

Nuclear Transparency Watch (NTW*) initiated in European Parliament on November 7th, 2013.

'Prevent and anticipate through transparency and participation'

A European-wide network of civil society bodies has been created to ensure greater vigilance and public involvement in relation to all activities in the nuclear sector. The principal focus is on transparency as a means to guarantee safety and the protection of human health and the environment. The initiative has the support of MEPs across the political spectrum and is chaired by Michelle Rivasi, MEP.

The countries participating in NTW through civil society organisations and elected representatives, including MEPs, are: Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Luxembourg, Ukraine, Sweden and Slovenia.

NTW has emerged from a five year process entitled 'ACN' (Aarhus Convention and Nuclear) initiated by ANCCLI*, the French federation of Local Commissions of Information. A series of national and European round tables was convened to examine and promote greater civil society participation in all aspects of nuclear power. The process was supported by DG Ener-EC**, the EESC*** and ENEF**** and took place in the context of the Aarhus Convention which is ratified by all participating countries and the EU. The Convention, hosted by the UNECE*****, guarantees the public's rights to information, participation and justice in environmental matters.

The potential risks associated with nuclear accidents have transboundary implications so all countries have legitimate concerns whether they operate nuclear plants or not. The Fukushima accident has heightened the urgent need to ensure greater public scrutiny of all aspects of the nuclear life-cycle. Nuclear safety depends on many factors - political, economic and social.

The degree to which the public participates in the monitoring of nuclear activities varies significantly across countries and in many instances is at a very restricted level. The objective of NTW is to enhance the levels of civil society vigilance and public participation in nuclear-related decision-making processes such as siting and extension decisions, waste management and emergency preparedness and response (EP&R).

As a first step a working group has been established to address EP&R. Its task is to carry out an evaluation of the existing European and national EP&R provisions and to produce a report by mid-2014. This topic was not adequately addressed in the post-Fukushima stress tests.

European convergence on the highest standards of nuclear safety is the goal that NTW has set for itself.

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List of acronyms:

- (*) ANCCLI: French Federation of Local Commission of Information
(**) DG Ener-EC: Directorate-General for Energy- European Commission
(***) EESC: European Economic and Social Committee
(****) ENEF: European Nuclear Energy Forum
(*****) UNECE: United Nations Economic Commission for Europe

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