

**Statement from Mr. Gerald Hennenhöfer, Chairperson of ENSREG,
following the Group's 24th meeting of the 28th May 2013**

Mr. Gerald Hennenhöfer of the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, was appointed as Chairman of ENSREG for an interim period following the departure of Mr. Varjoranta from STUK.

ENSREG considered the National Action Plan Workshop, undertaken as a follow up of the EU nuclear stress tests, to have been a highly successful exercise and endorsed a follow-up peer review in 2015. This follow-up would ascertain the value of the technical solutions arising from the present in depth studies, before the implementation of the findings in the form of major hardware changes in nuclear power plants. ENSREG approved the National Action Plan Workshop summary report which would be presented at the forthcoming ENSREG conference in June.

ENSREG considered that further detailed consideration of the European Nuclear Energy Forum's proposal on design pre-licensing would be required in order to better understand the added value and potential obstacles to national nuclear regulatory procedures. This analysis could be undertaken by the ENSREG Working Groups.

The EC thanked ENSREG for its valuable contributions to the revised Nuclear Safety Directive, which is foreseen for adoption by the Commission in June 2013.

ENSREG exchanged views on, and approved its draft 3rd report to the Council and European Parliament, which is due by July 2013.