



European Nuclear Safety Regulators Group

# ENSREG work on improving transparency

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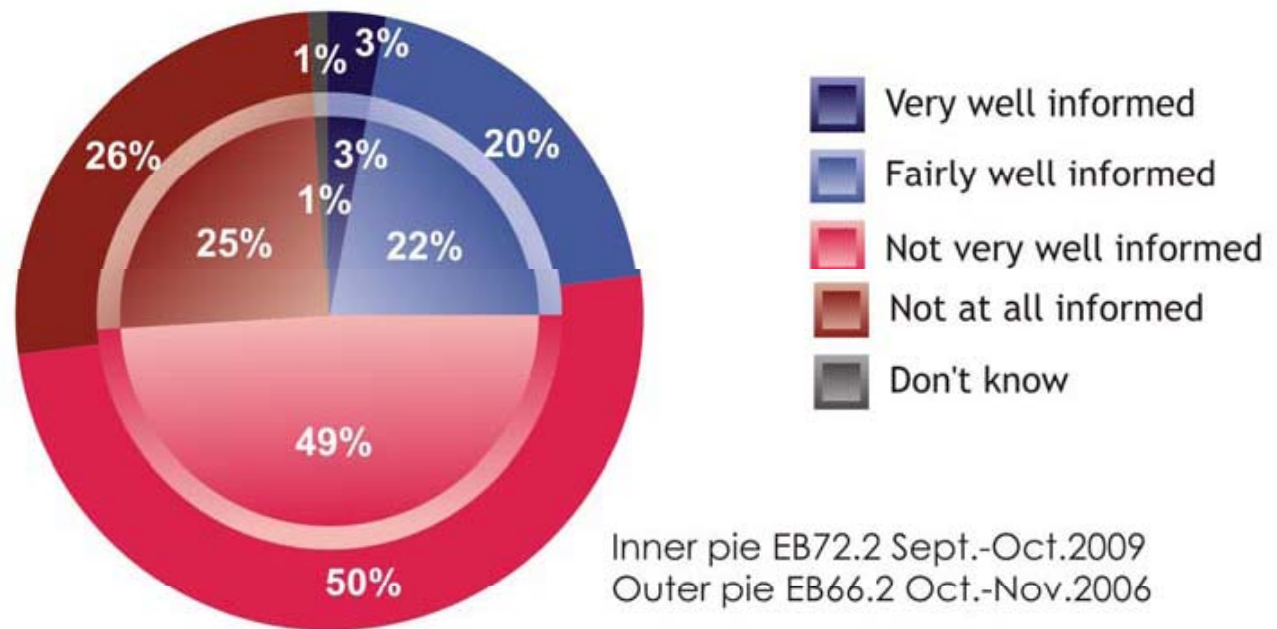
# ENSREG Focus on Transparency

## – Why?

- Among regulators – to improve co-operation and openness, and ultimately ... safety
- Regulatory decisions include social judgements – public must be involved

# The transparency challenge

Question: QA5. How informed do you think you are about the safety of nuclear



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## ENSREG's transparency objectives

- Promote good practice among regulators
- Provide accessible information
- Optimise the use of existing legislation and mechanisms
- Evaluate effectiveness of transparency initiatives

## Principles for Openness and Transparency – Guidance for National Regulators

- Develop a communications strategy
- Disclose information in a timely manner
- Develop an accessible website
- Produce an annual report
- When reporting, consider “sensitive” information in advance

## Guidance for National Regulators (2)

- Proactively engage with stakeholders
- Proactively build relationships with the media
- Promote a culture of openness and transparency
- Use plain language that is easy to understand
- Measure effectiveness at regular intervals

# ENSREG website



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ENSREG at a glance | Nuclear safety | Safe Management of Spent Fuel and Radioactive Waste | Nuclear safety regulation | Transparency and public involvement | ENSREG Conferences

**Latest News**

**Declaration of ENSREG - EU "Stress Tests" specifications**  
Today ENSREG and the European Commission agreed on the criteria and the way forward with respect to carrying out the comprehensive risk and safety assessments, which will be applied to all 143  
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**Nuclear Safety in Europe**  
First Regulatory Conference  
Brussels 28-29/6 2011

With this first ENSREG Conference, the European competent authorities aim at improving the nuclear safety approach in Europe, to better confront the challenges of the future.

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**European Nuclear Safety Regulators Group**

The European Nuclear Safety Regulators Group (ENSREG) is an **independent, authoritative expert body** created in 2007 following a decision of the European Commission.

It is **composed of senior officials from the national nuclear safety, radioactive waste safety or radiation protection regulatory authorities** from all 27 Member States in the European Union and representatives of the European Commission.

[ENSREG's role](#) is to help to establish the conditions for continuous improvement and to reach a common understanding in the areas of nuclear safety and radioactive waste management.

This website gives an overview of how the need for the safe operation of nuclear installations is being addressed at the international, European and national level.

It introduces the important global agreements – the [international conventions](#) – that deal with nuclear safety and its regulation. It describes how these global agreements are implemented in the EU Member States and the role of the EU and ENSREG in this process.

**Nuclear regulation in Europe**  
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## EU and International legal instruments/mechanisms

### Processes under

- Euratom Treaty
- Convention on Nuclear Safety
- The Joint Convention
- Nuclear Safety Directive ...and Radioactive Waste Directive
- EU “stress tests”

All provide opportunities for improving transparency



## Future work

- Regular ENSREG Nuclear Safety Conferences
- Further develop the ENSREG website
- Guidance on implementation of transparency aspects of EU directives
- Evaluate effectiveness of efforts



For further information

[www.ensreg.eu](http://www.ensreg.eu)

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