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# **KEY PRINCIPLES AND USE OF INTERNATIONAL TOOLS IN AUSTRIA'S (NUCLEAR) POLICY**

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## AUSTRIA'S NUCLEAR POLICY

- **Advocating a nuclear phase-out -  
Energy Union without nuclear power**
- **Continuously improving nuclear safety - reducing risks**
- **Transparency and participation in the nuclear sector**
  - **European and international fora, working groups, initiatives, etc.**
  - **Enabling participation of the public concerned in transboundary procedures**
  - **Improving communication with national stakeholders**

## ENABLING PARTICIPATION – LEGAL INSTRUMENTS

- **Aarhus-Convention** on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters (UN-ECE), pertinent EU directives respectively
- **Espoo-Convention** on Environmental Impact Assessment in a Transboundary Context (UN-ECE), pertinent EU directives respectively
  - **Public Concerned:** Comments via competent authority, Public Hearing
  - **State:** Comments, Public Hearing, Consultations, Monitoring
- **Bilateral Agreements**
- **IAEA Conventions (of limited impact)**

## ENABLING PARTICIPATION – TRANSBOUNDARY EIA/SEA PROCEDURES

- **Participation** whenever adverse transboundary impacts cannot be excluded (deterministically), but “**graded-approach**”
- **Adverse impacts:** if and when **any intervention measure** is required
- **Enabling public (stakeholder) involvement**
- **Expert statements, consultations, etc., to**
  - advocate Austrian environmental/safety concerns
  - allow for competent and comprehensive information to public  
(Federal Environmental Agency website  
<http://www.umweltbundesamt.at/umweltinformation/kernenergie/>)

## TRANSBOUNDARY EIA/SEA PROCEDURES - DECOMMISSIONING

### ➤ **Decommissioning Projects:**

- **NPP EBO V-1, Slovakia (2006 – 2007)      consultation only**
- **NPP KKI-1, Germany (2014 – 2016)      full participation (Danube)**
- **NPP KRB-II, Germany (2016 – )      full participation (Danube)**

### ➤ **National Programmes – Council Directive 2011/70/Euratom**

- **Neighbouring countries D, H (finished), CZ, I (to come), SK, SLO (no procedure)**
- **NEP (Nationales Entsorgungsprogramm) in Austria**

### ➤ **EBRD administered funds: BIDSF, IIDSF, KIDSF**

# TRANSPARENCY AND PARTICIPATION IN THE NUCLEAR SECTOR

## Opportunities:

- Interested stakeholders
- Developing legal framework
- Stress tests, Topical Peer review

## Limitations:

- Limited resources/time
- Different levels of knowledge and competence
- Security/Confidentiality
- Language

## General Issues:

- Socio-cultural context
- Early participation/project well developed

# THANK YOU.

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