

## Summary Session I

### **From the Presentation “How to ensure regulator readiness for license application review?”**

- It is essential that the authorization for the development of a geological disposal facility, at any step in the process, be given on the basis of a solid demonstration of the safety of the facility at this point.
- On his side the regulatory body has to make sure that his competence be raised to the appropriate level and on time for being able to review and authorize/or not the continuation of the project. In this a clear strategy has to be established early in the process for developing regulatory competences and resources.
- Competences: Orientation to regulatory work takes time and increase of staff should start early enough

### **From the presentation “The basis for Decisions and the Regulator – Operator dialog during the licensing process”**

- Preliminary discussions and meetings with National Operator (applicant) were held well before the start of the licensing process in order to clarify and harmonize regulator requirements and scope of license application taking into account international experience
- The need for independent regulatory authority should not imply or suggest “isolation”. Interaction, exchange, dialog (open, transparent, documented) between operator and regulatory authority is advised as early as possible in the process to ensure the mutual understanding of the safety expectations of the Regulatory Authority and the approach

taken by the implementer, which notionally improve safety and improve efficiency/avoid delays.

### **From the presentation “How to gain reasonable confidence at early stages?”**

- As long as the project evolves , periodic evaluation of an « integrated safety demonstration » is necessary to assess influence of modifications on the overall safety
- All along the development of the geological disposal facility (site selection, construction, operation, closure) safety relies on different aspects and the review of a license application will progressively focus on different components

### **From the presentation “Licensing Geological Disposal: A Single License or Several Licenses”**

- Single license versus several licenses is a matter of national preference but making sure the licensing step are placed at the appropriate time for ensuring that the decision is duly justified
- In any case whatever the licensing process, it should be made clear from the early beginning and the requirements for each of the license application should also be provided to the implementer