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The BEPPER Report on Transparency in Radioactive Waste Management:

Improving national RWM transparency in the EU by effective implementation of the Aarhus Convention in the context of Article 10 on Transparency in the Nuclear Waste Directive (2011/70/Euratom)

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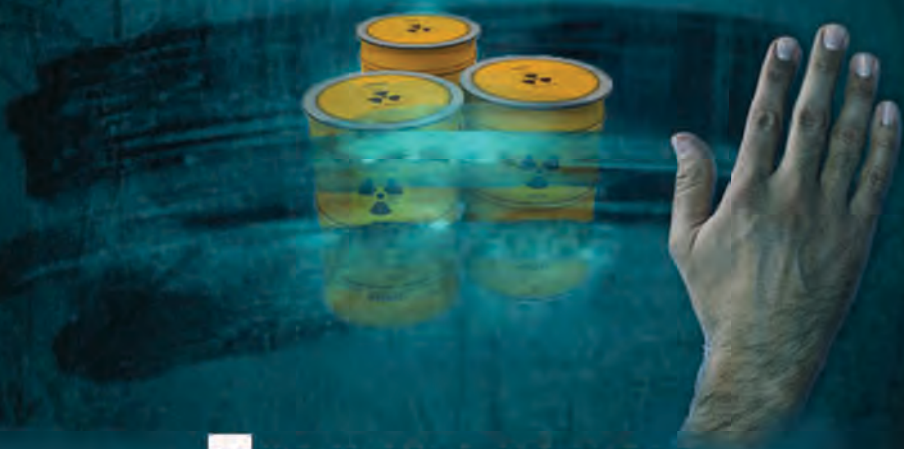
Aarhus Convention & Nuclear (ACN), European Roundtable on information and public participation in the field of Radioactive Waste Management (RWM), 13-15 January 2021

Short background

- Nuclear Transparency Watch (NTW) was founded in the autumn of 2012.
- The Radioactive Waste Directive (2011/70/Euratom), including an Article 10 on Transparency), was adopted in July 2011 and the first national radioactive waste management (RWM) programmes and reports were to be delivered in August 2015-
- NTW had early discussions with the European Commission (DG ENER) concerning how it would be possible to evaluate the implementation of Article 10 on transparency in the Member States.
- In 2014-2015 NTW worked on a project to study how efficient transparency (public information and participation) in RWM could be described. The result was the BEPPER report published in December 2015.
- It was foreseen that the European Commission would support a roundtable on the issue of transparency in RWM. And here we are today, even though it is some years later.



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The NTW BEPPER report

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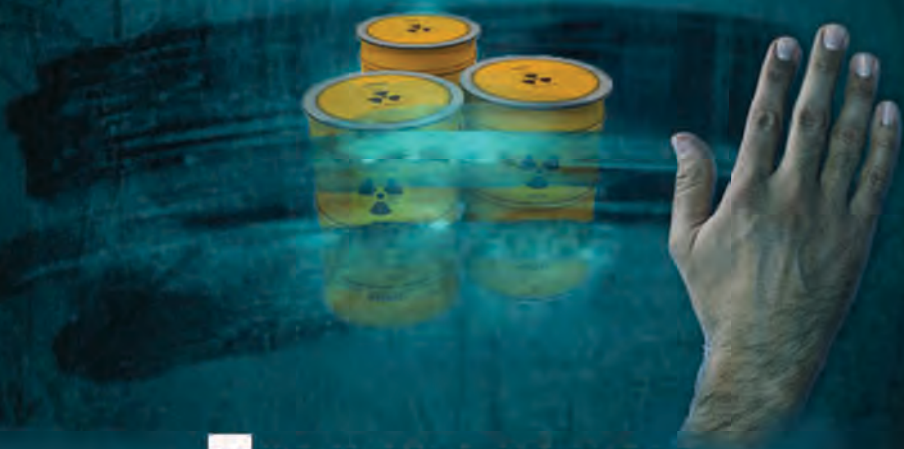
BEPPER = “**B**road framework for **E**ffective **P**ublic **P**articipation in
Environmental decision-making in **R**adioactive waste management”

The report can be downloaded here:

<http://www.nuclear-transparency-watch.eu/a-la-une/new-publication-bepper-report.html>



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Contents of the NTW BEPPER report

- Transparency as defined in the Radioactive Waste Directive: Broadly formulated requirements for public information and participation during RWM decision-making
- Transparency using the Aarhus Convention as a basis: The three pillars of access to public information, access to public participation and access to justice
- **The NTW BEPPER Pillars for Effective Transparency**
- **The NTW BEPPER Key Components of Effective Transparency in RWM**
- The NTW BEPPER Level System for Evaluation of Effective Transparency in RWM
- Moving forward with transparency in RWM ≈ “concluding remarks and messages”
- Two appendixes:
 1. Relevant research and experience from other processes on transparency in RWM
 2. International and European governance on Transparency in RWM



The NTW BEPPER Pillars for Effective Transparency

- Based on the pillars of the Aarhus Convention:
- Effective access to information and communication
- Effective access to public participation and consultation
- Effective access to justice and decision-making
- **Effective access to resources**

NTW BEPPER Key Components of Effective Transparency in RWM



- Principles
 - Building societal confidence, or trust
 - Multi-generational perspective (long time scales)
 - Safety and risk (public perceptions)
 - Energy policy (include waste perspective)
- Practices
 - Enhancing dialogue (pluralistic spaces for trust and dialogue)
 - Demystify and democratise (open up)
 - New decision-making processes (early and more deliberative)
 - Horizontal as well as vertical information exchange
 - The importance of implementing access to justice
- Innovation in resources and transparency assessment
 - Make sure that civil society has the resources to participate
 - Create the conditions for civil society access to expertise
 - Engage experienced and widely trusted facilitators
 - Libraries, compendia, websites of good practices, etc.
 - Standards for transparency assessment

The broader goals of the NTW BEPPER project

- Establish enduring governance models providing resources to NGOs on the international, national and local level
- Improve technical and legal capacities of NGO representatives participating in research projects
- Promote the inclusion of Civil Society and NGOs as part of the RWM arena
- Enable the development of a legal framework for effective public participation in RWM that takes into due account the input of NGOs
- Involve Civil Society and NGOs as respected partners in international and European networks



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Thank you for your attention!



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