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Nuclear power yes please?! Questions on current EU energy and research policy at the 60th anniversary of the EURATOM treaty

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Legislative framework

- Radiation protection
- Transport of radioactive substances and waste
- Waste management
- Safeguarding nuclear materials
- Safety of nuclear installations
- Nuclear research and training activities

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The lack of demoratic legitimacy

- No co-decision procedure for the operational functions of EURATOM
- No scrutiny by the EP and national parliaments
- Limited public participation and low transparency
- The Common interest not always taken into account in its legislative acts



- Non-EU countries with operating nuclear power plants
- Non-EU countries without operating nuclear power plants

World Nuclear Forum (2017): Nuclear Power in the European Union, URL: <u>http://www.world-nuclear.org/information-library/country-profiles/others/european-union.aspx</u>

Divergent nuclear energy policies in EU Member States



The 7th Euratom Framework Programme for research and education purposes (2007-2013)

	2007-2011	2012-2013
Fusion energy research	1.947.000.000 Euro	2.208.809.000 Euro
- including support for ITER	1.047.000.000 Euro	1.300.000.000 Euro
Nuclear fission and radiation protection	287.000.000 Euro	118.245.000 Euro
Nuclear research and operations for ensuring the nuclear technical security of the GFS	517.000.000 Euro	233.216.000 Euro

Source: Deutscher Bundestag/Wissenschaftliche Dienste (2016): Sachbestand: Einzelfragen zur finanziellen Förderung der Kernenergie durch die Europäische Atomgemeinschaft bzw. die Europäische Union, WD 4 - 3000 - 101/16, 1. September 2016.

The 2014-2018 Euratom Programme (Horizon 2020)

Fusion research	728.232.000 Euro
Nuclear fission and radiation	315.535.000 Euro
protection	
Nuclear research and operations	559.562.000 Euro
for ensuring the nuclear technical	
security of the GFS	

Source: Deutscher Bundestag/Wissenschaftliche Dienste (2016): Sachbestand: Einzelfragen zur finanziellen Förderung der Kernenergie durch die Europäische Atomgemeinschaft bzw. die Europäische Union, WD 4 - 3000 - 101/16, 1. September 2016.

The budgetary implementation 2014-2016 of the Euratom Framework Programme 2014-2018 (amounts in Euro):

	2014	2015	2016
Administrative Expenditure	15.707.146	13.482.000	13.448.882
in Euratom's research and			
innovation programmes			
Administrative Expenditure	9.409.510	9.541.097	12.400.000
in the Euratom Programme			
- direct measures of the			
GFS			
Euratom Fusion Energy	97.841.846	146.941.084	132.233.979
Euratom nuclear fission	417.357	30.875.121	59.135.715
and radiation protection			
Completion of previous	58.499.975	40.191.089	16.581.759
Euratom programmes			

Source: Deutscher Bundestag/Wissenschaftliche Dienste (2016): Sachbestand: Einzelfragen zur finanziellen Förderung der Kernenergie durch die Europäische Atomgemeinschaft bzw. die Europäische Union, WD 4 - 3000 - 101/16, 1. September 2016.

Programme	Time frame	Amount
Decommissioning of nuclear plants in Lithuania, Bulgaria and Slovakia (EBRD)	1999-2013	€ 2.85 billion
Decommissioning of nuclear plants in Lithuania, Bulgaria and Slovakia (EBRD)	2014-2020	€ 860 million
Programme on nuclear safety in countries to join the EU/ neighbouring EU countries	2014 - 20	€631 million
European Investment Bank (EIB) funding for <u>Euratom</u> (nuclear safety projects in Eastern Europe)	long-term loan facility	\$1.4 billion
Nuclear Decommissioning Assistance Programmes (NDAP)	1999 -2020	total financial support given predicted to be €3.8 billion

Nuclear safety and financial needs (PINC 2016)

Front end of fuel cycle

ightarrow Uranium resources and mining activities

 \rightarrow Functioning internal market for nuclear fuels

→ Modernizing conversion and enrichment capabilities

 \rightarrow no estimates available

New nuclear power plants

 \rightarrow To replace existing nuclear power capacity upon closure of old plants

→ estimates: EUR 350-450 billion by 2050

Investment requirements in nuclear fuel cycle Total estimate 2015-2050: EUR 650-760 billion

 Safety upgrades and long-term operation of existing nuclear power plants
→ estimates: EUR 45-50 billion by 2050

Back end of the fuel cycle

→ Spent fuel and radioactive waste mangement

Estimates: EUR 130 billion by 2050

 \rightarrow Decommissioning

Estimates: EUR 123 billion by 2050

Source: European Commission (2016): Nuclear Illustrative Programme presented under Article 40 of the Euratom Treaty for the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee {SWD(2016) 102 final}COM(2016) 177 final, 4.4.16 Brussels

Figure 1 - Total EU nuclear capacity (GWe)

Source: European Commission (2016): Nuclear Illustrative Programme presented under Article 40 of the Euratom Treaty for the opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee {SWD(2016) 102 final}COM(2016) 177 final, 4.4.16 Brussels

The World Nuclear Industry Status Report 2016

- •Nuclear power generation in the world increased by 1,3%, entirely due to a 31% increase in China
- •Early Closure, phase outs and constructions delays due to unfavorable economic environment
- •With the exception of UAE and Belarus, all potential newcomer countries delayed construction decisions
- •Nuclear giants in crisis renewables take over

Possible scenarios for the future of EURATOM

- Unilateral exit from the treaty
- Abolishing the EURATOM treaty and transferring competencies on nuclear safety to the TFEU
- Reform of the EURATOM treaty

EU climate and energy targets

2030 Climate and Energy Framework

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Winter energy package proposals 2016 (Nov)

- Market Design Directive
- Renewable Energy Directive
- Energy Efficiency Directive
- Governance addressed in Renewable Energy Directive
- EU ESD: Targets for MS including LULU
- Targets not in line with the Paris commitments and the Energy Union objectives to be Nr. 1 in renewables
- New capacity mechanisms possibility for subsidizing the building of new nuclear power plants at national level
- Removing priority grid access and dispatch for renewables

<u>European Community for Renewable Energy (ERENE) –</u> <u>major objectives</u>

- To conduct research via research programmes and institutions, support dissemination of new technologies and facilitate innovation through the establishment of pilot projects
- To contribute to creation of a European electricity grid
- To establish joint undertakings
- To facilitate and promote investment in renewable energy through a common support scheme for electricity trade from renewable energy
- To further co-operation with other states in the area of renewable energy.

Suggestions for funding of ERENE

- to be financed by the participating Member States using **revenue from ETS**
- principle of "geographical return"
- → value of projects, investments and electricity-supply agreements distributed according to financial contributions of member states

Thank you for your attention

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