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# learning in nuclear decommissioning the ELINDER project

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# JRC in ITALY

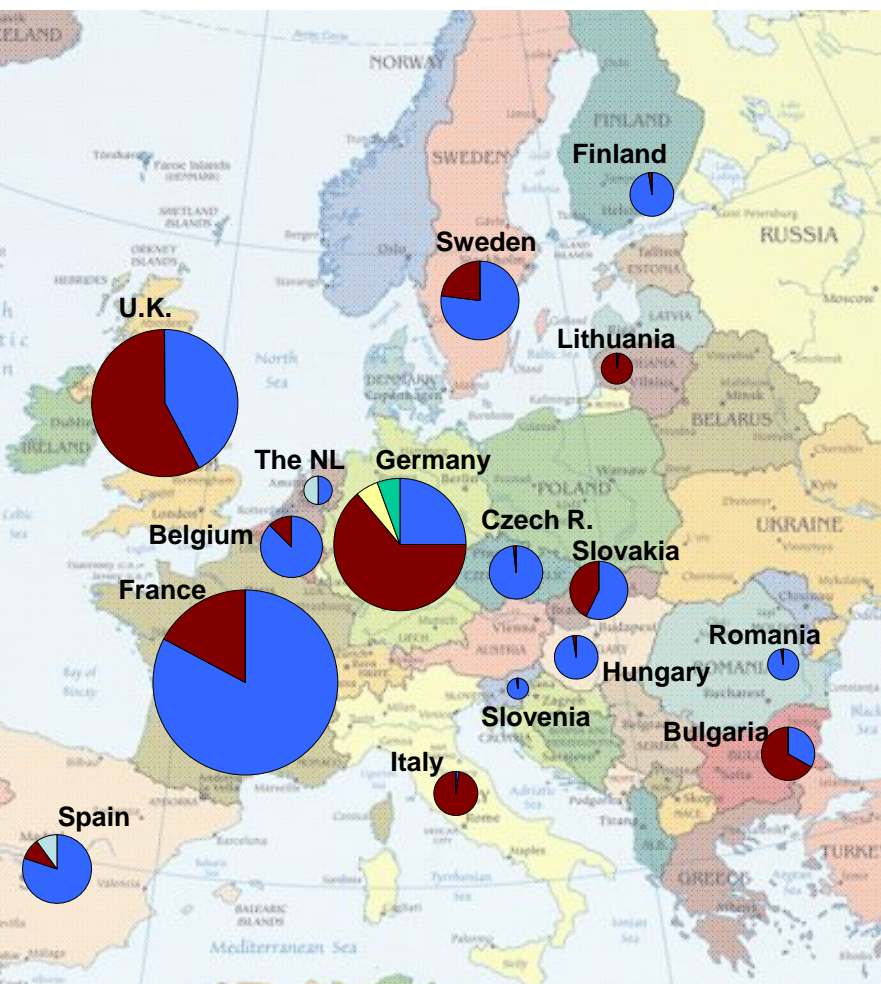
## Ispra - Nuclear Decommissioning Unit

Historical liabilities are:

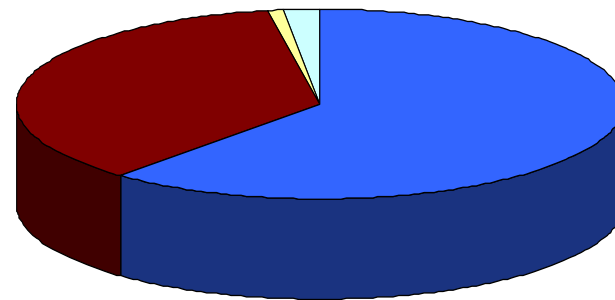
- Fuel Assemblies melting Release Oven (experimental)
- Liquid effluent treatment plant
- Solid waste treatment plant
- Cyclotron
- Hot cell Laboratories
- 2 reactors, ESSOR and Ispra 1



# Situation nuclear power reactors in the EU



- Operational
- Shutdown - Dismantling
- Fully Dismantled
- Long Term Safe Enclosure



