

Creation of the European TSO Network

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)

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We, a group of Technical Safety Organisations (TSO) with nuclear safety expertise and competent in nuclear safety assessments,

aware that a high level of nuclear safety and radiation protection is a priority for the countries of Europe,

recognising the reinforcement of the European dimension in the technical, economical and societal challenges which nuclear safety has to face,

taking note that nuclear safety expertise plays a major role in contributing to the attainment and maintenance of a high level of nuclear safety and radiation protection,

acknowledging that the organisations competent with nuclear safety expertise develop appropriate approaches to safety issues as part of their assessments and research activities,

recognising the need for increased co-operation and reinforced sharing of experience between organisations competent with nuclear safety expertise,

have decided to create the European TSO Network.

The Network has the following objectives:

- to form a suitable forum for exchanges on analyses and R&D in the field of nuclear safety, to share experiences, and to exchange technical and scientific opinions,
- to contribute to fostering the convergence of technical nuclear safety practices in Europe,
- to further the definition and the implementation of nuclear safety research programmes,
- to promote the formation of a European scientific and technical network in the nuclear safety field.

Membership is by decision of the ETSON Assembly on applications and restricted to organisations which perform safety assessments in support of their national nuclear safety authorities or in that role, with a global regulatory vision, on a regular basis and with a broad scope.

The Network may, subject to agreement by its members:

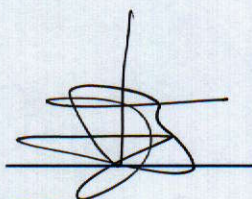
- interact with the European Union Institutions, national institutions of countries not represented in the European TSO Network, the IAEA, NEA and non governmental organisations about specific issues or findings generated by the European TSO Network on a case-by-case basis;
- consider requests from these institutions and states for advice on technical nuclear safety matters,
- meet with other organisations having capabilities in the field of nuclear safety research or assessment to discuss specific issues.

The Network will ensure appropriate opportunities for stakeholders to comment on its work.

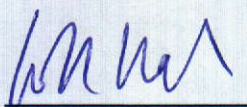
Each member organisation shall carry the costs of its own activities. As to the funding of special EUROSAFE activities, e. g. the EUROSAFE Forum or the EUSOSAFE Tribune, the provisions valid at the time of the signing of this MoU shall apply, or funding procedures may be otherwise agreed in separate memorandums.

Signed in Paris

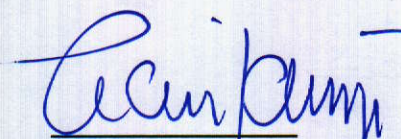
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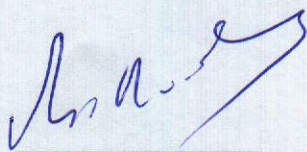
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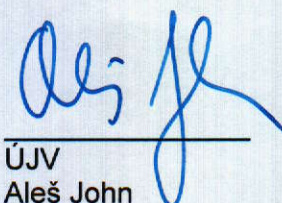
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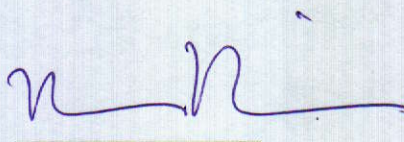
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