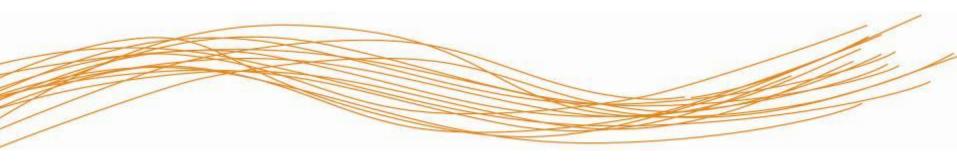


An EU View of IGDTP Activities



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What has been achieved so far

- Decades of research carried out on long-term safe management of radwaste, with support from Euratom FP
 - Phenomenology
 - Natural analogues
 - → URLs & large-scale demos
 - Mining / technology
 - Operational safety / long-term safety
- Quasi-unanimity in the scientific / technical community
- Concerted and effective governance initiatives, especially in the lead countries
- Political and regulatory processes have advanced both at MS and also EU level

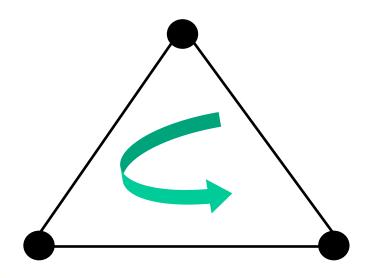


The current European scene

- IGDTP created a 'technical forum' led by implementing organisations
 - to resolve remaining technical issues as efficiently / effectively as possible, thereby enabling implementation in lead countries
 - to promote accelerated development in other MS
 - Vision document agreed
 - membership increasing all the time
 - SRA now in advanced draft
- SET-Plan endorsed
- New Directive on RWM proposed
- Interaction between technical / stakeholder / regulatory forums



















IGDTP – the future

- Commitment of main actors has to be maintained
- Clear identification of key remaining RDD&D issues to meet the Vision, through an agreed Deployment Strategy identifying needed resources
 - → Euratom FP will continue to support research in the Community interest
- Openness / transparency / scientific credibility
 - interaction with the broader scientific community
 - appropriate involvement of other stakeholders
- In particular, constructive & effective interaction with safety authorities / TSOs
- Less advanced MS must also benefit



Points to ponder

- Regarding research, when is enough enough?
- Who decides whether the science is right?
- Is there certainty in this process?