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Emergency arrangements at EU level

At the EU level, there are several networks that integrate national monitoring and forecasting systems and allow rapid, coordinated responses to radiological emergencies by sharing real-time data. These are:

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National responsibility

At the national level, legislation is adopted which allocates clearly the responsibilities for the preparedness and response to a nuclear or radiological emergency. This legislation takes account of and implements EU requirements for emergency preparedness arrangements, including arrangements for informing the public.

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International organisations involved in nuclear safety guidance

Several international organisations contribute to guidance and standards for all aspects of nuclear safety. These international bodies include:

- [The International Atomic Energy Agency](#)
- [The OECD's Nuclear Energy Agency](#)

The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

International Guidance on Nuclear Safety and Radioactive Waste Management

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The International Conventions

Most EU Member States are contracting parties to a number of international safety conventions. These are:

The Safety Conventions

- Convention on Nuclear Safety (CNS) which addresses the safety of nuclear power plants.
- Joint Convention on the safety of spent nuclear fuel and the safety of radioactive waste.

The Emergency Conventions

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What kind of information is available?

Although national regulators communicate proactively on nuclear safety matters, they also provide specific primary material. In addition, they are obliged to release information on request, in some circumstances.

Practices vary in different countries, thus the following are examples:

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EU instruments

What EU instruments support safety?

Euratom Treaty

In 1957, two treaties were signed in Rome. The first was the treaty establishing the European Economic Community that has evolved into the European Union of today. The second ?Treaty of Rome? established a European Atomic Energy Union ? better known as Euratom Treaty.

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