

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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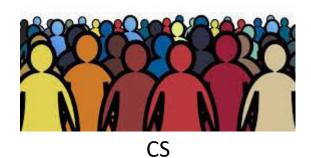
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General feeling at the start of the SITEX initiative (EU SITEX FP7 project) (my perception)



- On what should I exchange with CS? They are not experts and will not understand me.
- Such exchanges will be time consuming and will not change my work and safety evaluations. So what is the added value?
- At the end it is the regulatory body who will assess the safety and not the CS. So why should I take time for exchanges with CS?

- If I start discussing with TSOs then I may give the impression that I endorse all the on-going projects.
- I do not want that TSOs use that dialogue to then say their projects are agreed with CS.





How the SITEX initiative changed TSO minds ? (my perception)

- On what should I exchange with CSO?
 - On R&D results and their possible implications for safety;
 - On safety assessment results;
 - On CSO possible safety concerns...



- Such exchanges will be time consuming and will not change my work and safety evaluations. So what is the added value?
 - It changes my work a lot !
 - It helps to step back and look at safety issues with more perspective.
 - It may gives new ideas and point of views.
- At the end it is the regulatory body who will assess the safety and not the CSO. So why should I take time for exchanges with CSO?
 - This allows to develop confidence between the actors.
 - We did not loose our "independence" of missions (we are not forced to agree).
 - This may increase safety:
 - Because of the plural dimension such exchanges gives
 - Because increasing confidence may allow to move towards a "safe terminus" in a more sustainable way.



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Some key elements for the future

 Globally, seen the positive return of experience: continue to develop and strengthen these dialogues and interactions in future projects.

 CSO participation should not be limited to a "passive review" of deliverables or to attendance to meetings where projects results are communicated.

It should consist in active and constructive dialogues a.o. about the meanings of project results. The different kinds of actors do not necessarily need to find a common meaning/position but they should at least understand what the different meanings/positions are.

 R&D projects could thus be more systematically completed with specific tasks aiming at exchanging with CSO about the meaning of their results and considering their point of view.

This is a way to strengthen safety, and SITEX.Network can help !

