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# Euratom Research Programme on Reactor Systems Outline and State of Play

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## Overview

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3. Plant life prediction and life-time evaluation
4. Human factors, E&T, safety culture
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6. EU fora, SNETP, NUGENIA, IGDTP, MELODI TPs

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- **Safe and harmonised** management of radioactive waste
- **Enhanced safety** of design and operation of existing and future reactors
- **Lift uncertainty about health risks after low radiation dose** due to industrial and medical applications
- **Ensure transfer of knowledge** to future generation in the field
- **Integration of European research** programming and implementation
- **Challenges need to be addressed worldwide**



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**FP7**

**ETPs**

**ERA**

**INCO**

**H2020**

**Euratom**

**WP**

**FP Rules**

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**TPs**

**Vision**

**SRA**

**DS**

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**FP6-7**

**Projects**

**SET-Plan**

**H2020**

**Strategy**

**INCO**

**EU Policy**

**The EGE recommends to achieve equilibrium between four criteria - **access rights, security of supply, safety, and sustainability** - in light of **social, environmental and economic concerns.****

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## H2020 Euratom fission budget remains modest ...

~ 20%

**Geological disposal**



~ 40%

**Reactor systems**

- Safety of existing nuclear installation
- Advanced nuclear systems for increased safety
- Transmutation and partitioning
- Cross-cutting aspects



~ 20%

**Radiation protection**



~ 20%

**Research infrastructures**

**Training and mobility**

**Cross-cutting**

**Grand Total:**

**Euratom Fission ~ 50 Mi€ / Year  
Is ~ 10 % EU Public/Private R&D**

## 1. Severe accident management research

- From 1988 to 2010, **PHEBUS FP** (largest severe accident research prog. in the world) with **EC contribution of 40.5 Mi€**
- Since 1992, about 80 shared-cost research projects on severe accidents with **EC contribution around of 66 Mi€**
- Severe Accident phenomenology
- Level 2 Probabilistic Safety Assessment
- Containment Thermal Hydraulics
- ASTEC integral SA analysis code
- Large Scale infrastructures
- INCO USA, JP, CA, KR, CH, RU

The PHEBUS FP programme



LACOMEKO project



ERCOSAM - SAMARA coordinated projects



## 2. Numerical Simulation tools for LWR

- Simulation tools to perform accurate modelling of physical phenomena, a better qualification of uncertainties and to allow an increased integration of different computer codes

**NURESIM PROJECT**



- With an **EC contribution of 22.1 Mi€** towards a **European Reactor Safety Simulation Platform** and **10 Mi€** for nuclear data measurements

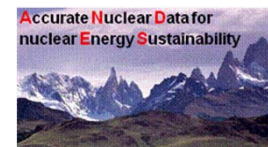


- Core-Physics modeling
- Multi-scale Thermal Hydraulics
- Multi-Physics, Monte Carlo
- Models validation and calibration
- Integration of simulation codes
- Nuclear data measurements and analysis

**NUCLEAR REACTOR INTEGRATED SIMULATION PROJECT**



High performance Monte Carlo reactor core analysis



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## 3. Plant life prediction and life-time evaluation

- Safety assessment of systems, structures and components residual life-time towards long term operation, improved performances and enhanced safety with an **EC contribution of 16.6 Mi€** towards a **European Gen II-III joint programming research programme and association NUGENIA**

- Integrity assessments metallic and concrete
- Materials performance, corrosion, ageing
- Multi-scale modeling towards 60 years
- Models validation, simulation, calibration, reliability
- Ageing diagnostics and prognostics
- Infrastructures and network of excellence

Assessment of Aged piping  
Dissimilar METal Weld integrity



Ageing Diagnostics and Prognostics of low-voltage I&C cables



Structural performance of multi-metal component



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## 4. Human factors, E&T, safety culture

- EFTS Euratom Fission Training Schemes, ECVET European Credit system for Vocational Education Training, EU Master programmes, common qualifications, mutual recognition, mobility of trainees/trainers and safety culture with an **EC contribution of 14.5 Mi€** towards a **European Nuclear Education Network ENEN**
- University, R.Org., Reg. Bodies, TSOs, Industry
- Health physics, Safety culture, PWR, VVER
- Radiation protection, ALARA, medical experts
- E&T on waste storage, Nuclear chemistry and fuel cycle, Man-machine interface
- Infrastructures, H.Resources Observatory



- European Master
- ENEN PhD Event
- ENEN III (FP7)
- TRASNUSAFE (FP7)
- EUJEP
- ENEN-RU (FP7)
- ECNET (FP7)
- NUSHARE (FP7)



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## 5. Fukushima follow-up actions

- Nuclear safety priority settings exercises, impact on severe accident management and consequences of combination of extreme external events on the safety of NPP enhanced safety with an **EC contribution of 26.3 Mi€ as an early 2011 reaction and follow-up actions**
- Investigation of passive and active systems on SA
- Upgrade EU SA computer codes
- Update emergency preparedness, rehabilitation
- EU TPs priority settings exercises
- EU Stress tests coordinated by EU/ENSREG
- Nuclear culture sharing
- Ethics and civil society dialogue



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## 6. EU fora and SNETP, NUGENIA, IGDTP, MELODI TPs

- Under Euratom, EC should promote and facilitate EU Nuclear safety R&D in MS,
- ETPs are industry led to promote R&D and demonstration of EU fission technologies
- EU fora supporting nuclear policy, promoting stakeholders dialogue and safety improvements
- ENEF from 2007 and WG Transparency, risks and opportunities
- ENSREG from 2007, stress tests peer reviews
- SNETP, NUGENIA, SET-Plan ESNII and NC2I pillars
- IGDTP on geological disposal
- MELODI with NERIS-TP and Alliance
- INCO structured dialogue on R&D policy and priorities



## Conclusions and perspectives

- Euratom experience with FP is a **consistent success in pursuing excellence** in nuclear science research and technology
- Industry driven ETPs are being capitalised
- **Close collaboration** with ENEC, ENSREG, OECD/NEA and IAEA, INCO
- **Stakeholders structured dialogue** on R&D policy, safety improvements, holistic approach and civil society involvement in decision making
- From severe accident management, numerical simulation tools, residual lifetime evaluation, human factors, E&T, and safety culture within and outside Europe taking into account Fukushima lessons,... launch H2020

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