



European TSO Network - Rules of Procedure

The European TSO network has been created by the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) “Creation of the European TSO Network” signed by IRSN, GRS and AVN on May 29th, 2006 and extended to ÚJV and VTT by signature of the MoU on 3rd November 2008.

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:

The Network membership is open to organisations from the European Union and Switzerland 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.

Membership is by joint acceptance by the current members only.

Assembly of members:

The Assembly determines the principal orientations of the activities of the Network and makes other general recommendations to the Operating Committee.

The Assembly reviews the effectiveness of the activities of the Network and approves its annual report on the activities.

Each member is represented in the Assembly by a representative.

At each regular meeting of the Assembly, its members elect one of them as chairman, to hold office until the next regular meeting. The chairman appoints a secretary from his organisation who takes care of the necessary exchange of information and documents.

The Assembly holds a regular annual meeting. Special meetings of the Assembly may be called by the chairman at any time and may be called by the chairman at the request of the Operating Committee.

Representatives of the European Union Institutions, national institutions of countries not represented in the Network or other institutions or entities, may be invited by the Chairman to attend meetings of the Assembly.

The decisions of the Assembly are adopted on the basis of consensus.

The meetings of the Assembly are held in a place agreed by the members.

Operating Committee of members:

The **Operating Committee** prepares the agenda and decisions of the Assembly.

The **Operating Committee** draws up the programme of activities of the Network, takes decisions concerning the relevant projects and reviews their implementation.

The **Operating Committee** prepares an annual report on the activities and submits such report to the regular meeting of the Assembly.

As long as there are not more than eight members in the Network, the Assembly exercises all of the functions of the Operating Committee. In the case that there are more than eight members, the Operating Committee is set up by the Assembly.

The **Operating Committee** is composed of no more than eight representatives. The three founders of the Network, IRSN, GRS and Bel V (former AVN) are permanent members of the Operating Committee. The other members are elected by the Assembly at its regular meetings.

The **Operating Committee** elects annually a chairman from its members who calls and chairs its meetings. The chairman appoints a secretary from his organisation who takes care of the necessary exchange of information and documents.

The decisions of the Operating Committee are adopted on the basis of consensus.

The **Operating Committee** meets as required but not less than three times a year in a place agreed by the members.

Resources :

Each member bears the costs of ist own activities. The funding of additional activities is decided on ad hoc basis.