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EURAD: A European collaboration towards safe radioactive waste management and sustainable knowledge

The European Joint Programme on Radioactive Waste Management (EURAD), gathering 115 RWM organisations across 23 countries (including both large and small inventory programmes) was launched in 2019 to help the Members States in developing and implementing their national R&D programmes for the safe long-term management of their full range of radioactive waste. One declared ambition of EURAD is also to ensure the sustainability of the knowledge by both developing the existing knowledge base and enhancing knowledge management transfer between Member States, generations and organisations.

EURAD updated, early 2023, its Strategic Research Agenda, which identify the activities of joint interest between the Colleges: European Waste Management Organisations, Technical Safety Organisations and Research Entities, where there is added value at the European level, compared with conducting activities at the national level. Relying on the interactions of the Colleges, acknowledging their different function and independence, EURAD develops Knowledge Management for maintaining, sharing and transferring the knowledge and capabilities.

One aspiration is that EURAD could evolve to be the go-to place to structure and organize RWM competence, know-how and capabilities on a European scale, which includes the School for RWM as a platform for training future experts and interconnects them through communities of practices.

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