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All EU Member States that operate nuclear installations follow the basic principles set internationally for assuring nuclear safety and the safe management of radioactive waste and spent fuel.

These principles are established in the Convention on Nuclear Safety and the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management. ENSREG's role is to help to establish the conditions for continuous improvement and to reach a common understanding in these areas. As an independent authoritative expert body, ENSREG is working to:

- improve the cooperation and openness between Member States on nuclear safety and radioactive waste issues;
- improve the overall transparency on nuclear safety and radioactive waste issues; and
- as appropriate, advise the European Commission on additional European rules in the fields of the safety of nuclear installations and the safety of the management of spent fuel and radioactive waste.

In 2011 ENSREG adopted its revised ENSREG Rules of Procedure and in 2012 Rules of Procedure for the ENSREG Working Groups.

ENSREG established four **working groups** (WGs) to undertake its work programme. In order to enhance the coordination of international cooperation, the WG4 was merged in 2016 within WG1 as a Task Group. This task group is currently mainly in charge of providing advice on the management of the Instrument for Nuclear Safety Cooperation (INSC).

Working groups meet as necessary and report back to ENSREG, which meets at least twice a year. ENSREG submits a report to the EU institutions on its activities every three years.

List of national regulators

Nuclear regulation in the EU countries

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