

## European High-Level Group on Nuclear Safety and Waste Management

### ENSREG Communications Policy

ENSREG's mission is to strive for continuous improvements in the nuclear safety of nuclear installations and the safe management of radioactive waste and spent fuel and to promote openness, transparency and effective communications in those areas.

The purpose of ENSREG's communications is to:

- inform the public and stakeholders about ENSREG activities in nuclear safety and the safe management of radioactive waste and spent fuel at the European level;
- make ENSREG known among the public and stakeholders and help them understand the activities and objectives of ENSREG and its working groups by highlighting ENSREG's role, mandate and work program; and
- provide a framework for, and encourage, public participation in ENSREG activities.

In practice:

- ENSREG's communications follow the 'ENSREG communication strategy working paper';
- ENSREG's website provides an up-to-date overview of how nuclear safety and the safe management of radioactive waste and spent fuel is being addressed at the European level and of ENSREG's work and activities including ENSREG public documents and statements;
- ENSREG provides opportunities for public participation by developing specific web pages for particular events (like the stress tests or topical peer reviews) and by organizing corresponding public hearings;
- ENSREG has a standing working group 'Working Group on improving Transparency Arrangements, WG3' with the aim of facilitating ENSREG's public communication and participation activities;
- ENSREG conferences, held biennially, serve as an opportunity for an active dialogue with the public and stakeholders and to convey ENSREG's mission and its work and activities; and
- ENSREG's communications planning is an integral element of all its planning activities.

ENSREG encourages:

- all stakeholders to actively take part in discussions and activities;
- European Nuclear Safety Regulators (hereafter Regulators) to communicate the work of ENSREG in their own countries, in their own national languages and in accordance with their own communication practices;
- Regulators to distribute ENSREG press releases, newsletters and other documents through their own distribution channels; and
- Regulators to consult the ENSREG Document 'Guidance on Openness and Transparency for European Nuclear Safety Regulators' to guide their communications.