



Update on international engagement

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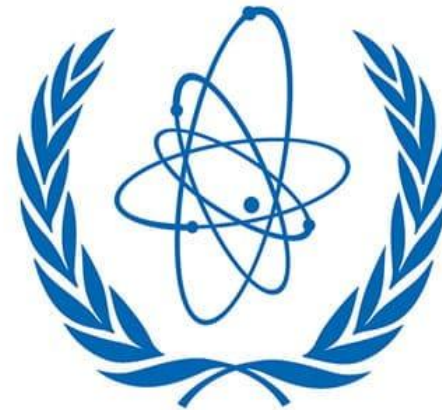
Our international engagement

- **International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)** – forum for discussion on the local dimension to nuclear.
- **Nuclear Communities Global Partnership** – founding member, along with European, American and Canadian partners.
- **GMF Europe** – Joined 2017. Growing network of 19 countries across the continent.
- Our engagement is funded by IAEA and GMF



International Atomic Energy Agency

- United Nations body – Founded in 1957. Deals with civil nuclear and weapons.
- Critical role in safety and the prevention of proliferation e.g. Ukraine and Iran conflicts; and in development of the peaceful use of nuclear technologies and science.
- Based in Vienna. Director General (DG) Mariano Grossi.
- Supported by the DG, increasing emphasis on local engagement and the role of municipalities and communities.



IAEA

International Atomic Energy Agency

Atoms for Peace and Development



Nuclear Communities Global Partnership

- Launched in 2023 at the IAEA with the support of the Director General.
- Nuleaf a founding member alongside Energy Communities Alliance (ECA); Canadian Association of Nuclear Host Communities (CANHC); and GMF.
- Nuleaf sits on the Board of the network.
- Aim is to share best practice on engagement, benefits and impacts of nuclear projects.
- Dedicated meeting in Vienna 18th to 20th November 2026.

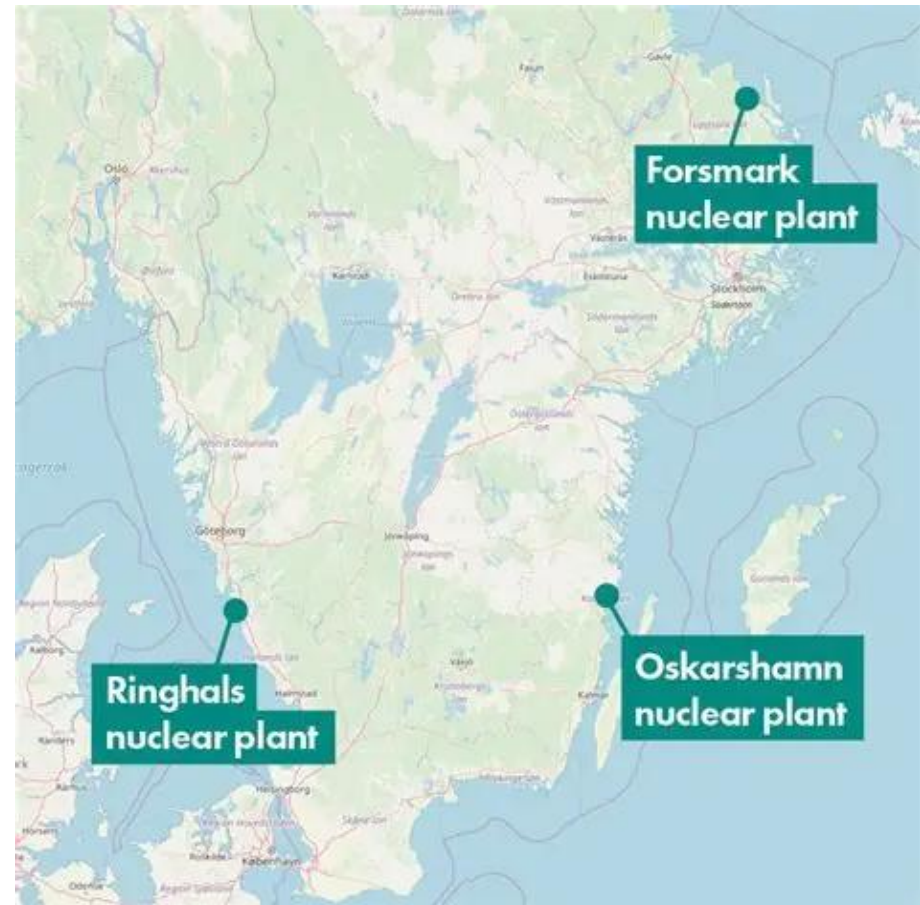


- Group of Municipalities with Nuclear Facilities
- Founded in 2000
- Involves networks (Nuleaf, KSO, AMAC) and individual councils
- Growing fast – 19 countries
- Meets twice a year
- Nuleaf represented on Presidium
- Key issues:
 - Geological disposal
 - Decommissioning
 - New nuclear siting – local value



Swedish Geological Disposal Programme

- Nuclear power provides 30% of electricity
- Decision to phase out nuclear in 2010 – since reversed.
- Search for a site for geological disposal of Spent Fuel and waste launched in the 1980s. SKB tasked with delivery.
- Two local authority areas engaged (Osthammar/Forsmark) and Oskarshamn engaged – support for a repository 80% in both.
- Osthammar selected – but communities have shared the benefits.
- Construction began 2025.





