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Public involvement in nuclear safety issues

All institutions that contribute to in some way to regulating nuclear safety, at international, EU and national levels, are also committed to transparency. This means making different kinds of information available to the public: from general information on how a country manages the safety of its nuclear activities, to specific information, for example on plans for a proposed new power plant. By giving high priority to transparency, public involvement in nuclear issues is encouraged, for example through consultations and information campaigns. This in turn raises awareness of the work of regulators and supports public confidence in the safety of nuclear installations.

ENSREG is active in this area; one of ENSREG's three working groups is dedicated to improving the arrangements for transparency on matters of nuclear safety in the Member States.

ENSREG seeks to keep the public informed of its work through the ENSREG website.

In an effort to keep the public informed of the recent stress test process, a specific web page was developed and a monthly update was provided with questions and answers.

During the public meetings on stress tests held during 2012, public participation was encouraged. Questions were invited from the public prior to the event and these were discussed during the event with responses posted onto the web page. All presentations and a narrative of the meetings were made public. (see [link](#)). Stakeholders had the opportunity to put questions and to file comments on the National Action Plans via the ENSREG website from 25 February to 20 March 2013.

Transparency on nuclear safety issues is divided into two areas of activity: public information and public participation.

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