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Subject: *Preparation of the Competitiveness Council on 28-29 May 2018*  
Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION on the Research and Training Programme of the European Atomic Energy Community (2019-2020) complementing the Horizon 2020 Framework Programme for Research and Innovation  
- *General Approach*  
- *Statement by the AT delegation*

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**STATEMENT BY THE AT DELEGATION**

Austria followed a constructive approach during the negotiations on the Euratom Research and Training Programme 2019/20, with a view to enabling a continuation of the measures for increasing the safety and security of European citizens and their environment.

The content of the General Approach is identical in substance with the currently running programme (2014-2018). Therefore the Austrian position also remains the same. Austria welcomes the emphasis on safety and security aspects throughout the text. However, Austria still remains highly critical regarding EU funding or any supportive framework for nuclear power plants. Austria therefore intends to abstain.