

## **Terms of Reference** **of the WESTERN EUROPEAN NUCLEAR REGULATORS'** **ASSOCIATION** **(WENRA)**

1. We, the Heads of Nuclear Regulatory Authorities (signatories) of European countries with nuclear power plants:

- ✓ drawing from the experience already gained with WENRA and noting its achievements,
- ✓ recognizing that the current regulatory challenges in Europe lead to envisage the activities of WENRA in a broader perspective,
- ✓ re-affirming the need for increased co-operation between us, and
- ✓ maintaining our independence,

have again revised the previous Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Western European Nuclear Regulators' Association (WENRA), which were signed on 4 February 1999 and revised on 14 March 2003, on 26 March 2010 and on 25 March 2015.

2. Our Vision: WENRA is the independent association of European national nuclear regulators recognised for establishing, implementing, and disseminating harmonized model levels of nuclear safety.
3. Our Mission: Working together as national nuclear regulators to continuously improve and harmonize nuclear safety to as high as reasonably practicable, taking into account security aspects, and so protect people and the environment.
4. With the general aim of continuously improving nuclear safety, WENRA has the following objectives:
- ✓ to maintain a common set of up to date Safety Reference Levels (SRL), covering all relevant topics and benchmark their implementation on a regular basis. The WENRA SRLs are a key driver for developing nuclear safety by a continuous improvement and harmonization of regulatory approaches in Europe.
  - ✓ to promote a broad understanding of safety by taking a holistic vision on challenges, and the actions needed to protect people and the environment and

to avoid a nuclear accident. In particular to promote greater integration between safety and security.

- ✓ to further harmonize regulatory approaches and practices and to tackle emerging significant issues, establishing common position statements and influencing their adoption.
- ✓ to improve WENRA's membership structure so that it remains inclusive but ensures that WENRA can work efficiently and effectively, allowing it to adapt to developments in the nuclear scene.
- ✓ to create and maintain a funding mechanism that shares the burden and ensures that sufficient resources are available for WENRA's operating costs.
- ✓ to establish a framework allowing national regulators to consider the relevant experience and knowledge of other WENRA Members in national regulatory processes and promote practical cooperation and support.
- ✓ to reinforce WENRA's role as the strategic partner for nuclear safety to ENSREG, providing a consistent independent view on European nuclear regulatory issues and working together to continuously improve nuclear safety in Europe.
- ✓ to establish an effective stakeholder engagement and communication promoting greater understanding of WENRA's products, which also informs WENRA's own decision-making.
- ✓ to establish an effective framework to utilize the experience and knowledge vested in TSOs to support the activities of WENRA.
- ✓ to increase WENRA's visibility in the nuclear scene in and outside of Europe.

5. Decisions in the name of WENRA are taken by consensus.
6. WENRA will keep the European Union Institutions informed about its activities, and is prepared to consider requests from these institutions for advice on nuclear safety and regulatory matters.
7. WENRA Members are the signatories of the Terms of Reference. WENRA Members commit to implement WENRA's SRLs in their national regulatory frameworks. WENRA Members participate in the decision making process of WENRA, provide Chairs for WENRA's Working Groups, contribute actively in WENRA's Working Groups and associated work, and represent WENRA.

8. Other heads of national regulatory authorities (or corresponding) may participate in WENRA. For this, they have to express an interest to participate in WENRA and state in what role they would like to participate (Associated Member or Observer, see below). WENRA will consider the request at its Plenary Meeting and decide if the requesting country is admitted to WENRA and in which role, based on the requesting country's own preference for its role.
9. Associated Members are expected to express their opinion at the WENRA Plenary and working group meetings, but cannot participate in the decision making process. Associated Members commit to work towards complying with WENRA's SRLs, enacting other proposals agreed by WENRA and participating in at least one of WENRA's working groups. They may provide Chairs to WENRA's Working Groups or provide other support when invited by the WENRA Chair.
10. Observers can express their opinion at the WENRA Plenary and working group meetings, but cannot participate in the decision making process.
11. WENRA will develop and maintain, when appropriate, suitable relations with regulatory authorities from other countries as well as with international organisations.
12. WENRA will ensure appropriate opportunities for stakeholders to comment on its work.

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