

A national network to discuss about transparency and nuclear safety

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## National Association of Committees and Commissions of Information



# Civil society in the core of Emergency

## Societal vigilance is a necessity

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- **2008 – ANCCLI - Creation of a WG on «Emergency and post accident questions» :**
  - to be aware of the consequences of a radiological emergency situation, to anticipate reactions and relationships between local actors and to educate the population (good behaviors) ... on emergency and post accident situations
  - Reflexions on emergency plans, preparedness, iodine...
  - **ANCCLI and IRSN develop an awareness tool on post-accident issues for local actors (OPAL) :** anticipate human and economic consequences. Prepare territories and stakeholders



# The right to be informed in a radiological emergency situation

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**The Aarhus Convention (art. 5.1 c.) specifies :** In the event of any imminent threat to human health or the environment, whether caused by human activities or due to natural causes, all information which could enable the public to take measures to prevent or mitigate harm arising from the threat and is held by a public authority is disseminated immediately and without delay to members of the public who may be affected..».

# Role of civil society in preparedness of nuclear emergency?

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## Two major challenges for civil society



1) Protect themselves, make good decisions based on reliable information thus have access to a plurality of information sources

2) Be involved upstream in the local and national emergency preparedness situations to test the effectiveness and relevance of plans and emergency measures

# Nuclear emergency management : major priorities identified by civil society (CLI, ACN, national feedback, ...)

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- **The existing evacuation plans are inadequate** : problem of spontaneous evacuations, lack of consideration of PCS, reflexions on evacuation places ...
- **Avoid the usual scenario (Chernobyl, Fuku) - Protections against iodine are not implemented** : lack of relevance and homogenization of the perimeter of distribution, controversy on the mode of distribution, people's suspicion by lack of education and awareness ...
- **PPI and crisis exercises inadequated with local reality** : not enough involvement of population (training), lack of awareness of the nearest towns of the PPI ...
- **Compensation** : what kind of compensation, especially in short time

**Governements must include local experimentation in emergency plans and rely on local expertise (PCS ...)**



# Propositions

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- **Stress test / Emergency test** : evaluate emergency exercises and take into account the points of view of civil society
- **2014 : Roundtable on ACN Emergency** : in the continuity of ACN1 and in the prospect of ACN2 : gather all the European partners, including civil society (NTW), around the topic of Emergency, with the MEPs support
- **Presence of civil society in the preparation of regulations on emergency and in Research at European and national level:**  
Example of DG ENER study "Review of Current Off-site Nuclear Emergency Preparedness and Response Arrangements in EU Member States study and Neighbouring Countries "(what kind of participation of SC in the piloting of this study?)

# Civil society is an active contributor to emergency situation and post emergency response

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We know that when favourable conditions are met, local actors can be active contributors to emergency situations at short- mid- or long-term through :

- Production of information (notably radioactivity measurements in food and in environment)
- Participation on their own protection through adaptation of their daily life habits and progressive construction of a practical radiation protection culture based on good knowledges of their territory
- Contribution to redeployment of social and economic activities at mid- and long-term



# Thank's for your attention



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