



**Statement from Mr. Pierre-Franck Chevet,
Chairperson of ENSREG,
following the Group's 32nd meeting of the 03rd June 2016**

During this meeting, ENSREG reviewed and agreed in principle on the final draft of the Terms of References (ToR) for this first Topical Peer Review (TPR) on "ageing management" under the Council Directive 2009/71/Euratom. It was agreed that during the TPR Workshop, which will take place in May 2018, observers from the European Commission will be included in each of the Country and Thematic Review Groups. WENRA RHWG presented in detail the status of development of the Technical Specifications (TS) for this Topical Peer Review. These draft TS will be submitted to the WENRA members for consultation during summer 2016. ENSREG acknowledged the large amount of work already performed for developing these TS and supported the proposal to circulate in parallel these draft TS and a summary of the ENSREG ToR for public consultation. The proposal of WENRA RHWG to include only research reactors on top of Nuclear Power Plants in this first TPR was discussed and finally approved by ENSREG. ENSREG decided to make it mandatory for EU Member States to include research reactors above 1 MWth in this first TPR and to invite EU MS to include other research reactors and other Nuclear Installations on a voluntary basis. Following completion of the above mentioned steps, ENSREG will be ready to receive input from WENRA during its next meeting in November and make a final decision on the 1st TPR.

In line with the ENSREG Work Programme (WP) 2016-2019 Topic 1 (c) which addresses the implementation of the Article 8a of the Council Directive 2014/87/EURATOM, ENSREG welcomed the creation within WENRA of an ad-hoc group to elaborate a position paper on the question on "timely implementation of reasonably practicable safety improvements to existing nuclear power plants". This position paper should be ready by spring 2017.

The results of the HERCA-WENRA survey performed recently among the ENSREG members were presented. It was recognised that a process of implementation of the HERCA-WENRA approach is in place in nearly all the countries, mainly in the framework of the on-going transposition work of the Euratom BSS directive. ENSREG highlighted however that collaboration with the civil protection services should be enhanced and that in the medium-term similar coordination is to be expected with regional and local level of government.

A detailed presentation of the situation in Belgium regarding LTO for Doel1&2 and Tihange 1 NPPs and restart of Tihange 2 and Doel 3 NPPs was made by J. Bens (FANC). ASN presented the French approach regarding LTO with a special focus on the 4th Periodic Safety review of the 900 MWe fleet. In addition, under A.O.B, ASN presented the situation regarding the anomalies discovered recently at the AREVA Le Creusot forging factory and its recent actions in the field.

The activities of the different Working Groups were reviewed in detail with a special focus on the WG2 workshop on "Member State's lessons learned from notification of National Programmes and from reporting under the Directive 2011/70/Euratom". The Workshop will be held in the Oldbury Technical Centre (UK) from 25 to 27 October 2016.

Regarding the work performed by WG3 "transparency", ENSREG highlighted the need for the ENSREG Members to provide more input to this WG and in particular to first support the improvement of the content of the new ENSREG website which has just been launched in spring 2016 before launching a survey questionnaire on this new website.

Considering the tasks allocated to WG4 in the ENSREG WP2016-2019, ENSREG decided to merge WG4 within WG1 "Nuclear Safety". This will ensure a better coordination of the ENSREG activities in the field within and outside the EU. The chairman of WG1 will make the appropriate arrangements to ensure that the tasks of WG4 and in particular the review of the mid-term INSC programme will be given timely and appropriate attention.

ENSREG initiated also the preparation of the ENSREG Conference 2017. Mr. Petteri Tiippana (FL) was appointed as chairman of the conference and the steering committee will be chaired by ASN.

The next ENSREG Plenary is planned take place on Monday 10 November 2016 in Brussels or Luxembourg.