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The 'Energy – Transparency Centre of Knowledge' (E-TRACK) is a joint initiative agreed between the Directorate General for Energy (DG ENER) and the Joint Research Centre (JRC) of the European Commission for the promotion and enhancement of public participation in the implementation of energy policies. It results from the recognition of the need to offer a reliable source of public information on matters relating to energy policy implementation.

"Facilitating Public Participation in Energy Policy Implementation"

Not only have citizens the right to express their views on Energy Policy Implementation, but they can bring practical, everyday knowledge to the debate and help policymakers in their decisions. Information, effectively communicated, is seen as essential to good public participation and in building trust and confidence in the transition process which will lead to a sustainable, secure and competitive energy supply for Europe.

The objective of E-TRACK is to become a central point of reference for monitoring, disseminating and sharing information on good practices of public participation in energy policy implementation across the EU.

E-TRACK will conduct several projects on transparency and public participation in multiple energy sources. Each project will relate to a network of actors from civil society, national and subnational authorities, pertinent international organizations, regulatory or supervisory bodies, and industrial and commercial interests.

The Institute for Energy and Transport (IET) of the JRC provides the operational support, day-to-day management and infrastructure needed for the knowledge centre.

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E-TRACK PROJECT ON RADIOACTIVE WASTE

Facilitating Public Participation in Radioactive Waste Management

Public participation in radioactive waste management (RWM) constitutes the first project of the Energy – Transparency Centre of Knowledge (E-TRACK). Given the legally binding requirements for transparency of the Council Directive 2011/70/EURATOM on spent fuel and radioactive waste, the European Commission considers it useful to provide steady and continuous support in the very near future.



THE STRUCTURE

Who is involved in the project?

- **JRC,**
The Institute for Energy and Transport (IET) of the Joint Research Centre will provide the support, day-to-day management and infrastructure needed for the project.
- **Project Network,**
The project will build and work through a network of actors from the civil society, national/subnational governments and nuclear industry. The JRC-IET will act as the operating agent of the network and support its creation, development and management.
- **Advisory Group,**
The project will have an Advisory Group of about 20 representatives of the whole network. Hence, its members will come from the industrial, social and governmental milieus. The Advisory Group provides general guidance for the project development and implementation.

ACTIVITIES AND TASKS

What will the project produce?

- **Reviews and studies**
Studies on practices of public participation in RWM across Europe.
- **A web platform**
A web platform will be pivotal for the collection and dissemination of knowledge and practices in the implementation of public participation in RWM. This will allow actors from industry, governments and society with a stake in RWM to learn from each other, draw lessons on what can ease public participation, and exchange information on the most complex aspects. Clear examples from EU's MSs will be provided.
- **Meetings and seminars**
The Advisory Group will discuss twice a year the developments of the project and steer the activity for the coming months. These internal meetings will be followed by seminars where members of the Project Network will exchange experiences in the practical implementation of public participation in RWM. The seminars will be open to a broad audience.

