



EUROPEAN UTILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR LWR PLANTS

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Celebration of the 20th anniversary of the EUR organisation

Dear sir or madam,

The European Utility Requirements for future LWR plants are reaching 20! Since its very first steps, the development of the European Utility Requirements document has been kept under control of European utilities willing to specify then build standardised LWR units. The main products of this cooperation -a common design specification and joint assessments of compliance of the available LWR projects- are today fully operational, well recognised by the other stakeholders and have been used extensively both in Europe and in other places worldwide. Started between 5 partners, the EUR organisation today includes most of the European utilities that are considering new builds. It is a recognised actor at European level in the discussions about the designs of new plants and in the discussions about harmonization of the safety rules and approaches.

Since the first Steering Committee meeting, held on November 20 1991 in Lyon, a lot of cooperative work has been carried out by the EUR organisation. The specification has been written then enriched and updated several times and the level of compliance of seven designs offered on the European market assessed at detail level in close cooperation with the interested vendors. The success story is going on and today the EUR organisation is engaged in an in-depth revision of the specification that should be concluded by the publication of a revision D in 2012 and a revision E two years later. The Revision D will answer the many comments accumulated by the organisation since the publication of the revision C in 2001. It will also take into account the evolution of the European regulatory approach. Eventually a revision E will be produced where several key technical policies requesting substantial redevelopment will be updated. On the project assessment side, a positive assessment of compliance by the EUR organisation has, *de facto*, become a necessary step to get certified for the European market and this has actually strengthened the idea of standardisation at European level.

We would like to celebrate this 20th anniversary by organising an event in Paris November 24 2011 from 16 h to 19 h. We would like to invite those actors from the EUR organisation that have left a strong footmark on the EUR, together with external stakeholders that have been interacting with the EUR organisation. We would like to invite you to participate to this event. For a smooth organisation, may I ask you to confirm before October 21 2011 by email to the EUR secretariat at pierre.berbey@edf.fr whether you are (or are not) willing to participate. The event will take place in the centre of Paris at "Radisson blu Ambassador Hotel, Paris opera". Information about the hotel is available on the following website: <http://www.radissonblu.com/ambassadorhotel-paris>.

Let me look forward to meeting you in Paris next November. In the mean time, do not hesitate to get in touch with the EUR secretariat at EDF by email if you need more information or wish to forward us any suggestion. We could also provide you with logistical support.

Best regards

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Chairman of the EUR organisation