

## NEWSLETTER

13<sup>th</sup> November, 2023

### PIANOFORTE MEETING 2023

All partners are invited to participate to the **PIANOFORTE meeting**, which will be held in Budapest from **Tuesday December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 14:00 to Wednesday December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 14:00**.

The first day will be devoted to a general assembly to discuss feedback from the first Open Call and topics for the second Open Call. The second day will be dedicated to the presentation of projects selected for funding during the first Open Call.

You can still register via the link below before 20<sup>th</sup> November: <https://forms.office.com/e/QNriLp9M5C>. The event will take place at the Mercure Budapest Castle Hill: <https://all.accor.com/hotel/1688/index.en.shtml>. You can get some discount from the regular room prices if you book via one of the links below before 20<sup>th</sup> November:

Mercure Budapest Castle Hill (105 € per night for single occupancy): <https://bit.ly/PIANOFORTE-Event-Budapest-Hotel-Rooms-Mercure>

Ibis Budapest Castle Hill (85 € per night for single occupancy, there are limited number of rooms left): <https://bit.ly/PIANOFORTE-Event-Budapest-Hotel-Rooms-Ibis>

The meeting will be organized as hybrid. The link for online participation for the first day (open only to Pianoforte partners) will be sent by email. The link for the second day (open to all interested researchers and professionals) will be published on <https://pianoforte-partnership.eu/> and [https://twitter.com/Pianoforte\\_EU](https://twitter.com/Pianoforte_EU).

### ERPW 2023 - EUROPEAN RADIATION PROTECTION WEEK 2023

At the ERPW 2023 in Dublin, a Special Session on PIANOFORTE took place on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2023. From WP3, Jelena Mrdakovic Popic gave a talk on the activities in stakeholder outreach and on the first results of the PIANOFORTE survey (Fig.1). Pawel Olko informed on the latest developments and efforts in the task on proton therapy. Further, Catharine West from the University of Manchester, chair of the PIANOFORTE Stakeholder and Advisory Board (SAB), presented on the scope and the members of the SAB, and described the potential benefits and impacts of the Partnership in Europe. Interrelation between research platform works under the MEENAS umbrella and the PIANOFORTE partnership has been by Christoph

Hoeschen, chair of MEENAS, which is the consortium of the European radiation research platforms MELODI, EURADOS, EURAMED, NERIS, ALLIANCE and SHARE. Contribution of Catrinel Turcanu from SCK CEN (Belgian Nuclear Research Centre) has been devoted to the integrating social sciences and humanities in radiation protection research.

Filip Vanhavere reviewed the progress of prioritization of research topics for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Open Call for PIANOFORTE research projects and the upcoming steps. Information on Pianoforte activities related to infrastructures and FAIR data management has been presented by Liz Ainsbury and Omid Azimzadeh. Finally, education and training activities of Pianoforte were presented by Andrzej Wojcik and communication and dissemination activities by Marie Davidková.

In terms of prioritisation of research topics for the 2<sup>nd</sup> PIANOFORTE Call and also on the next steps in stakeholder engagement and coming events, several WP2 and WP3 members attended to the PIANOFORTE project meetings at the last conference day. Meetings of WP4, WP5 and WP6 also took place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October in order to discuss status of ongoing activities and coming events.

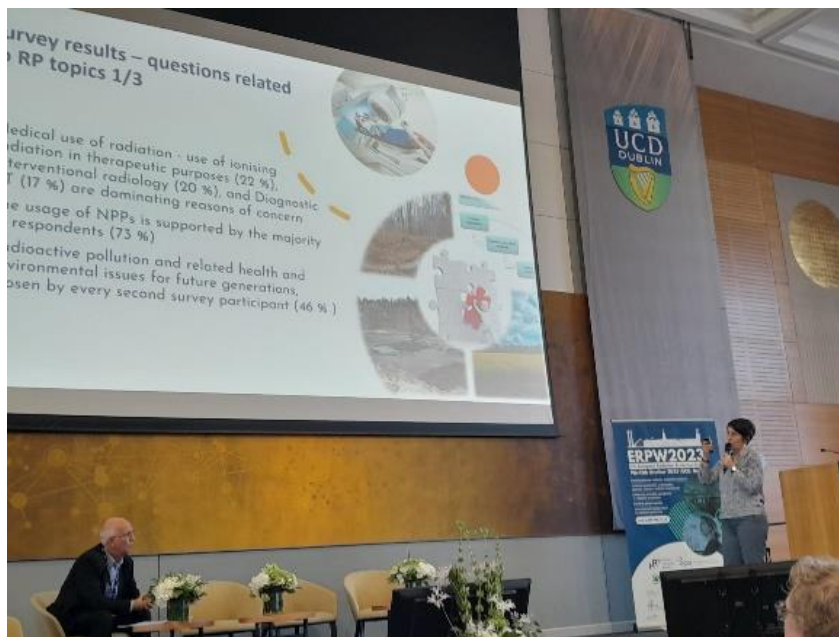


Fig. 1: Jelena Mrdakovic Popic presenting PIANOFORTE-survey results at ERPW 2023.

### TOPICAL ONLINE MEETINGS (TOM) 2023

About 50 external stakeholders and PIANOFORTE members have participated in the second series of TOMs on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023. The event was targeted to discuss with stakeholders on the shortlist of proposed research topics for the 2<sup>nd</sup> PIANOFORTE Call (2024) and further to receive their opinions and feedback on the proposed topics. Aside from the

main meeting, where stakeholders were informed about activities in PIANOFORTE including the feedback on results and outcome from the previous TOM in 2022, two breakout sessions (BS) dealing with specific topics from the shortlist were offered to the participants (Fig.2). As part of this stakeholder consultation process, the participants were invited to provide written comments and a ranking of the topics from the shortlist after the meeting. The feedback from the meeting/sessions is analysed and will feed into the process of finalising the topics for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Call in 2024.



Fig. 2: Breakout session 1 and 2 of Topical Online Meeting 2023