programmes.
- Discover emerging geological disposal R&D.
- Explore the potential for collaborative research with IGD-TP members and the broader radioactive waste community.
- Take advantage of great networking opportunities.
- Visit research and disposal facilities in the Czech Republic.
- Experience the wonderful city of Prague.

Attendees have the opportunity to potentially tour the Bukov Underground Research Facility or the Richard Repository on the third day.

Poster sessions will be held to showcase radioactive waste management R&D that aligns to the IGD-TP's [Strategic Research Agenda](#). Exchange Forum participants are strongly encouraged to submit poster applications that are consistent with this goal. Presentations and posters presented at the Exchange Forum will be made available online.

Registration will open via the IGD-TP website from 1 June 2025. The Exchange Forum will be held at the Hilton Hotel in the old town of Prague (<https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/prgothi-hilton-prague-old-town/>).

Further information will be added to the IGD-TP website as it becomes available (www.igdtp.eu). For any other questions please contact secretariat@igdtp.eu