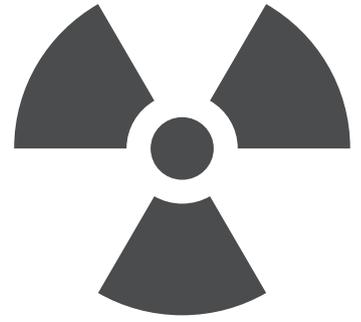


Ageing Nuclear Power plants – high risk beyond limits



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At a time of significant market turbulences in the nuclear sector, spiralling costs for nuclear new build are putting the nuclear industry under pressure. Continuing operation of ageing power plants is the last resort for a nuclear industry on the edge. Maintaining nuclear energy capacity means to extend the operation lifetime of ageing reactors beyond their original design base and thus increasing the risk of serious incidents. The lifetime extensions of reactors in Tihange and Doel in Belgium or Dukovany in the Czech Republic are examples of this development. But also other countries are planning to prolong the lifetime of their reactors or have already done so.

Ageing nuclear reactors increase the risk of nuclear accidents. Nonetheless, the national authorities give the approval to their continued operation. The inhabitants of Europe's regions are being exposed to these mounting nuclear risks. It is high time to phase out this risky, outdated and economically unviable technology in the EU. The "Alliance of Regions for Phasing out Nuclear Power across Europe" wants to counter the pro-nuclear lobby and push for an Energy Union committed to energy efficiency and renewable energy.

INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

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