



**Statement from Mr. Mark Foy,
Acting Chairperson of ENSREG,
following the Group's 38th meeting of the 25th March 2019**

ENSREG reached consensus on the nomination of Mrs. Marta Ziakova (UJD SR, Slovak Republic) as ENSREG Chairperson, Mr. Thomas Elsner (BMUB, Germany) as ENSREG Vice Chairperson and Mrs. Kirsy Alm-Lytz (STUK, Finland) as ENSREG WG1 Chairperson.

ENSREG agreed on the template proposed by WG1 and confirmed the preparation of the National Action Plans (NACPs) by September 2019 for the part related to Nuclear Power Plants and Research Reactors, as a follow up to the 1st Topical Peer Review (TPR) on "Ageing Management". ENSREG also decided to ask WG1 to prepare an action plan by September 2019 to address the four challenges identified during the TPR process. ENSREG will re-examine progress of the NACPs within three years and issue a status report of their implementation by December 2021.

ENSREG reviewed the summary report prepared by WG1 that presents the status at EU level of Stress Test National Action Plan (NACP) implementation at the end of 2018. In November 2015, ENSREG issued a statement, which indicated that delays were encountered by several countries in the implementation of post Fukushima safety upgrades. Based on the information currently available, further delays have been encountered in some countries, in some cases for non-technical reasons. Certain ENSREG Members stated that new safety considerations have come into play since the EU Stress Test in 2012 and that based on a risk-based approach priority was given to implementing other measures (like Instrumentation and Control (I&C) replacement) over those still outstanding under the Stress Test safety upgrade implementation. The draft WG1 report was not approved and ENSREG asked WG1 to provide a more comprehensive statement of the status of Stress Test safety upgrades implementation versus implementation of others safety upgrades. ENSREG WG1 should also take into account Stress Test NACPs updates that are due by the end of 2019 to provide a more accurate picture of implementation to ENSREG at the beginning of 2020.

ENSREG approved the updated Reporting Guidelines for the EU Nuclear Safety Directive and the position papers related to reporting National Programmes and National Reports under Directive 2011/70/Euratom. The Commission representative stressed that reporting on the implementation of the Directive(s) is a responsibility of Member States and not per se by Regulatory Bodies. He noted that the preparation of guidelines or position papers by ENSREG is a good contribution to ensure more homogenous reporting by Member States.

ENSREG also discussed the organisation of the upcoming ENSREG 2019 conference, which will take place the 6-7 June 2019 in Brussels and endorsed the proposals developed thus far.

The group further reviewed the latest development regarding Belarus Stress Test and the status of the preparation and review of the National Action Plan by the Belarusian Regulator. According to available information, the National Action Plan (NACP) was developed by Gosatomnadzor and submitted to Belarus government for review. The NACP is expected to be published soon on its website. ENSREG called again on the Belarusian authorities to ensure timely implementation of all safety improvement measures in accordance with their safety significance. ENSREG recalled that the National Action Plan should be subject to a future peer review as is the practice in the EU.

The Convention of Nuclear Safety 8th review meeting will take place in Spring 2020 in Vienna. The expectations related to the reporting by the Contracting Parties on the principles of the Vienna Declaration on Nuclear Safety (VDNS) were supported in this context.

ENSREG decided to organise its next plenary meeting the 14 November 2019 in Brussels.