

European Nuclear Energy Forum

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Main priorities for the Working Groups of the European Nuclear Energy Forum

"Opportunities of nuclear energy"

1. To establish a Nuclear Energy Roadmap to improve the nuclear legal framework, including greater harmonization of licensing procedures.
2. To analyse more in detail, in comparison with other energy sources, the competitiveness of nuclear energy in a European low carbon economy and a global energy security context. To examine ways to translate some competitive advantages of nuclear energy in the final price of domestic and business consumers.
3. To explore innovative models regarding regional approaches and financing possibilities in the field of nuclear energy.
4. To examine the ways and means to maintain the industrial capacity while improving the industrial environment.

"Risks of nuclear energy"

1. To support a greater harmonisation of safety requirements at EU level for nuclear installations in the EU (notably through the High Level Group).
2. To encourage Member States and industry to swiftly implement adequate nuclear waste disposal facilities, in particular deep geological repositories for high level waste.
3. To call for sufficient funding for decommissioning and waste management through adequate methods.
4. To develop innovative approaches and exchange best practices to ensure adequate training, both qualitatively and quantitatively, for nuclear engineers and technicians, including radioprotection (e.g. possible European post-graduate degrees), and to strengthen the safety culture.
5. To support the reinforcement of non-proliferation in the international context through a stronger European position and the strengthening of nuclear security.

"Information and transparency"

1. To examine ways and means to better inform the public in objective and factual terms about all aspects of nuclear energy (e.g. in the context of new build, encourage common approaches between regulators)
2. To analyse the most effective approaches to build up trust and confidence in the available information, by increasing transparency and giving access to all non-sensitive information.
3. To provide information in clear language on the existing solutions for waste management.
4. To exchange and develop best practices at European level between all actors (Member States, municipalities, industry, etc.).