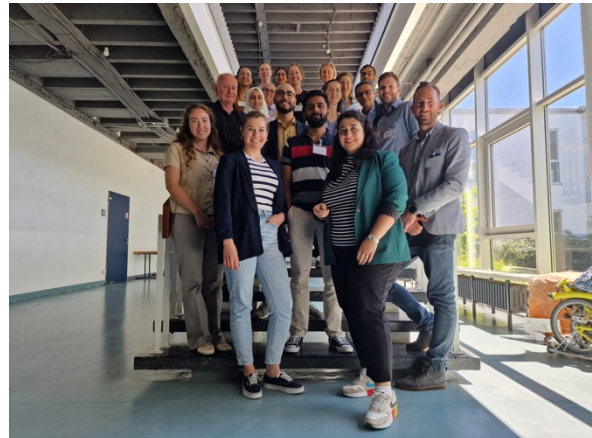


# ECRad Event Recap – Activity report

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I am pleased to report on the ECRad event held on May 13-14, 2024, in Munich. This event was co-organized by myself, Amélie Degenhardt (BfS), and Nazanin Love (U Hasselt), and hosted by the Federal Office for Radiation Protection (BfS) in Germany. The event was generously funded by the PIANOFORTE Partnership, and I was fortunate to receive the PIANOFORTE travel grant to attend. The ECRad event successfully brought together over 40 professionals in radiation protection from diverse backgrounds and countries. Our primary aim was to connect early-career scientists, brainstorm innovative ideas, and explore ways to make radiation protection an engaging and exciting field. Additionally, we aimed to discuss the establishment of a network within the European framework of Radiation Protection.

Over the course of two days, the event featured participants from multiple organizations, including ICRP, ISoRED, EURADOS, MELODI, SHARE, PIANOFORTE, IRPA, MYRR, and RadoNorm. These organizations showcased their ongoing efforts and programs designed to support junior scientists through mentorship, networking, and funding opportunities. Mentees also had the chance to share their experiences and insights from various mentorship programs, highlighting the positive impact and benefits of these initiatives.



Discussions on career opportunities in radiation protection included valuable contributions from speakers representing UNSCEAR, SSK, BfS, and SCK CEN. These sessions provided valuable insights into the future of the field. The final session featured a discussion on establishing a European network that would encompass both junior and senior professionals and researchers.

The organizers plan to submit a proposal to the Italian National Institute of Health (ISS) to dedicate a day to this network during the 8th European Radiation Protection Week (ERPW 2024) in Rome, scheduled for November 11-15. This initiative aims to further strengthen the connections and collaboration within the radiation protection community across Europe.

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