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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

- 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!