



**Statement from Mr. Pierre-Franck Chevet,
Chairperson of ENSREG,**

following the Group's 31th meeting of the 24th November 2015

Following the earlier retirement of Dr Andy Hall, Mr. P. F. Chevet, President of ASN, was elected as the new Chairperson of ENSREG. Mr. Christos Housiadas and Mr. Petr Krs will continue to support him in their role of Vice-Chairs.

ENSREG reviewed in detail the current status of the Terms of References for this first Topical Peer Review (TPR) on "ageing management" under the new nuclear safety directive. ENSREG agreed on the preliminary calendar proposed for this TPR, where the national assessment would take place from January 2017 to December 2017, the question and answer phase from January to April 2018 and the peer review workshop should take place in May 2018. ENSREG invited WENRA to further develop its technical proposal and to look at the possibility to cover other types of Nuclear Installations than Nuclear Power Plants. ENSREG will continue developing the Terms of References for the peer review in particular regarding public involvement in the process with the target of approving the final version during its next meeting in spring. The European Commission took note of the position of ENSREG regarding the preparation and implementation calendar of the TPR but stated clearly that they were not satisfied with the current progress of the TPR development as it introduces time pressure to the next steps of the peer review process. The European Commission indicated that they will not co-sign the proposed calendar.

ENSREG reviewed the new version of its Work Programme (WP) 2016-2019 which has been developed this fall by an ENSREG Ad-Hoc group. This WP has been refocused and realigned with the EC's priority objectives in support to the implementation of the Nuclear Safety Directive, the Waste and Spent Fuel Directive and the Basic Safety Standards Directive. Before final approval of this WP, ENSREG decided to invite WENRA to provide technical assistance for some of the tasks and to rephrase some other tasks to better clarify them. The EC stressed the importance of having ENSREG performing work to support a harmonised implementation at EU level of nuclear safety objectives for nuclear installations as per Art. 8a of the Nuclear Safety Directive 2014/87/EURATOM but ENSREG decided not to give it priority.

ENSREG decided to keep for the time being a Work Program for 4 years (2016-2019) but to revise it beginning of 2017 to ensure its future alignment with the timing of the ENSREG conference and the ENSREG report to the European Parliament and the Council which are due every 2 years.

ENSREG adopted a statement on ENSREG's assessment on "the progress in the implementation of post-Fukushima National Action Plans (NACPs)".

ENSREG finalised the preparation of its 2015 report to the European Parliament and the Council.

The next ENSREG Plenary would take place on Tuesday 10 May 2016 in Brussels or in Luxembourg.

(Secretary's note: Members thanked the previous Chairman, Dr Andy Hall for his very valuable contribution to the work of ENSREG).