

Augmented cooperation in education and training in nuclear and radiochemistry

Expertise in nuclear and radiochemistry (NRC) is of strategic relevance to the whole nuclear energy sector, from safe nuclear installation operations to decontamination and

decommissioning, and waste management. The non-energy fields of NRC applications are even broader and range from life sciences – radiopharmaceuticals, radiological diagnostics and therapy – through to dating in geology and archaeology, (nuclear) forensics and safeguards, radiation protection and radioecology.

The **A-CINCH** project primarily addresses the young generation's loss of interest for nuclear knowledge by focusing on secondary education, using a "Learn through Play" concept to engage with students and teachers. The **A-CINCH** augments CINCH teaching tools developed in the three previous CINCH projects – CINCH, CINCH II and MEET-CINCH – with the state-of the art three-dimensional (3D) virtual reality (VR) environment to complete the existing toolbox for radiochemistry education. It is our belief that including a sophisticated VR radiochemistry lab and integrating it with traditional teaching, training, and advanced distance-learning methods will make the NRC field more attractive for younger generations and enhance the learning outcome of the very expensive, but indispensable, hands-on training.

CINCH teaching tools

- state-of the art **3D VR NRC laboratory** (VR-LAB)
- Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)
- **CINCH MOODLE** e-learning platform for Nuclear Chemistry
- **RoboLab** remote operated robotic experiments
- Interactive Screen Experiments (ISE)
- NucWik database of teaching materials
- Flipped Classroom concept providing improved interaction between teachers and students
- Hands-on-training courses (HoT) in "real" radiochemistry laboratories across Europe
- **CINCH VET e-shop** offering, presenting and organising all types of NRC courses
- High School Teaching Package, Summer Schools for high school students,



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Teach the Teacher package, Lab on Tour toolkit

Organisation of the work



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