Forum on Stakeholder Confidence

A Platform to build and share Knowledge about Stakeholder Confidence in Radioactive Waste Management

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Background

- RWMC relies on this discipline-oriented working party in the area of societal issues associated with radioactive waste management
- Participants include Government policy makers, Regulatory officials, R&D specialists, implementers and industry representatives.
- Seeks to enhance the usefulness of its products by engaging with other organisations within and outside the NEA
Background

- Promotes open discussion on the societal dimension of radioactive waste management among members and stakeholders
- Gathers varying perspectives across international boundaries and between technical and non-technical actors
- FSC is first and foremost a **learning organization** which fosters building and sharing knowledge on Stakeholder Confidence in RWM

[www.nea.fr/fsc](http://www.nea.fr/fsc)
Definition “Stakeholder”

The definition adopted in FSC discussions since the inception of this group was inspired by the Aarhus Convention definition of “the public concerned” and takes “stakeholder” as any actor – institution, group or individual – with an interest or a role to play in the radioactive waste management process.

See also: [Stakeholder Confidence in Radioactive Waste Management – An Annotated Glossary of Key Terms](#)
Recent Activities - Annual Meeting

17th Assembly: 6–7 September 2016

Attendance

- 18 Participants
- 14 Countries represented
  - Belgium, Canada, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Poland, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, United States
Annual Meeting

Various Topics Discussed by Members:

- Waste Transportation
- Examination of Risk
- Social Media Usage in Stakeholder Engagement
- Developing and Updating Reports
- Interest in Collaboration with other groups:
  - Integration Group for the Safety Case (IGSC)
  - Preservation of Records, Knowledge and Memory (RK&M)
  - Working Party on Decommissioning And Dismantling (WPDD)
National Workshops

- Provide an opportunity for the host country’s participants to present and analyse their own experience in an external setting.
- International delegates gain a better understanding of the history and practice of radioactive waste management in the host country.
- Topics of specific interest are dealt with in depth, taking advantage of the participation of a wide range of expertise and representation beyond the traditional technical specialists.
Previous National Workshops

Switzerland, 2016
Czech Republic, 2012
Sweden, 2011
France, 2009
Hungary, 2006
Spain, 2005
Germany, 2004
Belgium, 2003
Canada, 2002
Finland, 2001
Recent Activity – 10th National Workshop

Bridging Gaps –
Developing Sustainable Intergenerational Decision-Making in Radioactive Waste Management

7–9 September 2016 - Bern, Switzerland
10th FSC National Workshop

- Hosted in Bern by Swiss Federal Office of Energy
  - Lead: Swiss Federal Office of Energy in collaboration with Nagra (implementer), ENSI (safety regulator) and regional conferences
  - 84 Attendees
    - FSC members and few non-FSC members
    - Swiss stakeholders (government officials, regulator, implementer, representatives of siting region, 10 youths ranging between 16-25 years of age)
  - National and international speakers
  - 3 roundtable sessions (70 minutes each)
10th FSC National Workshop

- **Recurring Themes During Workshop (1)**
  - Addressing various knowledge gaps between the public and the experts, the involved and the non-involved public and between the current generation and the future generation(s) who eventually will be responsible for managing radioactive waste
  - Transparency of decision-making process to encourage trust of stakeholders
10th FSC National Workshop

- **Recurring Themes During Workshop (2)**
  - Not only informing, but engaging younger generations on the current and future need to address radioactive waste management as a bridge to future generations
  - Sustainable Decisions: Fairness, Flexibility, possible reversibility and its applicability to various options including deep geological repositories
Way Forward

- Flyer on the Swiss national workshop
- Further exploration of topics discussed at workshop, especially engagement of youth
- Update of Flyers
- Exploring new hosts for next national workshops
- Exploring collaboration with other groups
- Etc.
Thank You