

# Building protection against radon risk : measurement, mitigation and prevention



**LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

At the end of this training, the learner will be able to:

- Master principles of investigation on existing and new buildings
- Identify causes of radon entry and technical measurements
- Identify approaches on building protection for existing and new buildings
- Knowledge on different protection techniques and material to be used

**TRAINING RESPONSIBLE:** Bernard COLLIGNAN, Research Engineer on radon risk, CSTB

**ATTENDANCE PROFILE**

Engineering offices  
Architects  
Building professionals  
Radon professionals  
building authorities, radiation protection and public health authorities  
All stakeholders interested in building protection

**PREREQUISITES**

None

**TEACHING METHODS**

- Methodologic approach
- Case study
- Feedback

**EVALUATION**

Satisfaction questionnaire

**DOCUMENTATION**

Training support

**PRACTICAL INFORMATIONS**

**Schedule 2020 :**

- 29th and 30th October 2020

**Duration:** 2 days - 14 hours

**Place:** CSTB Paris

**Price:** 700 €

**Lunch included**

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**PROGRAM CONTENT**

**DAY 1**

**10h - 11h**

**Tracy D Gooding, Public Health England - UK**

**Generalities on radon risk**

- Health effect on radon
- Exposure of the population
- Legislation related to the radon issue and public awareness
- Geology and mapping

**11h – 18h**

**Bernard COLLIGNAN, Research Engineer on radon risk, CSTB - France**

**Radon in buildings**

- General points, sources and entry routes of radon
- Causes of radon entry
- Basics of radon measurements in buildings
- Generalities on building
  - Typologies
  - Basements
  - Air permeability
  - Ventilation
- First approach on building protection
  - General principles
  - Preventive actions for new buildings
  - Corrective actions for existing buildings
- Examples of corrective actions and efficiency of the different solutions
- Radon and energy efficient buildings

**Exercises on existing buildings**

- Working group for case studies on recommendations of corrective actions

**DAY 2**

**8h30 - 11h30**

**Connie Box, TerraNordic Company - Sweden**

**Radon in existing buildings**

- Principles for investigation of a building depending on radon source
- Mitigation techniques among different sources:
  - Soil/Ground sources
  - Houses with crawl space
  - Building material sources
  - Water sources
- Material and products for mitigation techniques

**13h-16h**

**Martin JIRANEK, Faculty of Civil Engineering, University of Prague – Czech Republic**

**Radon in new buildings**

- Principles of designing preventive measures
- Design and execution of radon-proof membranes
- Design and execution of sub-slab depressurization
- Air gaps depressurization
- Protecting houses with crawl spaces
- Ventilation measures
- Materials/products applicable to anti-radon measures