

Statement from Mr Petr Krs, Vice-Chairperson of ENSREG, following the 23rd ENSREG meeting of 6 March 2013

The 23rd ENSREG meeting was held on 6 March 2013 in Brussels, under the chairmanship of Mr Petr Krs (CZ), Vice-Chairperson of ENSREG.

The main results of the meeting can be summarised as follows:

Revision of the Council Directive 2009/71/Euratom (Nuclear Safety Directive)

- The first part of the discussion was dedicated to an exchange of views between the ENSREG Members on the results of the activity of the *Ad Hoc Working Group (AHWG)*, established at the previous 22nd meeting of 23 January 2013 with the mandate to review and suggest improvements on a draft text for a revised Nuclear Safety Directive developed by EC services. ENSREG expressed an initial general agreement with the contents of the AHWG summary report. Furthermore, in line with its aim of supporting the enhancement of nuclear safety regulation in the EU, ENSREG committed itself to pursue the existing cooperation with the EC, by continuing the AHWG work on the draft legislative text during the coming period.
- The second part of the discussion was dedicated to a frank and open dialogue between ENSREG and Mr Günther Oettinger, Energy Commissioner. The Commissioner expressed its appreciation for the constructive approach demonstrated by ENSREG. He informed of the envisaged timeframe of having a draft legislative proposal adopted by the EC before the European Council meeting of 22 May 2013, dedicated to energy issues.

Progress of the activity of the ENSREG Working Groups

- ENSREG noted the progress achieved by *Working Group 1 on Nuclear Safety* in the preparation of the ENSREG National Action Plans Workshop of 22-26 April 2013 and took several related decisions.
- ENSREG noted the progress made by *Working Group 2 on Waste Management* in developing a format and guidance for the Member States Reports' under the Council Directive 2011/70/Euratom and agreed on an approval procedure as well as on the launching of a trial process.
- ENSREG agreed on a mechanism for starting the activity of the *Working Group 4 on International Cooperation*.

Other issues

- ENSREG was given a presentation on a Roadmap towards European Reactor Design Acceptance, delivered by the Chairs of the ENEF WG Risks / WG Opportunities European Reactor Design Acceptance Core Group.
- ENSREG was informed that the Stress Test Report of Turkey was finalised in 2012 and submitted to the EC. As follow-up, an appropriate peer-review mechanism of this Report will be established, under the coordination of Mr Hartmut Klonk (DE), Chair of Working Group 1 on Nuclear Safety.