

The Swiss regulator's research strategy and its links to competent and independent expertise

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The research strategy of the Swiss Federal Nuclear Safety Inspectorate ENSI contains several objectives, which refer to the competence and independence of expertise ENSI needs to fulfil its duties:

- Maintaining and expanding ENSI's own expertise and that of ENSI's external specialists;
- Developing independent expertise by preferring research projects carried out by specialists who will also be able to undertake expert work for ENSI without conflicts of interest at a later stage;
- Fostering international integration through research projects like benchmarks in which ENSI and/or its experts participate;
- Making ENSI more attractive to new employees by establishing a key function for its specialists to follow Research Projects.

The regulator's research programme can have a significant impact on competent and independent expertise. The key to this is anticipating future supervisory needs.

Country or International Organisation

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