

# **Aarhus Convention & Nuclear (ACN)**

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## **Final Round Table:**

**Improving existing arrangements on information and public participation in the field of RWM in Europe: the way forward**

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## ENSREG at a glance ...

- ENSREG Members
  - Senior Officials from national regulatory or nuclear safety authorities from all EU MS, and the EC
- Currently observers from
  - Belarus, Norway, Switzerland, Turkey, European Council, IAEA, OECD-NEA
- ENSREG work governed by
  - [Rules of Procedure](#), [WG Rules of Procedure](#)
  - [ENSREG Work Programme \(WP\) 2018-2020](#)
- ENSREG reports to
  - Council of the EU and the European Parliament through European Commission every two years (from 2009)

## ENSREG at a glance ... (cont'd)

- Activities based on fundamental ENSREG principle
  - There should be continuous improvement in nuclear safety. Striving for continuous improvement is a vital safeguard against complacency in the important area of nuclear safety.
- ENSREG's scope of work includes
  - Safety of nuclear installations in the EU; and
  - Safety of the management of spent fuel and radioactive waste in the EU;
- ENSREG scope of work mirrors the contents of
  - EC Directive 2009/70/Euratom, as amended, and
  - EC Directive 2011/70/Euratom

## The role of ENSREG ...

- Basic principles for assuring nuclear safety and the safe management of radioactive waste and spent fuel are established in:
  - the Convention on Nuclear Safety, and in
  - the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management (“Joint Convention”)
- ENSREG’s role is to help to establish the conditions for continuous improvement and to reach a common understanding in these areas, by means of supporting the implementation of EC Directives 2009/70/Euratom and 2011/70/Euratom

## The role of ENSREG ... (cont'd)

- As an independent authoritative expert body, ENSREG is working to:
  - improve the cooperation and openness between MS on nuclear safety and radioactive waste issues;
  - improve the overall transparency on nuclear safety and radioactive waste issues; and
  - as appropriate, advise the European Commission on additional European rules in the fields of the safety of nuclear installations and the safety of the management of spent fuel and radioactive waste.

## ENSREG Working Groups ...

- ENSREG has established three working groups to undertake its work programme;
  - WG1 - Improving Nuclear Safety arrangements
  - WG2 - Improving Radioactive Waste Management, Spent Fuel and Decommissioning arrangements
  - WG3 - Improving in Transparency arrangements

## WG 3 priorities for 2018-2020 ...

Seeking enhanced openness and transparency throughout ENSREG's activities, including;

- Revision and updating of revised guidelines to Member States on reporting and transparency under the Directives,
- Developing a communication strategy for ENSREG implementing a new approach to the ENSREG website and;
- Update/further develop the [“Guidance for National Regulatory Organizations on Principles for Openness and Transparency”](#)

Thank you for your attention!