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Agreement on Cooperation

We (the parties concerned) made an agreement to become members of the RISCOP Reference Group established for the IPPA Project (Implementing Public Participation Approaches in Radioactive Waste Disposal) in Poland. The activities of the Reference Group are scheduled for the period from July 1, 2011 to December 31, 2013. This agreement regulates the objectives, organization, matters of principal importance, activities, economic reimbursement and documentation of the implementation of the RISCOP Process in Poland as a part of the IPPA Project.

Objective

The principal objective of the implementation of the RISCOP Process in Poland as a part of the IPPA Project is to increase awareness of all aspects concerning the choice of a suitable site for a new repository for low and medium level radioactive waste in order to improve the conditions for transparency and active involvement of the general public into the decision-making process. This is to be seen within the context of the plans to introduce nuclear power in Poland, thus possibly making the low and medium level radioactive waste repository part of a larger radioactive waste management system including the possibility of deep disposal of high level waste and spent nuclear fuel in future.

Organization

The RISCOP Reference Group will meet regularly to plan the activities foreseen in the IPPA Project in Poland, to study the progress of the program fulfillment and to assess recent activities.

The RISCOP Reference Group Chairperson:

Grazyna Zakrzewska-Trznadel

The RISCOP Reference Group Vice Chairperson:

Bogumila Myslek-Laurikainen

Host Organizations for seminars and public hearings:

Ministry of Economy, Department of Nuclear Energy

Working Group:

The Working Group prepares agendas for meetings and meeting minutes; it is responsible for the implementation of activities decided by the Reference Group within the scope and resources given by the IPPA project, including reporting. The Working group gives guidance to the Reference Group for the implementation of the RISCUM Model. Working Group members are:

Grażyna Zakrzewska-Trznadel, Institute of Nuclear Chemistry and Technology

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Rules on the admission of new members:

- The Reference Group may decide to include new members given their willingness to participate in an open communication and to participate actively on the fulfillment of the activities and aims agreed upon in the project

Matters of principal importance

The work in the RISCUM Reference Group shall be done according to the following principles:

- Regular meetings are held with all RISCUM Reference Group members, called down in reasonable time
- The collaboration between Reference Group members is only for clarification of issues and creating mutual understanding and not for any material or procedural joint decision making (outside the scope of IPPA itself) thus making it possible for a very wide spectrum of organizations to take part without jeopardizing their autonomy and independence of each other,
- All activities are conducted in an independent and critical manner,

- All participants are be able to freely and openly present their attitudes and opinions, to put questions and comments,
- All information concerning the Project are fully accessible to all participants and the general public,
- The citizens of sites that are taken under consideration are equal participants of the decision-making process of the given issues and will be able to affect both the discussion form and the decision making process itself.

Activities

The activities of the Reference Group include the following matters (which may be completed with other activities after decision by the Group):

- search for methods to interest the public and relevant organizations on the problems of the radioactive waste management, particularly on the choice of a suitable locality for the repository siting based on transparency and active participation of the public into the decision-making process,
- establishment of means for mutual open communication between all stakeholders
- identification of the possibilities and methods for the application of the Swedish communication model RISCOS under the conditions of Poland taking the example of Czech Republic into account - the identification of legislative and social differences in Poland, Czech Republic and Sweden,
- planning an open and systematic programme for the IPPA activities to take place in Poland including RISCOS hearings with possible supporting working groups and seminars, workshops and training activities. Topics that the Reference Group may consider for its activities include both procedural and material matters, examples are given in Appendix 1.
- planning the format and contents of RISCOS Hearings in accordance with the RISCOS Model
- clarification of possible solutions of controversial issues,
- finding of methods and ways by means of which it would be possible to increase the transparency and public participation in the decision-making processes relating to the radioactive waste repository in Poland,
- establishment of information channels for dialogue with the public to broaden the knowledge of the public on the radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel management

issues and furthermore in the field of the search for a suitable locality for the repository of radioactive waste, organizing of various activities in order to increase the knowledge of the public.

Financial Resources

Costs associated with participation of individual stakeholders in the reference group meetings seminars, and public hearings will be usually covered by the individual stakeholders. Nevertheless the project budget will provide limited financial support assigned for covering the given costs of financially less strong parties. In cases when some of the parties will ask for this financial support, the Polish IPPA partners (Institute of Nuclear Chemistry and Technology; and Institute of Atomic Energy) will decide on its provision within their respective IPPA budgets after consulting the other members of the RISCOP Reference Group. Other costs may be covered by other parties upon their decision.

Presentation of results

Presentation of results will usually proceed in the form of minutes from the individual sessions-meetings, seminars, and public hearings. The project will be completed with a final report. The Working Group is responsible for the preparation of relevant documents. Proposals of individual documents (minutes or reports) will be presented to the individual participants for verification and comments. Individual participants can submit comments of maximum five pages each that will be incorporated into the final report in the form of an Appendix.

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APPENDIX 1

Examples of issues that the RISCUM Reference Group may consider for its activities

The RISCUM Reference Group will plan for an open and systematic programme for the IPPA activities to take place in Poland including RISCUM hearings with possible supporting working groups and seminars, workshops and training activities. Topics that the Reference Group may consider for its activities include both procedural and material matters.

Procedural matters that the Reference Group may consider for its activities include:

- IPPA project and the RISCUM model and their potential for building transparency, clarity and confidence among stakeholders.
- decision making process and public involvement in the selection of location and design of a new low and medium-level waste repository
- European and international regulations and rules concerning the public involvement in decision-making on nuclear issues, especially radioactive waste management. Aarhus and Espoo conventions and their influence on transparency and confidence building.
- lessons that can be learned from IPPA for future possible radioactive waste management issues and nuclear energy matters
- possibilities of further cooperation between stakeholders with involvement of politicians to enhance the quality of decision making processes related to radioactive waste management and energy policy.

Material matters that the Reference Group may consider for its activities include:

- location and design of a new low and medium-level waste repository – safety and radiation protection, geological conditions,
- selection of radioactive waste and spent fuel management options for Poland – strategic issues of methods (e.g. deep geological disposal or reprocessing),
- risk and safety management aspects
- social dimensions of radioactive waste management including final disposal