



## The French-German Initiative for Chernobyl (FGI)

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### > Programmes

Three scientific and technical co-operation programmes are financed with a total budget of about 6 million Euro within the frame work of the French-German Initiative:

- **Programme 1: SARCOPHAGUS**  
Safety of the Chernobyl "Sarcophagus"
- **Programme 2: RADIOECOLOGY**  
Study of the radioecological consequences of the accident
- **Programme 3: HEALTH**  
Study of health effects

### > Background

At the IAEA conference in Vienna in April 1996 - 10 years after the Chernobyl accident - the French and German Environment Ministers jointly announced their co-operation initiative with the Ukraine, Belarus and Russia over scientific programmes concerning the aftermath of the Chernobyl disaster.

Numerous scientific studies have been conducted in the affected republics of the former USSR with and without the participation of international organisations, but largely with insufficient real co-ordination. For some of the studies, results have never been publicly documented. There are still incoherent or even contradictory reports on the ecological and medical consequences of the accident.

### > Purpose

The main purpose of the French-German Initiative is to assist in the collection and validation of the existing data in Ukraine, Belarus and Russia for developing a reliable and objective basis useful for the planning of counter-measures, for information of the public, and for future work.

### > Co-ordination

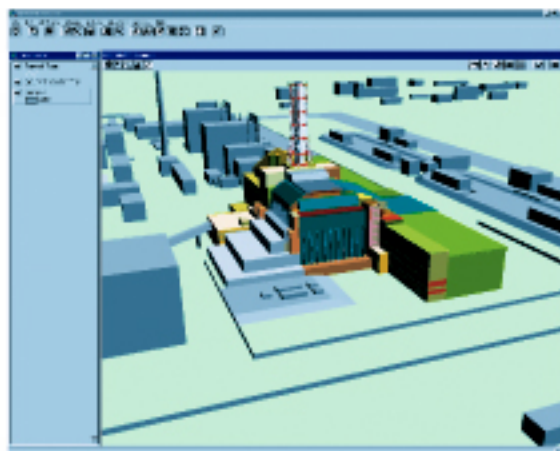
GRS (Gesellschaft für Anlagen- und Reaktorsicherheit), supported in programme 3 by SBI (Strahlenbiologisches Institut der Universität München) and IRSN (Institut de radioprotection et de sûreté nucléaire) are co-ordinating the projects on the Western side. The CC (Chornobyl Center for Nuclear Safety, Radioactive Waste and Radioecology) as Eastern co-ordinator is also the beneficiary.

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- Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz und Reaktorsicherheit (BMU)
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