Osthammer

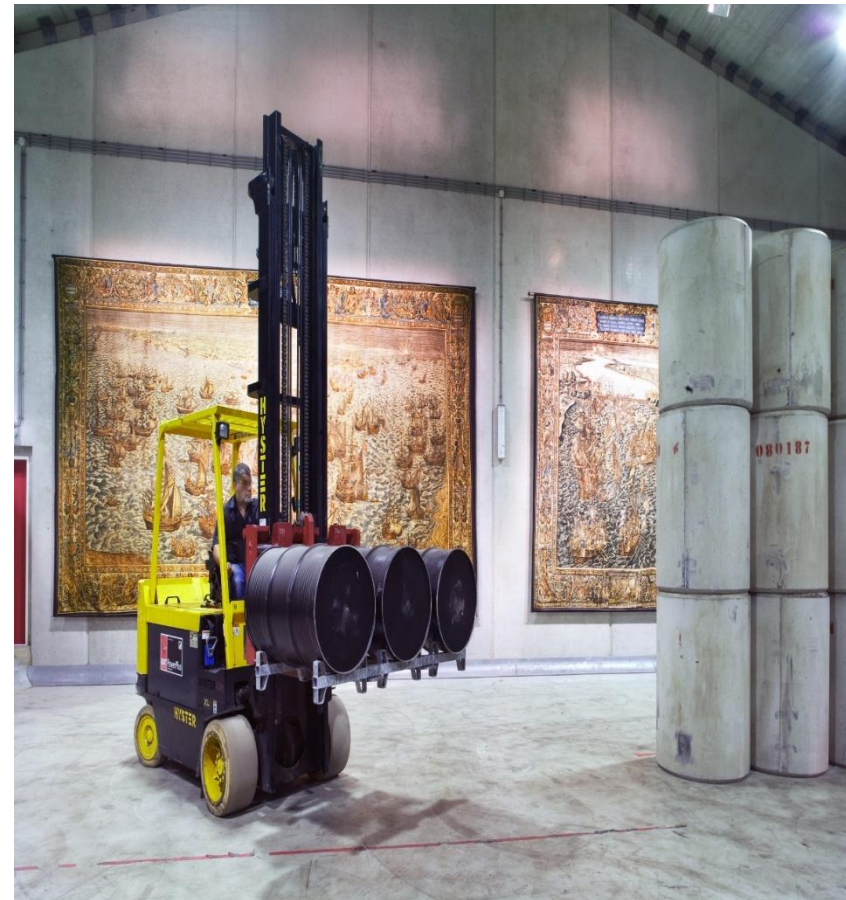


Oskarshamn



IAEA Technical Meeting on Engagement in Nuclear Decommissioning

- Vienna 20th to 24th July
- Nuleaf's Chair Cllr Joseph Ghayouba attended and spoke. Director facilitated online discussions.
- Over 30 countries represented.
- Presentations from countries at very different stages of nuclear journey.
- Discussion explored differences and similarities across nations and political systems
- Focus on draft IAEA report *Stakeholder Engagement in Decommissioning: Pathways to Nuclear Site Repurposing*. Revised for first time since 2009.





IAEA: Report recommendations

- Integrate engagement planning into **decommissioning planning** from the outset.
- Coordinate engagement with other nuclear projects in the region (life extension, waste facilities, new build).
- Begin engagement on decommissioning and repurposing **during siting and design** for new facilities.
- Use independent facilitators to support balanced dialogue.
- Enable deliberation **between stakeholders**, not just between stakeholders and the operator/regulator.
- Co-create repurposing plans with stakeholders and prospective site owners.
- Adapt engagement to evolving expectations over long timeframes.
- Provide opportunities for learning and site visits during dismantling.



Benefits of international engagement

- IAEA work influences UK Government and NDA practice.
- Great value in dialogue and in understanding situation in other countries.
- Identification of good practice examples e.g. Borsele Conditions Group, Covra waste store, Community Hosting Agreements.
- Understanding of critical success factors for geological disposal programmes – and national differences!
- Exchange around new nuclear – companies such as Rolls Royce and EDF work internationally
- Government values Nuleaf's work- joined up UK voice.
- Hope to enhance Nuleaf member participation in future.





Thank you

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