

“ENSREG Launches Task Force on Fusion Energy “

The European Nuclear Safety Regulators Group (ENSREG) new **Task Force on Fusion Energy** held its inaugural meeting on 26-27 May 2026 in Cadarache, France with representatives from Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Spain and Sweden, the European Commission and observers from the IAEA and the UK. The meeting was opened by the Task Force Chair, Mr. Andreas Sikorski (Director-General of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety), and welcomed by Mr. Pietro Barabaschi, Director-General of ITER, which hosted the meeting. This inaugural meeting agreed on the Task Force’s 2026-2027 work programme.

Established on 26 March 2026, the Task Force brings together EU Member States’ regulatory authorities to assess and develop recommendations to the European Commission on the need for a fusion-specific EU legal framework. It will also advise the Commission on areas requiring fusion-specific engineering codes and standards, competence building and knowledge management in EU Member States’ regulatory authorities. The recommendations are due by the end of 2027.



Key Statements

Andreas Sikorski: “As Chair of the newly established Fusion Task Force I am delighted that experts from eight Member States and one international organization have joined this collaboration to advise the Commission on the regulation of fusion facilities. Recent scientific and technological developments resulted in growing activities and interest in fusion. As regulators we have to be prepared to fulfil our task to protect life, health and the environment also with respect to new developments. This Task Force will be a key element in helping the regulators to meet this challenge.”

Juan Carlos Lentijo: Beyond its technical mandate, the Task Force also reflects ENSREG’s broader role as a forum for cooperation among regulators. As highlighted by Mr Lentijo, Chair of ENSREG, “this Task Force exemplifies our shared strategy to foster inter-regulator connectivity. Beyond technical alignment, this collective dimension

strengthens the overall regulatory framework and contributes to a more coherent and consistent European approach. It will provide clarity and predictability for stakeholders while supporting the development of a stable regulatory environment for emerging technologies, including fusion energy”.

Useful Links

- **European Commission – Energy Directorate (DG ENER):** https://energy.ec.europa.eu/index_en and *Fusion energy and ITER*
- **ENSREG (European Nuclear Safety Regulators Group):** <https://www.ensreg.eu/>
- **ITER Organisation:** <https://www.iter.org/>

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