

Nuclear Transparency Watch

Working Group on nuclear Emergency Preparedness & Response (WG EP&R)

Inception Seminar

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Draft Agenda

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The context, the NTW WG on EP&R

The question of Nuclear Emergency Preparedness and Response is a priority issue for NTW in the post-Fukushima context. This question has not been taken on board of the European nuclear stress tests. However, Civil Society Organisations have requested this issue to be dealt with by EU institutions during the ENSREG Public meetings (see Public Meeting, 8 May 2012, Post-Fukushima stress tests Peer Review, ENSREG, Brussels). It is now on the agenda of European and National Institutions and will be dealt with in the coming years. A review of existing Nuclear Emergency Preparedness and Response arrangements in the EU member states is currently being performed under the auspices of DG ENER ("Review of current off-Site nuclear emergency preparedness and response arrangements in EU member states and Neighbouring countries ENER/D1/2012-474").

The contribution of civil society is to play an essential role in off-site management of nuclear emergency and post-emergency. An ad-hoc working group was created on Emergency Preparedness & Response (WG EP&R) with the view to carry an evaluation of existing European and national EP&R provisions and to produce conclusions by mid 2014.

The first meeting of the thematic NTW Working Group on "Nuclear Emergency Preparedness and Response" (EP&R WG) was held on November 7th 2013 in Brussels. The WG is gathering information and reviewing existing EP&R arrangements. It is also seeking for cooperation with experts on nuclear emergency and post-emergency management. It is foreseen that the first results of this work will be released and discussed in the framework of an Aarhus & Nuclear European Roundtable to be held in spring 2014.

The EP&R WG Objectives and Methodology

The EP&R WG will investigate

- The key stakes regarding nuclear EP&R from the point of view of civil society
- The main needs for improvements of existing EP&R provisions in Europe at the local, national and European level
 - Concerning the content of EP&R arrangements (exposure standards, intervention levels, zoning, ...)

- Concerning the decision-making processes for EP&R in the perspective of the Aarhus convention (in particular Article 5.1.c – see Figure 1) of the Convention)
- The strategic opportunities to push forward key changes in EP&R at the local, national and European level

The proposed process will identify country-specific or site-specific issues (identified and addressed by national investigations). It will also identify issues of European relevance for the viewpoint of civil society as well as concrete conclusions & recommendations at the European and national levels. The WG methodology will rely on interactions between

- National investigations led by EP&R WG members (in cooperation with other civil society organisations?) at the national and/or local levels notably through national or regional Aarhus Convention & Nuclear (ACN) roundtables (when appropriate)
- Investigations at the European level (seminar, meetings, hearings, ...) by NTW, integrating national views
- Support from EP&R WG: inception seminar, methodological and strategic advice, issuing of guidelines for national investigations, participation of NTW members to ACN roundtables.

