

Practical arrangements

- Meeting kindly hosted by the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy (BMWi)
 - Security and fire alarms
 - Facilities
 - Main meeting room (A2.027 Aula) - break out rooms TBC
 - Coffee break (Vestibül) 11:10-11:40 - coffee available from ~08:00
 - Lunch (Vestibül) 13:00-14:30 - hot and cold buffet served outside main meeting room
 - Evening poster session (Vestibül) 17:00-19:00 - with light refreshments

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Opening thoughts from the Chair (1)

- IGD-TP was launched in 2009 in Brussels, with an aim to coordinate RD&D to help ensure realisation of our shared vision:

'By 2025, the first geological disposal facilities for spent fuel, high-level waste, & other long-lived radioactive waste will be operating safely in Europe'

- *Approaching our second decade:*
 - Significant progress is being made in several countries
 - The first licence for a repository for spent fuel has recently been granted and Finland has commenced construction
 - **Beside the more advanced programmes, several other countries are starting to actively progress their own national disposal programmes**

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Opening thoughts from the Chair (2)

- Significant progress towards implementation underpinned by extensive technical knowledgebase, much of which was developed with EURATOM RD&D funding
- EC recently requested a 'step change' in RD&D cooperation. To achieve this our community has been working together to establish a European Joint Programme, founded on agreed common objectives
- EURAD aims to deliver an ambitious, cohesive and coordinated joint programme
- IGD-TP EG is fully supportive of EURAD. If funded it will address important WMO needs... but not all of them
- This Exchange Forum will therefore help to prepare for future collaborative implementation-related RD&D that is complimentary and parallel to EURAD
- The IGD-TP Executive group recognises that it needs to evolve to allow it to

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I wish you all a productive two days!

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