

Working Group 4

- RD&D TSO's Needs: The view of SITEX

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Potential Areas of Interaction Between SITEX and IGD-TP

Communication with civil society

- *Early interaction with civil society is an increasingly important challenge; consideration should be given of the various media for engagement.*
- *SITEX is willing to undertake an initiative towards interaction with civil society.*
- *Knowledge transfer to the civil society (explaining the requirements, topics, goals) - in order to enable discussion at an appropriate scientific level.*
- *Also need to understand the needs of civil society.*

Collaborative Research & Exchange

The group was in agreement that there are certainly areas where jointly sponsored research and common activities can be performed; however there are also areas where collaboration would be inappropriate.

An enduring 'safe-room' forum for exchange between WMOs, TSOs and regulatory bodies would continue to provide benefits.

- To encourage a productive dialogue between WMOs, other TSOs and regulatory bodies at the European level;*
- To enable civil society to interact with some key issues;*
- A central coordination forum would eliminate overlap and inefficiency in TSO activities.*

Governance is required for enduring collaboration

Suggested ground-rules for potential future cooperation between IGD TP, regulatory authorities and TSOs:

- *One focus is on fundamental science, not interpretation in the context of the safety case;*
- *The second focus is on strategic issues (e.g. reversibility / retrievability, passive safety, long term safety, stability of geological system, impact on future generations, P&T, etc.)*
- *...*

Development of the ground-rules given adequate discussion with all parties and official publication would be a deliverable (Task 1) within the next call.