

EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL STATUS ON THE MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE, DEVELOPMENT AND CHALLENGES AHEAD



Focus on Deep Geological Repositories



Geological disposal for HLW: Situation at a glance

Initiation **Pre-licensing** Operation Construction (program/ Licensing (siting/ planning) design)

and Slovenia, South Africa, The Netherlands, Ukraine,...

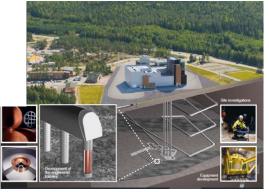
and Czech Republic, Hungary, India, Romania, Russia, Slovakia, ...



Focus on some projects...



Onkalo Under construction

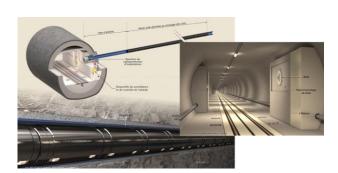




Forsmark Licence application









2 potential locations Ignace and South Bruce (Ontario) - investigations for decision in 2023



3 potential locations North Switzerland : Decision expected in 2022



Inshore project : near to coast

Consent-based : 3 localities to investigate (near

Sellafield or SE England)

Governance and interactions between stakeholders

Why? Who? How?...

Roadmap and milestones

Clear decisional process, What and When

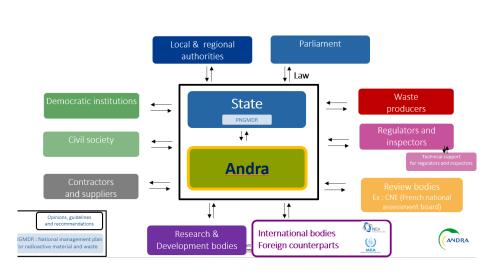
R&D programme

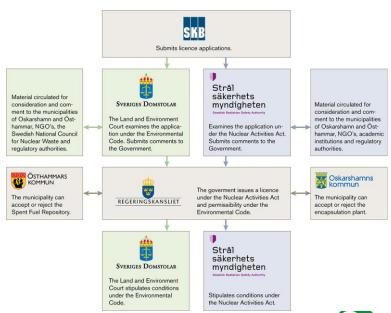
Research and Development Programme to follow the roadmap



Governance and interactions between stakeholders

Example of France and Sweden

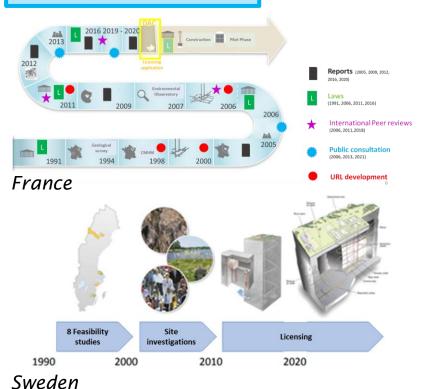


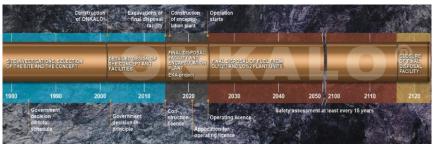




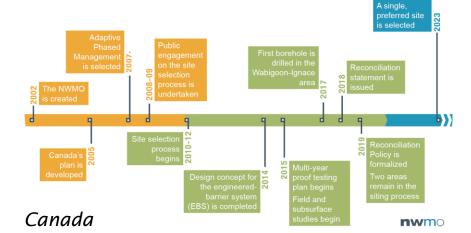
Key success factors

Roadmap and milestones





Finland



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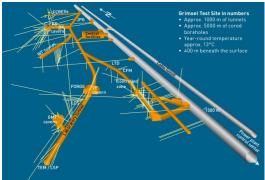
Underground research laboratory, research, technical innovation...



Andra URL (France)



HADES laboratory (Belgium)



Grimsel laboratory (Switzerland)



Beishan URL (China)



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Copper canister for spent nuclear fuel (Finland)

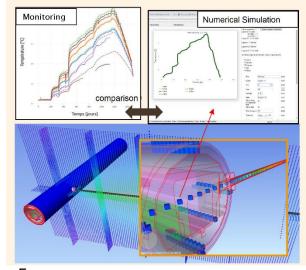


Fire resistance test (France)



Automated transfer system to disposal tunnel (France)

4D PHENOMENOLOGICAL DIGITAL TWIN



France



Challenges ahead

Licencing and construction of DGR

Licencing - Permitting: numerous procedures to follow (safety and environmental assessment) before getting autorisation)

Commissioning and starting operation of DGR

Numerous steps before a first package can be disposed of

Dialogue and stakeholders involvement

Civil society awarness, interest and participation - Get in touch and involve young generations,

