

TRANSPARENCY AND FUTURE OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT IN EUROPE
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An EU legal framework for waste management in Europe was created in 2011 with the adoption of the Council Directive on the management of radioactive waste and spent fuel (2011/70/Euratom). The Directive provides for close monitoring of national programmes for the management and final disposal of radioactive wastes. Member States have submitted their first report on the implementation of their national programmes in August 2015. The programmes need to include all waste management steps as well as financing measures. The goal is the safe and responsible radioactive waste management to protect workers and the general public against the dangers arising from ionizing radiation. Any undue burden on future generations should be avoided. The relevance of transparency and public participation is also reflected in the RWM Directive: "Every state has to include a transparency concept in its national programme. "

The aim of this conference is to give a real picture of the challenges in Europe for radioactive waste management. The conference will be the opportunity to have the perspectives of environmental NGOs by presenting the BEPPER report of Nuclear Transparency Watch¹ and the Joint Project Report which describe an effective transparency and public participation regimes in the area of spent fuel and radioactive waste management and its real application. The conference will also analyse national cases and the future of research on radioactive waste management.

(1) <http://www.nuclear-transparency-watch.eu/a-la-une/new-publication-bepper-report.html>

PROGRAM

8h45 : welcome coffee served inside the room

9h00 – 9h30: INTRODUCTION

Opening speech

- Victor BOŞTINARU, Member of the European Parliament (S&D)

Overview European of policy - results reporting under 2011/70/Euratom

- Ioanna METAXOPOULOU, Head of unit, Dg energy, European Commission

9h30 – 10h15: POINT OF VIEW OF CIVIL SOCIETY

"Presentation of the NTW BEPPER project on transparency in RWM"
- Johan SWAHN, Director of MKG, member of NTW

"The Joint Project's evaluation of the implementation of the waste directive"
- Gabriele MRAZ, Austrian Institute of Ecology

Q & A : 15 minutes

10H15 – 11h15: TESTIMONIES FROM THE FIELD

"Status of projects for high level waste - example of Bure in France"
- Benoit JAQUET, General Secretary of the CLIs of Bure

"Radioactive waste transport between Hungary and Russia"
- Benedek JAVOR, Member of the European Parliament and NTW

Q & A : 15 minutes

11h15 – 12h00: EUROPEAN RESEARCH ON RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT

"The Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community: contribution to the development of safe, long-term solutions for the management of ultimate nuclear waste"
- Rita LECBYCHOVA, Fission Energy Unit in DG RTD, European Commission

"Transparency and civil society interaction in European research on radioactive waste issues "
- Gilles HÉRIARD-DUBREUIL, Mutadis

Q & A : 15 minutes

12h00- 12H30: REFLEXIONS OF THE DAY

"Transparency from the point of view of civil society "
- Jan HAVERKAMP, Greenpeace

"Political consequences " & concluding remarks
- Rebecca HARMS, Member of the European Parliament (Greens/ALE)