

Commitment Charter of NTW

Nuclear Transparency Watch was founded on the basis of a call on December 4, 2012, in Brussels by members of the European Parliament from different political families to European Institutions and to Member States to increase the transparency of nuclear activities and the engagement of civil society to achieve and maintain a high level of nuclear safety in the European Union and at its borders.

In accordance with NTW statutes of January 25, 2024

It is created, under the name **“Nuclear Transparency Watch”**, a civil society, non-profit Association. Nuclear Transparency Watch is an international Association under French law (law as of 1st July 1901, and decree as of 16 August 1901), network of civil society organisations involved in or concerned with monitoring nuclear activities, as well as national or international institutions interested in the development of the work of civil society. Nuclear Transparency Watch – hereafter “NTW” - is governed by the present statutes.

In the spirit of the Aarhus Convention the objectives of NTW are to:

1. Promote nuclear transparency and safety.
2. Promote the rights of access to information, public participation in decision-making, access to justice in environmental matters and access to resources in relation to all aspects of nuclear activities.
3. Raise the awareness of policymakers and civil society regarding the importance of, public participation in decision-making, access to justice in environmental matters and access to resources in relation to all aspects of nuclear activities in order to improve the safety of their facilities.
4. Provide support to local and national civil society initiatives seeking to strengthen the aforementioned rights the implementation of Aarhus Convention rights and the corresponding European Directives.
5. Improve the quality of decision-making in nuclear issues.
6. Generating or coordinating as appropriate monitoring activities and vigilance at the local, national, European and international level.
7. Encourage and facilitate the exchange of information between civil society participants and beyond, and to evaluate the collectively generated data including the production of publications.

8. Initiate partnerships with independent expert organisations or public institutions of expertise that can provide technical support to the monitoring of nuclear activities and their safety.
9. Strengthen the voice of public interest- oriented civil society associations in the decision-making process in Europe and beyond regarding nuclear activities, and to provide information to European institutions and civil society.
10. Compare and assess developments regarding nuclear transparency in various countries.
11. Create a forum for discussion, deliberation, and open exchanges of viewpoints on nuclear-related topics. In this regard, NTW aims to utilize all channels of communication and deliberation, and encourage the engagement of nuclear sector stakeholders in other public fora such as conferences, roundtables, seminars, webinars, scientific and non-scientific papers, etc.

The responsibilities of NTW's members

By signing this charter, I undertake to respect NTW statutes, internal rules and my application will be submitted to the members of the Bureau for approval.

NTW aims to ensure a structure for any individual or organisation wishing to debate in public on the issues of nuclear power: 1°) to provide access to independent information; 2°) to provide non-partisan expertise on issues such as public participation in decisions on nuclear activities, emergency preparedness and response to nuclear accidents, nuclear waste management, NPP ageing, decommissioning of nuclear facilities, better evaluate the impact measurements of nuclear activities etc.

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

Done at..., on....

Article 4 of NTW' statutes defines membership.

I sign as a qualified member.

I sign for a member organisation.