



● Governance in the EU

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European Commission,
DG Energy and Transport

- Widely accepted principles for good governance

Information – to be available

Communication – to be open

Participation – have institutional framework

Decision-making - early and effective participation

“The more naked – the more trusted”

● Goals of better lawmaking in the European Union

- Simplified and improved regulatory environment
- Culture of dialogue and participation
- Systematic impact assessment by the Commission



● President Barroso



'In many people's eyes, nuclear energy is an important component of any European strategy for a low-carbon energy mix.

Of course, not all Member States will want to include nuclear energy in their own energy mix, but this issue deserves to be discussed, not least because of the implications for tackling climate change and improving energy security."

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EU citizens views - acceptance of nuclear energy vs. radioactive waste solutions



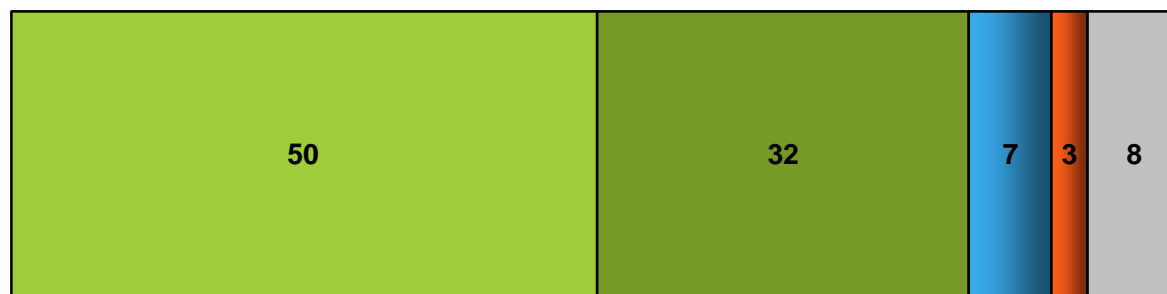
Dependence of the attitude towards nuclear energy
on the availability of permanent and safe solution
for managing radioactive waste

(Waste Eurobarometer 2008)



EU citizens

EU legislation on radioactive waste management
– how useful? –



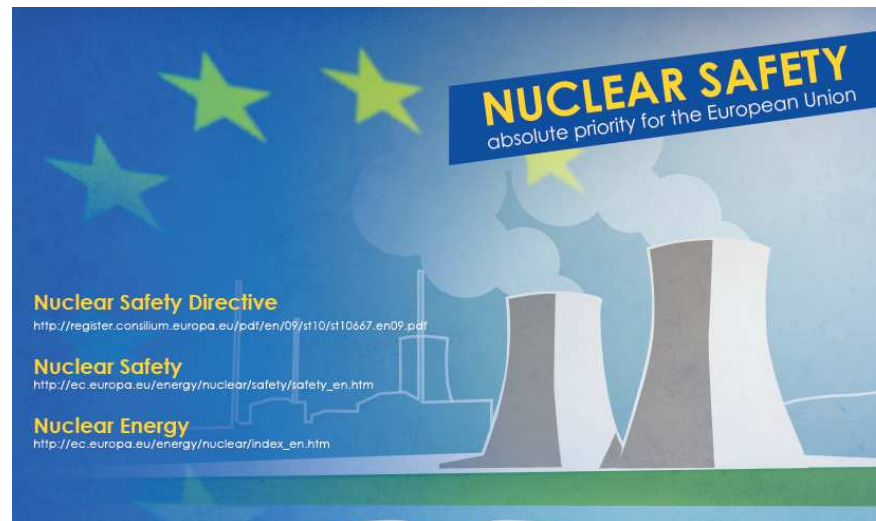
Very useful Fairly useful Not very useful
Not at all useful Don't know

● President Barroso

'In any case, the European Union has a clear legal mandate in nuclear energy in areas such as safety and waste management, which we will pursue in the new Commission's mandate.'

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25 June 2009

Directive on the Safety of Nuclear Installations

● Impact Assessment

- Mandatory for developing important Commission proposals
- Analysis: potential economic, social, environmental consequences
- Evidence for political decision makers

But:

- Does not replace decision-making!

● Impact Assessment – Questions

- Nature and scale of problem?
- Involvement of EU?
- Objectives?
- Policy options: impact, efficiency?
- Monitoring and evaluation?
- Views of the stakeholders?

Impact Assessment
Guidelines

2009

● Economic and Social Committee (EESC)

..sees an urgent need for Member States utilising nuclear power to put in place national plans for management of nuclear fuel and radioactive waste.

Anything else is to be seen as irresponsibly passing on the present generations' obligations to next generations.

Opinion on PINC, 2007



● European Parliament



Invites the Commission to review the relevant drafts of its legislative proposal and submit new proposals for Directives ... on waste management...taking into account the ‘polluter-pays’ principle ...with all due speed

2007 Report on Assessing Euratom-50 Years of European nuclear energy policy (“Maldekis”)

● European Nuclear Energy Forum (ENEF)

European Nuclear
Energy Forum

Prague - Bratislava



EU institutions should have a role in...proposing instruments to ensure that each Member State establishes, **within given deadlines, concrete national programmes** for the safe long-term management of spent fuel and all types of radioactive waste, with clearly defined **milestones** and **disposal routes**, including deep geological disposal for high level waste



● European Nuclear Safety Regulators Group (ENSREG)

Encourages...the development of a **national programme** for waste management in each EU Member State and the **adoption of an instrument** defining the basics of and guidelines for the contents of such programmes in Europe

