

## **ENSREG STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN**

### **TOPICAL PEER REVIEW ON AGEING MANAGEMENT OF NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS**

#### **Background**

One of the key objectives of ENSREG is to improve the overall transparency of issues relating to the safety of nuclear installations and effective radioactive waste management. Pursuant to the Section 5 “Stakeholder engagement and consultation” of the 2017 Topical Peer Review Terms of Reference (on Ageing Management) and the Guidance for National Regulatory Organisations - Principles for Openness and Transparency (HLG\_p(2011-14)\_57), ENSREG Working Group 3 has been assigned to prepare a stakeholder engagement plan during the preparatory phase. It is clear for the ENSREG Members that there is a great deal of public interest in the “National Assessment Reports”, their outcome and follow up and therefore it is important that the communication regarding the process and its outcome enhances public understanding of the nuclear safety regime and the role of the regulatory authorities. The stakeholder engagement plan identifies activities to strengthen engagement with all stakeholders including the public, industry and governments. Full transparency, but also an opportunity for public involvement, will contribute to the acknowledgment by European citizens of the EU Topical Peer Review process.

#### **Actions**

- National assessment reports will be published by national regulators on their websites and will be also available through the ENSREG website. Furthermore, participating countries are encouraged to publish relevant parts of assessment reports produced by nuclear licensees. The reports should be made available to the public in accordance with national legislation and international obligations, provided that this does not jeopardize other interests such as, inter alia, security and confidential issues, recognized in national legislation or international obligations.
- Public consultation will be incorporated into the European peer review process, with provision for stakeholders to input questions and comments on national assessment reports via the ENSREG website. Questions may be submitted from 8 January to 28 February 2018. This period of public consultation allows a reasonable time frame for the submission of suggestions, taking into account the overall timetable for the peer review process. Written responses to these questions will be published on the ENSREG website by 30 April 2018. The suggestions will be taken into account globally in preparing the Peer Review Workshop Report as well as the consolidated report to the EU Council.
- The composition of the Peer Review Workshop (President, Vice-presidents, Rapporteurs and Reviewers) will be published as an Annex to the Peer Review Workshop Report. When nominating experts, to participate in the peer review, national regulators should take reasonable steps to ensure the acceptability of the experts to all stakeholder groups (e.g. NGOs, people who took part in the public consultation).
- The outcome of the assessments and any necessary subsequent measures that will be taken should be shared with the Commission and within the ENSREG and should be made public. The presentations will be published on the ENSREG website.

- The Commission, with support by ENSREG, should organize two public meetings for the participation of NGOs' experts and the public, the first one before the peer review workshop (spring 2018) and a second one after the endorsement by ENSREG of the peer review reports (end of 2018). Public meetings on national reports may be organized on a voluntary basis by national regulators and attended, on request, by a representative of the Board of the Peer Review Process.
- Publicity will be given to the peer review workshop through a press release and a press conference that will be arranged on the conclusion of the peer review workshop supported by the ENSREG Chair and the Chair of the Topical Peer Review Board. A press release shall be issued after the completion of the Peer Review final report and, if possible, before the submission of the Commission's report to the European Council.
- Evaluation of the plan (in terms of transparency and stakeholders' involvement achieved) in view of anticipating the next TPR cycle.

**Stakeholder engagement plan step-by-step (the indicated timetable follows the overall peer review process and it will be kept updated accordingly)**

<b>Actions</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Action by</b>
<b>Phase 1</b>		
Public Consultation of the ToR via ENSREG website	August-September 2016	EC, ENSREG
Publication of National Assessment Reports (english language)	By 31 December 2017	Member States websites Files provided to ENSREG secretariat for posting on ENSREG website
Press release (indicating that reports are available and that questions are to be posted up to 28 February)	By 8 January 2018	ENSREG
<b>Phase 2</b>		
Questions in relation to the National Assessment Reports may be submitted via ENSREG website	8 January- 28 February 2018	ENSREG
Publication of questions and answers on the ENSREG website	By 30 April 2018	ENSREG
Public event (workshop with NGOs' experts and the public)	Spring 2018 (before the peer review workshop)	EC, with support by ENSREG
Peer review workshop: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation on the input received during consultation</li> <li>• Press release</li> <li>• Press conference at the end</li> </ul>	May/June 2018	ENSREG
Publication of the peer review workshop	End of July 2018	ENSREG

report and presentations at the ENSREG website		
Press release	End of July 2018	ENSREG
<b>Phase 3</b>		
Implementation plan(s) publication on the ENSREG website	December 2018	ENSREG
Press release	December 2018	ENSREG
Press conference	December 2018	ENSREG
Public event (workshop with NGOs' experts and the public)	December 2018 - January 2019 (after the endorsement of the peer review reports)	EC, with support by ENSREG

Notes:

\* Members States are encouraged to disseminate at national level any information material (press releases, report etc.) produced by ENSREG during the TPR process.

\*\* To the extent it is possible, events like public meetings, press conferences, should be web streamed.