

MEDIA INVITE

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Promoting an effective nuclear safety culture in Ukraine

On the 20th of October in Kyiv, a new phase of the EU-funded "Joint Support Office" will officially start. This is a major project supporting the effective planning and implementation of the EU-Ukraine cooperation in the field of nuclear safety under the Instrument for Nuclear Safety Cooperation Programme (INSC).

The safe use of nuclear energy is a common priority for Ukraine and the European Union (EU). Between 1991 and 2013, in the framework of the Instrument for Technical Assistance for the Commonwealth of Independent States (TACIS) and the Instrument for Nuclear Safety Cooperation (INSC) Phase 1, the European Union has delivered more than €800 million of projects to support its Ukrainian Partners in improving the safety of their civil nuclear facilities. Almost half of this has provided essential support to the construction of a New Safe Confinement for Chernobyl Unit 4, as well as other essential projects to support the safe decommissioning of Chernobyl Units 1 to 3. Phase 2 of the INSC foresees a further EU commitment, of €225 million through to 2020. Since 2005, the EU-funded 'Joint Support Office' (JSO) in Kyiv has been and will continue to provide key support to the European Commission and its Ukrainian partners in the field of nuclear safety.

Journalists are invited to attend:

What? Contract Inception Meeting of the Joint Support Office
When? 20th October 2014 at 2 PM
Where? Office 420, 49A Volodymirska Street, Kyiv, 01001

Event will be held in English and Ukrainian languages (Sequential interpretation will be provided).

Meeting participants:

Representatives of the European Commission (via video-conference from Brussels), Ministry of Energy and Coal Industry of Ukraine, Ministry of Ecology and Natural Resources of Ukraine, State Agency of Ukraine for the Management of the Exclusion Zone, State Nuclear Regulatory Inspectorate of Ukraine, SE NNEGC Energoatom

Currently there are over seventy nuclear safety projects conducted under the INSC for Ukraine, which are either already under implementation or in planning. These projects provide direct support to the Nuclear Regulator in decommissioning activities associated with Chernobyl, as well as safe management and operation of Ukrainian nuclear power plants, ,

Background information

Through TACIS, the EU implemented €1.3 billion of nuclear safety projects between 1991 and 2006, over €560 million of which were implemented in Ukraine. Between 2007 and 2013, EU-Ukraine cooperation on nuclear safety has taken place under the INSC. The INSC had a total budget allocation of €524 million, €275 million of which was implemented in Ukraine. In June 2014, the strategy for the implementation of Phase 2 of the INSC (2014 – 2020) was agreed in Brussels, committing an extra €225 million for nuclear safety projects, some of which will finance further projects for Ukraine. In order to ensure the appropriate level of specialised support for overall programme management locally, the JSO was established in 2005, as an essential element of EU-Ukraine cooperation on nuclear safety within the commercial sector. Today marks the beginning of a new phase of this project.

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