**TOTAL**

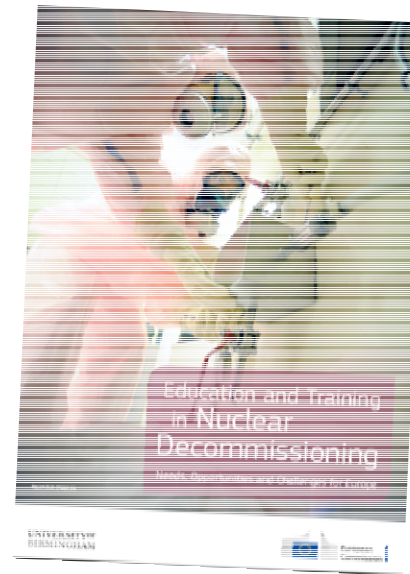
**Power reactors in EU: 222**

**Operating reactors: 128**

# Offering and promoting dedicated Education and Training (E&T) opportunities

C organised jointly with the University of Birmingham in April 2015 a seminar on Education and Training in Nuclear Decommissioning, in an attempt to answer to the questions:

- **What are the E&T needs ?**
  - **What are the opportunities, what does already exist ?**
  - **How can we attract young talent ?**
- Outcome of the seminar is published in a joint report with orientations on the way forward to support Education and Training in Nuclear Decommissioning in the EU.





# How can we stimulate interest and future talent?

## The JOB...

'Breaking down' is not a very attractive occupation for me, I would prefer building something new!

Why do I need to take care of the negative 'nuclear heritage' left by the others?

At the end.. there is 'nothing'.  
What will then happen with my job?



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## The JOB...

Decommissioning is in reality **much more** than clearing, cleaning and demolishing; decommissioning projects usually present an appealing technological challenge, requiring creative solutions.

Decommissioning is an emerging activity involving on the average young people; related jobs offer many possibilities for **career development**.

Decommissioning offers also tremendous opportunities for people who have developed expertise in reliable technologies or experience in managing projects and who are interested in **mobility**.

Job in decommissioning is, in general, **secure**; young engineers and scientists graduating after studies dedicated to decommissioning are almost certain to find a job.

Ultimately, decommissioning provides a service to society and can be considered as a **noble cause**: decommissioning is aiming to restore a safe environment and demonstrates that closing the nuclear energy cycle is feasible.



## European Learning Initiatives for Nuclear Decommissioning and Environmental Remediation

### *purpose of the **ELINDER** project:*

Facilitate vocational training in nuclear decommissioning in the EU, by:

Creating a European 'pool of training initiatives' offering at different locations a series of courses, visits and practical studies;

Organised in complementing modules, reducing duplication;

Harmonizing and clarifying the learning outcomes;

Offering an EU 'quality label' or 'endorsement' to those initiatives contributing to qualitative competence building in decommissioning and waste management

# ELINDER Project

## Approach:

- Training modules of 1-2 weeks, at different locations
- Qualified '**Generic courses**' (G1-G5 General Introduction to Decommissioning) and '**Specific courses**':
  - S1 Decommissioning Planning and Cost Assessment (STUBA, SK)
  - S2 Licensing and Environmental Impact Assessment (SCK.CEN, BE)
  - S3 Decommissioning Safety (ENSTTI, FR)
  - S4 Decommissioning Programme and Project Management (NUVIA-SOGIN, IT)
  - S5 Waste and Material Management (CEA-INSTN, FR)
  - S6 Decontamination and Dismantling Techniques (KIT, DE)
  - S7 Metrology for Waste Characterisation and Clearance (JRC, IT)
  - S8 Environmental Remediation and Site Release (UoB, UK)
  - S9 Digitalisation in Decommissioning (IFE, NO)
- Complemented with '**e-Learning course**' (Induction to nuclear)



## Example of a realised course

# JRC's Decommissioning Summer School

(ELINDER Generic course G5)

JRC-Ispra, 9-13 July 2018

- ❖ 39 Master students (with Bachelor degree, still studying)
- ❖ Mixture of lectures, practical exercises and visit
- ❖ Lecturers from EC, IAEA and from seven EU MS
- ❖ Concluded with a test
- ❖ Mini 'job fair' (meeting with industry)
- ❖ Repeated every year

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## *benefits from a joint European approach:*

### ***Visibility and clarity:***

- possibility to **promote** the training by joint advertising to interested employers/trainees,
- enhanced clarity for the employers and interested trainees on the **outcomes and quality** of the anticipated training;

### ***Synergies:***

- possibility **sharing** of courses, teachers or facilities to visit
- reducing organisational burden and maximising output using **common** tools and databases, including also IAEA tools, making the training more relevant and up-to-date
- maximising the use of the **expertise** available in each of the training organisations (particularly for the specific modules)

### ***Increased opportunities:***

- possibility for trainees to **gradually** develop expertise by combining (over the years) different modules;
- possibility to integrate also **(funded) trainees** from third countries

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## *Catalogue and info:*

<https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/training-programme/elinder>







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