

**Statement from Mr. Gerald Hennenhöfer,
Chairperson of ENSREG,
following the Group's 25th meeting of the 10th October 2013**

Mr. Gerald Hennenhöfer of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, agreed to continue as Chairman of ENSREG.

ENSREG reviewed the status of the proposed revision of the EU nuclear safety legislation, with the EC again thanking ENSREG for their valuable contributions during its development phase. The Commission proposal has received a favourable opinion by the European Economic and Social Committee on the 18th September, with formal submission to Council being foreseen for the 17th October.

ENSREG discussed the development and content of their next Work Programme and took the decision to instigate a 3 year Work Programme covering the period 2014-2016, to better align itself with the biennial reporting cycle to the European Parliament and the Council. Thereafter a 2 year work programme would be restored. A need was identified for a close cooperation between its nuclear safety and waste working groups given the complex interlinked nature of the future actions particularly in respect of the developments to the IAEA IRRS missions supporting both the nuclear safety and waste directives.

The 2nd ENSREG conference was concluded to have been a significant success and proposals were discussed for potential improvements in the delivery of the next conference in 2015. A steering committee for the preparation of the conference, beginning with the identification of the conference's theme, would be established at the next ENSREG meeting.

ENSREG endorsed the request of OECD NEA for observer status within ENSREG WG2 and proposed to extend the invitation to include the ENSREG Plenary. The experience of NEA was considered to be of considerable benefit and value to the work of ENSREG.

ENSREG endorsed the publication of the detailed rapporteur reports from their National Action Plan Workshop.