

## Commitment Charter of NTW

### A. Missions of NTW

Elected officials members, qualified members and member organisations of NTW join forces to implement a common concern- "safety and transparency in the nuclear sector" - , without prejudice to each other's position on nuclear energy, and to realise the main missions of NTW:

1. **To raise the awareness of policy-makers and European civil society** regarding the importance of transparency in the monitoring of nuclear activities to improve their safety.
2. **To provide support to local and national initiatives and organisations of civil society** (in each European country) seeking to promote transparency of nuclear activities and to ensure that broader account is taken of the contribution of civil society in the governance of nuclear activities, including through better implementation of the Aarhus Convention, the Espoo Convention and the corresponding European Directives.
3. **To demonstrate the capacity of civil society** to improve the quality of decision-making in the nuclear sphere by generating or coordinating as appropriate their actions of monitoring, vigilance and engagement at local, national and European levels.
4. **To exchange information between civil society participants** in European countries and to build collective evaluations at European level if necessary.
5. **To initiate partnerships with independent experts** from organisations or public institutions of expertise that can provide technical support to the monitoring of nuclear activities and their safety.
6. **To bring the voice of civil society into the European decision-making process** regarding nuclear activities, and to provide information to European institutions, members of the European Parliament and European civil society.
7. **To compare and assess developments regarding nuclear transparency** in the various European countries.
8. **To establish means of mutual information across borders** and between the various representatives of civil society in Europe.

## **B. The membership of NTW**

NTW members include elected officials, experts and organisations from more than a dozen European countries. They meet regularly to coordinate their activities in the areas of transparency and safety of nuclear power. The complete list of members is available on the [website of NTW](#).

NTW contributes to developing a culture of participation, inclusion and equality through its methodology, including the organisation of transboundary roundtables and thematic working groups. By bringing together various actors, NTW aims to ensure plurality in its composition and to create diversity in the nuclear field.

NTW membership comes in three types:

- 1. Elected official members:** they represent key players of NTW. The European Network Nuclear Transparency Watch has been launched in 2013 after a call from Members of the European Parliament.
- 2. Qualified Members:** they are individuals with relevant professional experience or specific qualifications in transparency and safety in nuclear matters.
- 3. Member organisations:** typically they are NGOs, trade unions and think tanks. They promote the interests of society and many of them are already committed to transparency on nuclear issues.

The benefits of Membership include:

- Being part of a EU-wide network of civil society actors committed to the same objective of ensuring transparency and safety in nuclear issues.
- Access to working documents, a network of contacts and participation in private roundtable meetings with policymakers.
- Being able to contribute directly to NTW's work, notably by participating in working groups or conducting parallel campaigns.
- Priority seats at NTW's public events and media opportunities.

### **C. The responsibilities of NTW's members**

Through its missions, NTW does not have a pro- or anti-nuclear position, but sets an objective of having more transparency and safety in all aspects of nuclear power. Transparency in monitoring nuclear activities is crucial for improving the safety of nuclear power. Strengthening and maintaining a high level of nuclear safety in Europe is a common concern for all members of NTW without prejudice to each other's position on nuclear energy.

NTW brings together a variety of stakeholders who speak out about their requirements and views on nuclear safety. The members are the guarantors of the diversity promoted by NTW at European level. NTW aims to ensure a structure for any individual or organisation wishing to debate in public on the issues of nuclear power; to provide access to information; to ensure transparency and to provide non-partisan expertise on issues such as emergency preparedness and response to nuclear accidents, nuclear waste management, NPP ageing, decommissioning of nuclear facilities, etc.

All applications will be assessed by NTW's Management Board to ensure that a candidate's qualifications relate to NTW's objectives and that candidates are free from conflicts of interest.

By signing this Charter, all members of NTW commit to integrate into a common project for transparency and safety in the nuclear sector. They undertake to respect and participate actively in NTW's missions (described above). NTW's members keep their freedom on their respective position concerning the use of nuclear energy, provided that it respects the position of the other members and that it falls within the missions of NTW.

Done at ....., on ....

I sign as an elected official member

I sign as a qualified member

I sign for a member organisation