

## Why SEAS?

A large number of stakeholders, including the public, can strongly impact Member States' energy policy decisions.

Experience shows that working with stakeholders—be they decision makers, national authorities, municipalities, special interest groups, industries, academia or local communities—and involving them in decision making processes helps to build public confidence and encourages an understanding of different aspects of nuclear power, from uranium mining to radioactive waste disposal, decommissioning as well as site remediation and repurposing. Stakeholder engagement is recognized as a growing area of strategic value for the development of nuclear power programmes.

The IAEA's Stakeholder Engagement Advisory Service (SEAS) for Nuclear Power Programmes provides independent expert opinion and advice to enable a Member State to improve stakeholder engagement within their nuclear power programme. SEAS aims to enhance Member States' understanding of stakeholder engagement concepts, approaches and activities as well as identify gaps and provide guidance to improve their stakeholder engagement programmes and processes.

## What are the objectives of SEAS?

The key objectives of SEAS are:



providing guidance, based on IAEA and international experts' experience, to improve Member States' stakeholder engagement for nuclear power programmes



reviewing Member States' stakeholder engagement strategies and approaches and providing advice on how to address identified gaps, if any



sharing international experience and good practices to strengthen Member States' understanding of stakeholder engagement concepts and approaches, and bolstering their stakeholder engagement capacity

## What topics does SEAS cover?

A SEAS mission offers a comprehensive assessment of a Member State's stakeholder engagement efforts for a nuclear power programme and provides advice on how to further improve such efforts. Upon request by a Member State, a SEAS mission can address some or all elements of a country's stakeholder engagement programme such as:

- stakeholder mapping and prioritization methodology
- establishing a national stakeholder engagement coordination mechanism
- setting up public information centres
- assessing community engagement
- developing a social media strategy and media relations
- building capacity for developing outreach products and messages, and evaluation of their impact

The SEAS mission is tailored to the requirements of the Member State to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of the service.

## Background

Stakeholder engagement is one of the 19 issues defined in the IAEA Milestones Approach, a structured methodology for the development of infrastructure for a new or expanding nuclear power programme. Stakeholder engagement is also one of the key requirements for the development of a national infrastructure for the uranium production cycle and radioactive waste management, including disposal, as well as a key element in projects for the decommissioning of nuclear facilities, environmental remediation and nuclear site repurposing.

The IAEA has developed a set of activities aimed at building stakeholder engagement capacity in Member States, including technical meetings, workshops, training courses, publications and e-learning material. Building on that experience and in response to increasing Member States' demand for support in this area, the IAEA established the Stakeholder Engagement Advisory Service for Nuclear Power Programmes.

## Requesting a SEAS mission

SEAS missions are conducted upon official request from a Member State. Requests should be transmitted to the IAEA Deputy Director General, Head of the Department of Nuclear Energy.

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