GROUP OF EUROPEAN MUNICIPALITIES WITH NUCLEAR FACILITIES (GMF)

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- The GMF is **the association of European municipalities** which are hosting nuclear installations. Started in 1993.
- **GMF members**:

  The GMF is composed by more than 120 municipalities in: Belgium, Bulgaria, Czech republic, France, Germany, Hungary, Lithuania, Netherlands, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and UK.

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- Why Does GMF exist?
  - There was a desperate! need to organize local stakeholders on a European level to get influence in the decision making process
  - Because **transparency** and openness is a requirement of the local authorities and the civil society.
  - Because its members have to **participate** in decision making processes concerning the nuclear facilities hosted in their territories. Principles of democracy are of paramount importance in the governance of the concerned nuclear matters.
  - Because the principles before mentioned has to be achieved in all European Countries as well as in the countries that will join EU soon. **GMF promotes EU standards in entire Europe**.

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- Why Does GMF exist? (cont.)
  - Because we need to **exchange information** and experiences between GMF members.
  - Because we want to **increase our knowledge and access to information** to develop one strong European spokesman for the local interests.

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Oskarshamn Declaration

- Agreement of the local authorities of the European municipalities with Nuclear Facilities which took part in the meeting held in Oskarshamn on 27th April 1995.
- 4 fundamental ideas:
  - Transparency during the construction and operation of the nuclear installations.
  - Participation of the local authorities in the monitoring process and also in the decision-making processes which concerns the future of the municipality.
  - Economic support for this participation.
  - Social and Economic impacts. It is needed to have a good planning for the construction, operation and dismantling processes.

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- GMF Pillars:
  - To promote the application of local democracy in nuclear energy management in order to achieve better understanding for:
    - **Safety**
    - **Transparency and Local Participation**
    - **Radioactive Waste Management**
    - **Economic development**
  - To promote the implementation of the **EU standards** in an enlarged EU
  - To defend the existence of NPP in our territories

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- OBJECTIVES OF GMF:
  - Introducing the local actors in European forums
  - To spread the rights of voice and vote for nuclear municipalities into both European and national policies
  - To extend the local democratic policies to the new EU countries
  - To improve the enrichment of the municipalities by the means of the exchange of experiences

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Background

GMF – Council of Europa initiative EUR-OPA

- EUR-OPA and UNDP Conference in Kiev September 2008 with representatives of KSO Sweden and GMF
- EUR-OPA Task Force Working Group conference September 2009

  TESEC, UNDP, GMF, AMAC (Spain) and KSO (Sweden)

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- Study Visit September 3rd organised by TESEC to Priypat and Chornobyl

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- Informal Seminar September 4th 2009 in Korosten with the Mayors and GMF, UNDP, TESEC and National Local Associations in Sweden (KSO) and Spain (AMAC)
- Common resolution September 2nd 2009

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GMF main activities

- Annual **Assembly** combined with seminars and study visists
- Local **Competence** Building Programs
- Conferences and mediator function between national level and local councils and transnational energy producers/NPP's

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GMF PROGRAM FOR LOCAL COMPETENCE BUILDING

OBJECTIVES:

- Give capacities to local representatives and opinion leaders to participate in the decision making processes in relation to these facilities.
- Inform municipalities on energetic and environmental European policies.
- Include municipalities in the European nuclear reality by means of their participation in a international network like GMF.

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GMF PROGRAM FOR LOCAL COMPETENCE BUILDING (cont.)

- Spread general social economic and environmental reality of territories with nuclear installations in public opinion.
- Compare the local and national points of view as far as profits and repercussions of a nuclear installation on a territory are concerned.

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GMF main activities (cont.)

- GMF is participating in **European Nuclear Energy Forum** (ENEF) in order to get the implementation of local democracy principles at European and national level.
  - ENEF Transparency working group
- GMF is having **lobby meetings** with High Representatives of European Institutions: European Commission, European Parliament, Committee of the Regions…
- Represents the local level in **FORATOM** and **N**uclear **E**uropeen **A**gency
- GMF wants to strength the **relation between the local level** and the European and National level for a better European governance.
- GMF members are taking part in **European projects.**

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Conclusions September TFG meeting in Kiev

- There is a problem – necessity of better awareness and information population on radiological risk.
- The national, international organization, local community have to joining effort for using best international experience on that aim in EU and neighbouring countries. EUR- OPA, UNDP, GMF, KSO and AMAC are good partners for such collaboration; they could be basis for network for better awareness and information population on radiological risk.
- The realization of priorities defined in 2008 Workshop in Kiev could be first step of such collaboration. It is necessary to study different opportunity for funding of that activity.

Conclusions September TFG meeting in Kiev

- We foresee the need to spread the positive experiences of Local Information Committees and Local Stake Holders Groups in the work of communication of radiological risks to citizens living near NPP's in Europe.
- The organisations participating in the conference underline the need of a transnational European programme for information and experience exchange to learn the lessons of the disaster of Chernobyl.

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Thank you for your attention.

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