



**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION IN DECISION-MAKING IN THE NUCLEAR DOMAIN**  
Luxembourg, 12-13 March 2013

A joint event under the auspices of the Aarhus Convention's  
Task Force on Public Participation in Decision-making,  
Association Nationale des Comités et Commissions Locales d'Information (ANCCLI),  
and the European Commission

**PROVISIONAL DETAILED AGENDA**

**Chairs:**

**Mr Philip Kearney**, Chair of the Aarhus Convention's Task Force on Public Participation in Decision-making

**Mrs Ute Blohm-Hieber**, Head of Unit, Directorate-General Energy, European Commission

**Mr Jean-Claude Delalonde**, President, of the Association Nationale des Comités et Commissions Locales d'Information (ANCCLI)

**12 March 2013**

**9.00 – 9.50**                    **OPENING ROUNDTABLE:**

**Chair:** **Mrs Ute Blohm-Hieber**, Head of Unit, Directorate-General Energy, European Commission

- 9.00 – 9.20
- Welcome by Chairs of the joint event, adoption of the agenda
  - Opening remarks by **Mr André Mordant**, Vice-president of the Section for Transport, Energy, Infrastructure and the Information Society (TEN Section) of the European Economic and Social Committee



9.20 – 9.50

### **Overview of recent and upcoming developments in European Union legislation**

*Presentations by the European Commission's Directorate-General Energy and Directorate-General Environment of developments relevant to public participation in decision-making in the nuclear domain under:*

- (i) the Nuclear Safety Directive*
- (ii) the Directive on Radioactive Waste Management and*
- (iii) the current review of the Environmental Impact Assessment Directive*

*Following the presentations there will be an opportunity for questions from participants.*

**9.50 – 12.15**

### **SESSION 1:**

#### **Key outcomes of the ACN Roundtables:**

**Chair: Mr Jacques Repussard**, Director General, Institute of Radioprotection and Nuclear Safety (IRSN), France

9.50 – 10.00

### **Overview of Aarhus Convention and Nuclear (ACN) Roundtable process**

*Presentation by ANCCLI of the ACN Roundtable approach and methodology*

10.00 – 10.30

#### **(i) Radioactive waste management**

*Presentation by Ms Claire Mays, Symlog, of the main outcomes of the ACN Roundtable on Radioactive Waste Management, followed by an opportunity for discussion by participants.*

10.30 – 11.00

#### **(ii) Access to expertise and competence building**

*Presentation by Mr François Rollinger, IRSN, of the main outcomes of the ACN Roundtable on Access to Expertise and Competence-building, followed by an opportunity for discussion by participants.*

**11.00 – 11.15**

***Coffee break***



11.15 – 11.45

**(iii) Preparation for and management of nuclear emergencies**

*Presentation by Mr Stephane Baude, Mutadis, of the main outcomes of the ACN Roundtable on Nuclear Emergencies, followed by an opportunity for discussion by participants.*

11.45 – 12.15

**(iv) Nuclear safety**

*Presentation by Mr Yves Lheureux, ANCCLI, of the main outcomes of the ACN Roundtable on Nuclear Safety, followed by an opportunity for discussion by participants.*

12.15 – 14.00

**Lunch**

14.00 – 17.30

**SESSION II:**

**Challenges encountered in implementing the Aarhus Convention in the nuclear domain and possible good practices to address them**

**Chair: Mr Philip Kearney**, Chair of the Aarhus Convention's Task Force on Public Participation in Decision-making

*This session will be held in the "Open Space" format. Following a short overview of the topics that participants will have the opportunity to discuss during the session, participants will be invited to go to the section of the room where the topic they are most interested in will be discussed. Initially guided by a facilitator, participants will be invited to share their views, experiences and questions regarding their chosen topic and to record their key observations on to wall charts. The "law of two feet" will apply, meaning that participants will be free to move on to another topic of interest to them when they consider they have no more to contribute to that topic.*

**Topics for discussion:**

- (i) Identification of the public concerned**
- (ii) Confidentiality and effective access to all information relevant to decision-making**
- (iii) Early public participation when all options are open (regarding new build, decommissioning, radioactive waste management etc.)**



- (iv) **Changes to or extensions of existing activities**
- (v) **The role of project developers in carrying out public participation**
- (vi) **Arrangements for the participation of the public concerned from neighbouring or downstream countries**
- (vii) **Taking due account of the outcomes of public participation**

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**9.00 – 10.45**

**SESSION II (continued):**

**Challenges encountered in implementing the Aarhus Convention in the nuclear sector and possible good practices to address them**

