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Delegations will find in the annex the presentation of the Commission Work Programme under the Cyprus Presidency of the Council of the EU.



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# Working Party on Atomic Questions (WPAQ)

## First Semester 2026

### Commission Work Programme under the Cypriot Presidency of the Council of the EU

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## Policy context in first half of 2026

- **Geopolitical situation: Implications of Russia's war on Ukraine:**
  - nuclear safety (continued support to Ukraine, CNS) and
  - security of supply (REPowerEU)
- **MFF discussions:**
  - continuation of talks on INSC-D regulation and Ignalina regulation (*Euratom R&T Programme, incl. ITER, in the Research Atomic Questions WP*)

## Key files and developments in nuclear sector under the CY Presidency

- **Nuclear Illustrative Programme (PINIC)** – presentation of final version following the EESC opinion (*March*)
- Strategic Plan for developing **Small Modular Reactors** in Europe (*March*)
- **European Radioisotope Valley Initiative (ERVl):** Communication (*April; tbc*)
- **EU fusion strategy:** Communication (*February; tbc*)

## Ongoing work on nuclear files

- **Progress reports on the waste<sup>1</sup> and shipment<sup>2</sup> directives:**
  - Adoption of the 4th Waste Report (Council directive 2011/70/Euratom) and the 5th Shipment report (Council directive 2006/117/Euratom)

*<sup>1</sup>Directive on the responsible and safe management of spent fuel and radioactive waste*

*<sup>2</sup>Directive on supervision and control of shipments of radioactive waste and spent fuel*

- **Guidelines for the application of the Euratom Safeguards Regulation**

## International activities

- **Preparation for the Convention on Nuclear Safety (CNS) Review Meeting (13-24 April 2026)**
  - Coordinating discussion with Member States
  - Euratom/MS statement
  - Answers to questions asked by other contracting parties
  
- **Report from ENSREG Armenia stress test mission (March, tbc)**
  - Presentation of the main recommendations

## Other topics for WP on Atomic Questions

### ➤ Information and debrief from events:

- 27 January: European SMRs Industrial Alliance: Stakeholders' Forum
- 4-5 March: Nuclear Safety Directive implementation workshop on regulatory resources (organised by EC, Brussels)
- 10-11 March: Seminar on Developments in In-Service Inspection and Non-Destructive Examination (organised by EC in cooperation with ENSREG and ENIQ)
- 26 March: ENSREG plenary meeting
- OECD / NEA events



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