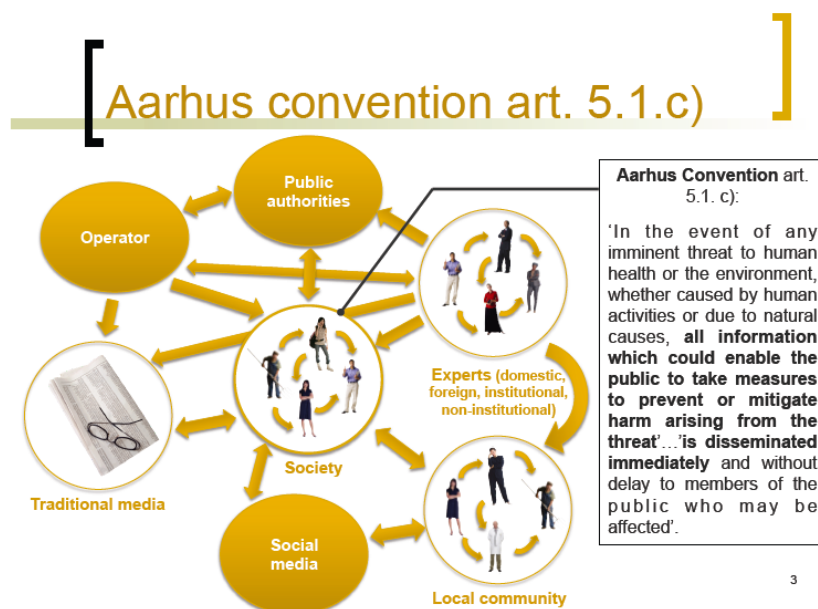


Figure 1

The Inception Seminar

This seminar is a non-public event of 2 days with the objectives of training EP&R WG members and to identify the most problematic aspects of the existing provisions for nuclear emergency management in Europe. It will present a review of EP&R provisions on the basis of available surveys performed at the European level, notably in the perspective of the main challenges identified in the management of the Fukushima emergency. Hearing of key actors involved in Emergency management in Europe will be performed (public authorities, DG ENER, international organisations, experts, CSOs). The seminar will frame the EP&R WG investigations at the European level, selecting key issues of European relevance. A list of key priorities will be performed in order to frame the WG investigations to be performed at national and European levels. It is also foreseen that the seminar will be an opportunity to identifying NTW countries where investigations could be initiated early 2014.

PROGRAMME OF THE INCEPTION SEMINAR

First day - February 6 2014

9:30 am- 5:30 pm

- 9:00 Registration of the participants**
- 9:30 Welcome and Introduction to Nuclear Transparency Watch and Emergency Response & Preparedness, by Nadja Železnik, Chair of the seminar**
- 10:00 Session 1: Hearings, principles and existing reviews of EP&R provisions in the EU, feedback from the Fukushima experience**
- *A review of European challenges for EP&R, Eloi Glorieux, NTW, Greenpeace Belgium and Roger Spautz, NTW, Greenpeace Luxemburg*
 - *Key scientific elements about radiation protection after a nuclear accident, Olivier Isnard, IRSN*
 - *The new Euratom Basic Safety Standards Directive and its relevance for Nuclear Emergency Preparedness & Response, Gerhard Wächter, EC-Directorate-General for Energy*
 - *Short coffe break*
- 11:15-11:30**
- *The regulatory views on EP&R provisions in Europe, Patrick Majerus, HERCA WG “Emergencies”*
 - *Evaluations of the Fukushima emergency management, main challenges identified for Europe David Boilley, ACRO (CSO)*
 - *Short report on the conclusions and findings of the conference Nuclear Third Party Liability & Insurance, Andrej Klemenc, REC Slovenia*
 - *Discussion*
- 13:00 Lunch**
- 14:00 Session 2: Working Group Session - Identification of priorities**
- 14:00**
- *Work in 3 small groups: identification of relevance and deficiencies of ENCO study and elaboration of proposals “what and how” to improve EP&R on European level. Introduction and moderation of discussion by Nadja Železnik, Roger Spautz and Elois Glorieux.*
- 17:00 Plenary Session:**
- *Reports of the Working Groups*
 - *Discussion and agreement on the approach*
- 17:30 End of the first day**

Second day - February 7 2014

9:30 am- 5:30 pm

9: 30 Session 3: Examining Priorities and Drafting Action Plan at national and trans-boundary level

- Introduction by *Nadja Železnik, REC Slovenia*
- Short presentations regarding EP&R national priorities, national action plans and possibilities of trans-boundary/regional activities by:
 - **Brigitte Artmann**, Greens Fichtelgebirge, Germany
 - **representative of ANCCLI**, France (tbc)
 - **Inger Eikermann**, NRPA, Norway (tbc)
- *Short coffee brake -15 min*
 - **Nadja Železnik**, REC Slovenia
 - **Albena Simenova**, FAE and **Boris Sandov**, Zelenite, Bulgaria
 - **Zoriana Mishchuk**, MAMA86, Ukraine
 - **Eva Sufin-Jacquemart**, Green Zone Foundation, Poland
 - Discussion

12:30 Lunch

14: 00 Session 4: Working Groups - How to investigate identified thematic and organise national and trans-boundary activities?

- Identification of activities on national and/or trans-boundary level:
 - Working group 1: Belgium, France, Germany, Luxemburg-Norway
 - Working group 2: Bulgaria, Hungary, Poland, Slovenia, Ukraine

15:30 Plenary Session: reports of the Working Groups

16:00 Final Session: the Steps Forward

- General Discussion
- Conclusions and steps forward (Chair)

16:30 End of the meeting