



**Statement from Mr. Pierre-Franck Chevet,
Chairperson of ENSREG,
following the Group's 34th meeting of the 27th June 2017**

During this meeting, ENSREG, based on its rules of procedure and on the process launched during previous Meeting, finalised the appointment of Dr Richard Savage as new ENSREG Vice Chairman and Mr Stefano Laporta as new WG2 Chairman.

The ENSREG chairman welcomed that, during the 7th Convention on Nuclear Safety review meeting which took place in Vienna in April 2017, the EU 1st Topical Peer Review and the EU Instrument for Nuclear Safety Cooperation were among the four Good Practices identified by the Contracting Parties.

ENSREG acknowledged that following a silence procedure which was held in January 2017, the final versions of the 1st Topical Peer Review Technical Specifications, Terms of References and stakeholder engagement plan were approved by ENSREG Members and published on the ENSREG Website launching the peer review exercise. As planned in the ToR, the TPR Board was appointed during this meeting based on the candidatures received by ENSREG WG1 for the different positions and following the withdrawal of the UK candidature for chair. The Board will be composed of a Chair, Mr Petteri Tiippana from STUK (FI), from a Vice Chair, Ms Sylvie Cadet-Mercier from ASN (FR), from the different Project Managers (Mr Mikulas Turner- UJD(SK), Mr Laurent Streibig- ASN(FR), Mr Bojan Tomic – BMLFUW(AT), Mr Carlos ANTA – CSN(ES), Mr Ian Bramwell – ONR(UK)) and from a representative of the Commission – Mr Massimo Garribba. ENSREG welcomed the request received from 3 non EU countries (Norway, Ukraine and Switzerland) to voluntarily participate to this TPR. ENSREG asked the Chair of the TPR Board to start organizing the necessary organizational meeting to fulfil the tasks related to the agenda of the TPR.

ENSREG acknowledged the finalisation by WENRA of the position paper on the question on “timely implementation of reasonably practicable safety improvements to existing nuclear power plants”¹. The draft position paper was submitted to a Public Consultation since last ENSREG Meeting and the final version was approved by WENRA during its Spring Meeting end of April 2017. ENSREG endorsed this position paper which will be published on the ENSREG website and decided to send it to the IAEA as a contribution to the implementation of the Vienna Declaration. ENSREG encourages to pursue additional work on this topic, and welcomes in that sense the RHWG task on technical analysis of safety goals.

ENSREG took the decision to continue working on different topics related to the Nuclear Safety Objective (Art 8a-8c of the Council Directive 2014/87/Euratom) but to put the priority at the moment on the 1st Topical Peer Review. ENSREG took also the decision to organise before 2020 benchmarking exercises between EU countries on specific safety improvements to support getting converging implementation of the Safety Objective.

¹ [Document supporting the implementation of Article 8a of the Council Directive 2014/87/EURATOM](#)

ENSREG decided to officially launch the revision of the its Work Programme 2016-2019 to align it with the conclusions of the ENSREG 2017 report to the European Parliament and to the Council currently under preparation and the outcomes of the ENSREG 2017 Nuclear Safety conference taking place the 28th and 29th June in Brussels.

ENSREG reviewed the work performed within its different Working Groups since the last meeting. Key points reported were linked to the planning of the IRRS missions in Europe, the expected update in 2017 by Member States of their Stress Tests National Action Plan, the update of the ENSREG Guidelines for reporting under the Waste Directive, the collaboration with the EC Decommissioning Funding Group and the ENSREG Communication strategy. The importance of scheduling ARTEMIS peer review, which should take place in all EU countries before 2023, was again highlighted. Only 12 countries have communicated a clear time line so far. Even if progress has been made in the information provided by the remaining countries about their planning, uncertainties remain regarding the availability of experts and the capacity of IAEA to perform all the necessary missions in the remaining timeframe unless countries make a decision soon.

According to the Council Regulation (EURATOM) No 237/2014 on the Instrument for Nuclear Safety Cooperation, ENSREG was consulted prior to adopting the INSC Multiannual Indicate Programme 2018-2020. The ENSREG view on the INSC MIP 2018-2020, as prepared by WG1, was adopted during the meeting. A statement by the Lithuanian Nuclear Safety Regulator will be attached to the ENSREG Minutes of Meeting.

The chairman of the ENSREG conference Steering Committee reported on the finalisation of the preparation of the ENSREG Conference (28-29 June 2017, Brussels).

ENSREG discussed progress in the Stress Tests process in neighbouring countries (Belarus and Turkey). ENSREG Chairman welcomed the decision of Belarus to proceed with an EU stress test and recalled that the stress test was already included in the ENSREG 2017 Work Program. The Practical Arrangements will be similar to that used in 2012. ENSREG approved the Peer Review Board composition. Final details should be fine-tuned with Belarus counterparts in the coming weeks by the Peer Review Board Chair in collaboration with the European Commission and the ENSREG Chairman. All ENSREG members were requested to nominate experts to participate to this process.

ASN presented a last update regarding the Reactor Pressure Vessel of Flammanville 3 and the main conclusions of the "Groupe permanent d'experts pour les équipements sous pression nucléaires (GP ESPN)" which was holding a specific meeting on this topic the 26th-27th June 2017.

The next ENSREG Plenary is planned to take place on the 20th December 2017 in Brussels.