9.00 – 9.30

“Open Space” (continued)

*Participants will have an opportunity to add to the wall charts any observations that have occurred to them upon reflection overnight, and to seek clarification of any points discussed on the first day.*

9.30 – 10.45

Reports to the plenary

*A representative of each group will present the main outcomes of the discussion to the plenary, followed by a short opportunity for questions or reflections from participants.*

**10.45 – 11.00**

*Coffee break*

**11.00 – 12.30**

**SESSION III:**

**Open consultation on the Aarhus Convention’s draft  
Recommendations on Public Participation in Decision-making**

**Chair: Mr Philip Kearney**, Chair of the Aarhus Convention’s Task Force on Public Participation in Decision-making

*Participants will be invited to provide their comments on the third draft of the Recommendations on Public Participation in Environmental Decision-making being prepared under the auspices of the Aarhus*



*Convention's Task Force on Public Participation in Decision-making. Participants are expected to address both the structure and the contents of the document. Participants will also be given the opportunity to provide more detailed comments in writing prior to and after the event.*

**12.30 – 14.15**

***Lunch***

**14.15 – 15.45**

**SESSION IV:**

**Roundtable on transition strategies towards enhanced public information and participation in nuclear activities at national levels**

**Chair: Mr Jean-Claude Delalonde**, President, ANCCLI

*Even when the legal requirements to comply with the Aarhus Convention are in place at the national level, a significant change in understanding will often be required before genuine and effective public participation can occur.*

*This roundtable will review the most significant initiatives (successful and unsuccessful) at the national level that sought to bring about this transition in understanding under the framework of the ACN Initiative (in Bulgaria, Hungary, Ukraine, France) and the IPPA Project (Implementing Public Participation Approaches in Radioactive Waste Disposal) (in the Czech Republic and Poland). It will also address the importance of access to expertise in building the competence of both officials and the public to ensure effective public participation. Finally, it will consider possible countries where similar transitional initiatives might be undertaken in the near future.*

**Speakers:**

- **Mr Nicolas Chantrenne**, French Ministry of Ecology, Sustainable Development and Energy and **Mr Henri Revol**, Haut Comité pour la transparence et l'information sur la sécurité nucléaire, Synthesis of the outcomes of the French national roundtable
- **Ms Zsuzsanna Koritar**, Energia Klub, Synthesis of the outcomes of the Hungarian national roundtable
- **Ms Albena Simeonova**, Foundation for Environment and Agriculture (FEA), Synthesis of the outcomes of the Bulgarian national roundtable



- **Ms Nadja Zeleznik**, Director of the Country Office REC-Slovenia, Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe, Synthesis of the outcomes of the Slovenian national roundtable
- **Ms Zoriana Mishchuk**, Mama-86, Assessing public information and participation in the nuclear sector of Ukraine in the context of the ACN national roundtable
- **Mr Kjell Andersson**, Karita, IPPA Project, Synthesis of the outcomes of public information and participation in IPPA countries

15.45 – 17.15

**FINAL PANEL:  
Priorities for future work**

**Chair: Mr Jean-Claude Delalonde**, President, ANCCLI

*Panellists will include senior representatives from international and regional organizations, technical support organizations, non-governmental organizations and other prominent experts in the nuclear domain.*

*Each panellist will be invited to share their organization's own priorities for future work to promote public participation in nuclear-related decision-making, and through this exchange, hopefully to identify possible synergies for their future activities.*

**Panellists:**

- **Mr Richard Adams**, Member of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)
- **Mr Jean-Jacques Dumont**, Commissaire, French Nuclear Safety Authority (ASN)
- **Mr Guillaume Gillet**, Counsellor - EURATOM: atomic and research questions, Permanent representation of France to the European Union
- **Mr Jan Haverkamp**, Expert consultant nuclear energy and energy policy, Greenpeace
- **Mr Hervé Pero**, Director of Energy Research, Directorate-



General Research and Innovation, European Commission

- **Mr Jacques Repussard**, Director General, French Institute of Radioprotection and Nuclear Safety (IRSN)
- **Ms Michèle Rivasi**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Mr Vladimir Sucha**, Deputy Director-General, European Commission – Joint Research Centre
- **Ms Nadja Zeleznik**, Director of the Country Office REC-Slovenia, Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe

**17.15 – 17.30**

#### **CLOSING REMARKS BY THE JOINT CHAIRS**

**Led by Mr Wolfgang Hilden**, Head, Governance, Directorate-General Energy, European Commission

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