Knowledge Management

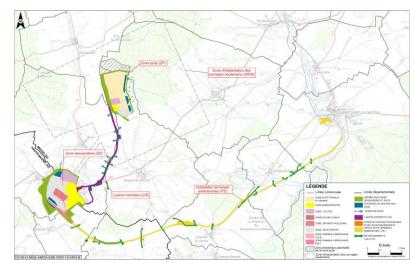
KM methodology, importance to keep the right knowledge and transmission

Challenges: licencing, construction and starting operations

Licencing and construction of DGR

Commissioning and starting operation of DGR

- > Safety assessment
- Environmental assessment
- > connecting infrastructures to anticipate : train route, roads, water supply, power supply etc...
- → Unique type of project due to their
 - Sizes (and depths) and costs
 - Timeframes (from preparatory works to closure)...
- → Long licensing procedures / challenging longlife project management



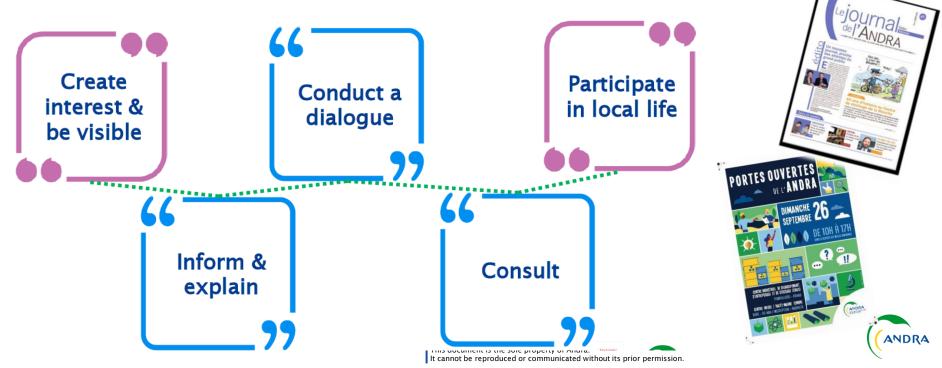
Ex : France, railway connection to Cigéo

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Challenges: Dialogue & stakeholder involvement

Informing, communicating, involving public on RWM's activities and projects:

Numerous actions, interactions and innovations



Challenges: Young generation

Innovations to get in touch: Street art, conferences, podcasts, games, webinars, partnerships with youth

associations and social media influencers, ...



Cartoon characters UK



Street art France





contest Japan

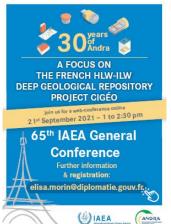
video production



Institutional cooperation with AIEA



Sharing scientific, technical information, experience and knowledge with member states







Networks and groups

Ex: URF, Disponet, Labonet, KM...

Technical Meeting, Consultancy Meeting, Experts Mission

- > Peer reviews ex : Artemis
- Fellowship, Scientific visits
- Conferences

Ex : International Conférence on Radioactive Waste Management, solutions for a Sustainable Future. Nov 2021

Steering groups

Ex: International Radioactive Waste Technical Committee (WATEC)

In 2021, participation to more than 30 IAEA events



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Institutional cooperation with OCDE/NEA



Sharing scientific, technical information, experience and knowledge with member states







- Radioactive Waste Management Committee (RWMC): bureau member
- Working parties, experts groups
- IGSC: safety case
- Clay club
- EGOS : operational safety
- FSC: stakeholder confidence
- RIDD: regulator implementer dialogue
- More: KM, nuclear law, decommissionning and legacy management...
- Conferences

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International Cooperation: EURAD



European Joint Programme on Radioactive Waste Management

23 European countries 116 organisations

- Waste Management Organisations
- Technical Support Organisations
- Research Entities
- 51 Mandated Actors, 62 linked third parties & 3 international partners







Objectives:

- Implement a robust and sustained state-of-the-art **Science** and **Technology Programme**
- Identify and elaborate upon complex issues by bringing together interested actors to jointly conduct **Strategic Studies**
- Consolidate efforts across Member-States, organisations and generations on **Knowledge Management**
- Foster mutual **understanding and trust** between participants (incl. from Civil Society) and other stakeholders

Looking ahead:

2 remaining years in the current programme Preparation of the next EJP started yesterday (workshop)

Conclusions

- Deep geological disposal is the reference solution for HLW management
- ➤ DGR programs are lasting a few decades from initiation to commissioning : several generations concerned
- > Earlier stakeholder involvement in recent programs
- > 10 years from now DGR should be in operation

