



## Statement by Mr Juan Carlos Lentijo, Chair of ENSREG Following the Group's 58<sup>th</sup> meeting on 26 March 2026

The 58<sup>th</sup> meeting of the European Nuclear Safety Regulators Group (ENSREG) took place on 26 March 2026 in Brussels. 22 EU Member States and the European Commission were represented, as well as Norway, Switzerland, Ukraine, the UK and WENRA (as observers). ENSREG welcomed new representatives from the nuclear safety regulatory authorities of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Germany, France, Italy and Sweden.

ENSREG<sup>1</sup> and the Western European Nuclear Regulators' Association (WENRA) agreed to issue a joint **ENSREG-WENRA statement on the safety situation at Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant (ZNPP)**, with publication planned ahead of the **Convention on Nuclear Safety (CNS) Review Meeting in April 2026**. ENSREG members also agreed to continue coordination before and during the CNS Review Meeting to express clearly their position on Russia's illegal seizure of the ZNPP and Russia's reporting on it in its country report.

ENSREG took note of the **Armenia's Stress Test Peer Review Report**, summarising the findings of the November 2025 peer review mission assessing the implementation of stress tests measures at the **Metsamor Nuclear Power Plant (Metsamor NPP)**. The Report is accompanied by an **ENSREG Statement on Armenia**, which clarifies that stress tests should not be used to justify lifetime extension and long-term operation of **Metsamor NPP**, as they do not evaluate the overall safety of the power plant.

ENSREG also initiated discussions on establishing a voluntary **Safety Advisory Service** for new nuclear installations and mandated the Stress Test Board to further develop the technical and operational details of this potential service.

ENSREG members reviewed progress on the follow-up of the **Topical Peer Review II (TPR II)** and discussed next steps for the preparation of the **Action Plan on EU-wide challenges**. ENSREG also examined the proposals for the topic of **Topical Peer Review III (TPR III)**, asking WENRA to prepare a comparative analysis of the three preferred topics involving stakeholders concerned and considering the availability of national expertise. The civil society will be informed about the three preferred topics, and the final choice will be made in the next ENSREG Plenary. ENSREG members were also invited to express interest in serving as Chair and Vice-Chair of TPR III.

ENSREG endorsed the appointment of the Chair and Members of the **Task Force on Fusion Energy**, along with its Terms of Reference. The Task Force will now begin work to develop recommendations to the Commission on the legal framework for fusion by 2027.

The Chair of the ENSREG Conference Steering Committee updated the meeting on the preparations for the biennial **ENSREG Conference "8th European Nuclear Safety Conference: Regulating nuclear safety in**

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<sup>1</sup> One ENSREG Member could not associate itself with this statement.

**a rapidly changing and challenging environment”** (16 and 17 June 2026, Brussels). The finalised programme, confirmed speakers and moderators were presented. The registration will be opened shortly.

The next **ENSREG plenary meeting will be held on 3 December 2026 in Brussels.**