



## Statement by Mr Juan Carlos Lentijo, Chair of ENSREG, following the Group's 56<sup>th</sup> meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025

The 56<sup>th</sup> meeting of the European Nuclear Safety Regulators Group (ENSREG) took place on 1st April 2024 in Brussels. 23 EU Member States and the European Commission were represented. ENSREG welcomed a new member representing Denmark.

The **stress tests progress in third countries** was debated. As a follow up of the recent stress test at the **Akkuyu nuclear power plant in Türkiye**, ENSREG will continue to closely monitor the preparation of the Turkish national action plan and the implementation of the stress test recommendations. ENSREG also decided to organise a fact-checking mission to the **Metsamor nuclear power plant in Armenia** by the end of 2025, following the recent submission by Armenia of an updated national action plan and the need to verify whether actions are being taken for the decommissioning of the plant in view of significant EU support. ENSREG considers that a stress test should not be conducted **in Iran** until an **on-site visit to the Bushehr nuclear power plant** is feasible. ENSREG also agreed to continue the analysis of the **suitability of the current stress test methodology** for new nuclear installations projects in the EU.

ENSREG will **publish and regularly update** on its Website a **Dashboard displaying the regulators' involvement in the pre-licensing and licensing assessments of specific SMR designs** in order to **increase transparency around nuclear safety regulators' licensing of SMRs**. This is part of the work of the ENSREG SMR Task Force to **support the work of the European SMR Industrial Alliance**.

ENSREG will submit the final report of the **Second Topical Peer Review on Fire Protection**, for endorsement by its members. A stakeholder meeting will be organised once the report is endorsed. The TPR Board will also prepare a lessons learned document.

The three ENSREG working groups informed about the outcomes of their activities:

- the draft guidelines for focused-scope Integrated Regulatory Review Service (IAEA IRRS) missions is ready for consultation by the national regulatory authorities;
- the working group on nuclear safety and international cooperation (WG1) will further develop its position on the assessment of the Technical Parameters foreseen under the Commission Delegated Regulation 2022/1214 (the Taxonomy Regulation);
- the proposal to enhance public participation in the Topical Peer Reviews (TPRs) through a TPR Focus Group. Terms of reference will be presented to the next ENSREG plenary meeting.

The Head of the State Nuclear Regulation Inspectorate of Ukraine (SNRIU) updated ENSREG on the **situation at Ukraine's nuclear installations** and IAEA rotations, and in particular on the damage inflicted by the drone explosion on **Chornobyl's New Safe Confinement**.

ENSREG welcomed the outcome of the 8<sup>th</sup> Review Meeting of the Contracting Parties to the Joint Convention on the Safety of Spent Fuel Management and on the Safety of Radioactive Waste Management. It praised good cooperation among its members and observers and congratulated the ASNR Commissioner, Mr. Lachaume, on his successful chairing of the Review Meeting and his leadership in difficult circumstances.

A first discussion also took place on the **preparations for the next ENSREG Conference in June 2026**.