



NUCLEAR INDUSTRY IN THE EU

Generates 26 % of the EU's electricity

Electricity generation by technology (% in 2019)



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Generates electricity in 12 countries



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Creating jobs that drive employment and prosperity



The construction of one

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COMPETITIVENESS OF NUCLEAR ENERGY

Providing reliable energy...

Energy performance*



Nuclear produces electricity at full power **85 to > 90%** of the time thus enhancing security of supply

*% of rated capacity factor

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...at prices you can afford

Comparison of median LCOE (levelized cost of electricity) for different technologies in Europe (7% discount rate)*



*LCOE metrics are not sufficient to characterize the competitiveness of different power generating technologies. A comparison should include system costs, i.e. networks and flexibility costs in addition to the sole production costs. © nucleareurope - Source: IEA 2020

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SECURITY OF ENERGY SUPPLY

Harnessing abundant natural resources



3.76% Uzbekistan

2.23% South Africa

Europe

25.38% Niger

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Canada

Providing an independent source of energy at a stable price



Breakdown of operating costs for nuclear, coal and gas generation

2.79% Australia



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NUCLEAR AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Generating almost half of the EU's low-carbon electricity



Contributing to the fight against climate change by avoiding CO₂, SO₂ and NOx emissions



Comparison of average greenhouse gas emissions (grammes CO, eq/kWh)

*Concentrated Solar Power

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Hydrogen production

Hydrogen produced from nuclear is:





Affordable as it can be produced constantly



Available 24/7 as it is not weather dependent

Average lifecycle SO₂ and NOx emissions of different generation technologies



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Nuclear-based hydrogen can help hard-to-decarbonise sectors reach their decarbonisation goals



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NUCLEAR AND HEALTH

Protecting people from radiation



* Rounded estimations of the effective dose to a person in a year (world average) © nucleareurope - Source: UNEP, "Radiation effects and sources", 2016



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Saving people with nuclear medicine

Radiation and radioactive isotopes are used in the diagnosis and treatment of disease



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Radioactive isotope production in the EU

Countries operating isotope production reactors in the EU



6 nuclear research reactors provide about 95% of the world's Mo-99

or Lu-177 production.

4 of them are in the EU.

The most frequently used radioisotope is Technetium-99m for which the EU is the...



Largest producer (>60% of the global production)



Second largest consumer (20% of global consumption)

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RADIOACTIVE NUCLEAR WASTE

Sources of radioactive waste



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Types of radioactive waste and their distribution per category (2016)



Very low level waste (VLLW) *E.g., concrete*

Low level waste (LLW)



E.g., scrap metal

Intermediate level waste (ILW) E.g., nuclear reactor components



High level waste (HLW) *E.g., by-product of fuel reprocessing*

© nucleareurope - Source: 2016, Report from the Commission to the Council and the European Parliament on progress of implementation of Council Directive 2011/70/EURATOM and an inventory of radioactive waste and spent fuel present in the Community's territory and the future prospects

Applying a circular economy approach to radioactive waste



SUSTAINABILITY OF NUCLEAR

Raw materials use



Water use



- Reservoir hydropower
- Biomass

Nuclear

- Concentrated solar power
- Coal
- Oil
- Gas
- Solar

Geothermal

Wind

Issues related to water consumption and potential thermal pollution of nuclear energy must be appropriately handled during the site selection, facility design and plant operation phases.

Issues related to thermal pollution do not affect nuclear power plants located on coasts, that use seawater for cooling.



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Biodiversity impact and land use



Land required by different energy sources to match the amount of electricity produced by a 1,800 MW nuclear power plant.



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EUROPE-WIDE JOBS MAP

The civil nuclear industry supports around 1,3 million jobs in Europe (EU and nucleareurope non-EU members)



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