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PREDIS: Example of how stakeholders can impact an R&D project and maximize their benefits –leading to increased safety and improved sustainability in radioactive waste management

The PREDIS project targets the development and implementation of activities for pre-disposal treatment of radioactive waste streams other than nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste.

In order to focus on the needs of stakeholders and end users, interaction with them is foreseen at different levels, on different topics and at different moments in time. One example of the impact of stakeholder engagement is the interactive process of writing the strategic research agenda (SRA). The baseline SRA focused on the consolidation of the existing published SRAs, while the revised 2nd edition SRA document has been developed based on the needs of PREDIS and the End User Group (EUG). The SRA will guide R&D in the coming years, to ensure maximal benefit for the end uses.

PREDIS has now reached 119 registered stakeholders from 29 countries, covering 4 continents. Stakeholders and end users have been invited for more than 20 public events such as webinars and the projects annual meetings, where they could interact directly within the technical WP's. This interaction, which is still ongoing, directs the project to ensure maximum impact and utilization of the results, which will improve safety of radioactive waste management and enables sustainability.

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