ENSREG Report July 2009



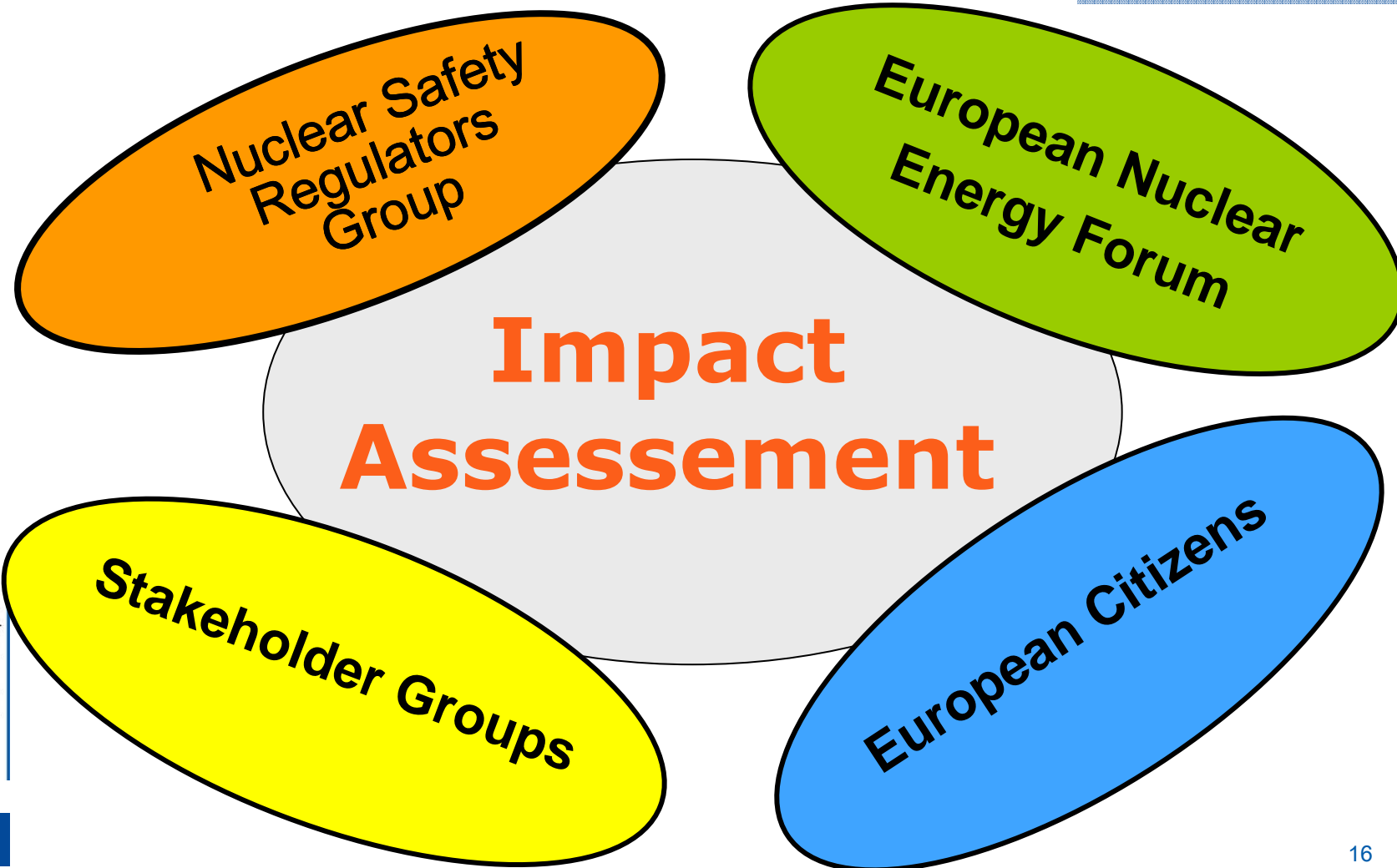
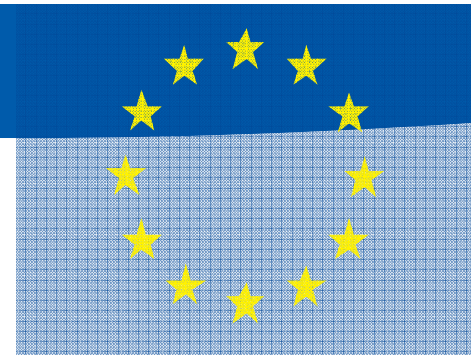
● Council : Conclusions on the ENSREG's Report (10 November 2009)

Calls on the Commission to continue their cooperative work within ENSREG with the prospect of developing **a community approach in this field,**

Invites the Commission to make full use of ENSREG expertise in case of **proposals for legally binding instruments** in the field of safe management of spent fuel and radioactive waste ...

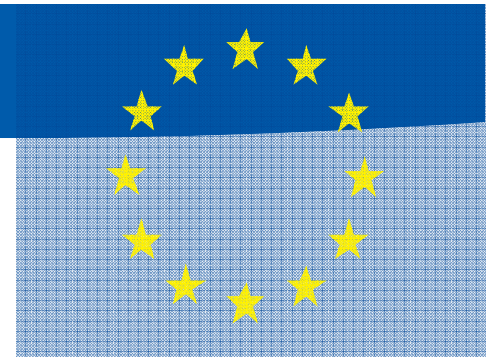


- Consultation





Conclusions



- Commission is on a good way towards better regulation
- Strong support for EU waste legislation
- Impact Assessment building on transparency and consultation
- Milestone towards a carbon-free electricity supply

